



**Minutes of Special Meeting of Board of Directors of
Plato Academy Schools Corporation**

Date: Wednesday, October 11, 2017

Time: 12:30 pm

Place: Superior Schools Corporation, 861 N. Hercules Avenue, Clearwater, FL 33765

Plato Academy Directors:

Dr. Elias M. Kolettis, Chairman
Ms. Dagmar Ortiz
Mr. John Petalas
Mr. Louis Kokkinakos (absent)
Mr. Chris Alahouzos (absent)

Plato Academy Principals:

Ms. Dawn Parker, Plato Academy Clearwater
Mr. Stephen Donnelly, Plato Academy Palm Harbor
Ms. Katrina Courts, Plato Academy Largo
Ms. Karen Staab, Plato Academy Seminole
Ms. Danielle Turro, Plato Academy Tarpon Springs
Ms. Carri Aranzabal, Plato Academy Pinellas Park
Ms. Jennifer Perez, Plato Academy Trinity
Ms. Michelle West, Plato Academy St. Petersburg
Mr. Matthew Gunderson, Plato Academy Tampa

Charter School Representatives: Mr. Stephen Donnelly, Plato Academy Palm Harbor; Katrina Courts, Plato Academy Largo; Ms. Dawn Parker, Plato Academy Clearwater; Ms. Lisa Herbst, Plato Academy Pinellas Park; Ms. Tracey Hayes, Plato Academy Tarpon Springs; Ms. Michelle West, Plato Academy St. Petersburg; Ms. Jennifer Perez, Plato Academy Trinity; Ms. Karen Staab, Plato Academy Seminole, Mr. Matthew Gunderson, Plato Academy Tampa

Superior Schools Representatives: Mr. Steve Christopoulos, President & CEO; Ms. Lisa Herbst, General Counsel; Ms. Tracey Hayes, Chief Operations Officer; Ms. Rina Psomas, Director of Admissions; Mr. Matthew Gunderson, Director of School Improvement and Quality Assurance; and Mr. Steve Sinisi, Facilities Director

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to public notice, the meeting commenced at approximately 12:41pm, with a Call to Order by Dr. Elias Kolettis. Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADMINISTRATION

2017-18 Out of Field Teachers: Ms. Tracey Hayes explained the requirement to report out of field teachers by the October DOE reporting deadline, and she read the names of the teachers who are currently out of field/ESOL that are noted that the list would be updated on the website. She noted the majority on the list was comprised of those without their ESOL certificate, and that Plato asks that all teachers have the ESOL within three years. The Board discussed and noted that they wanted all to remain on staff.

Motion made by Ms. Dagmar Ortiz, with a second by Mr. John Petalas, to approve all out of field teachers as noted. The motion passed unanimously.

Budget Amendments: The Board reviewed proposed 2016-17 Budget Amendments for all the Plato Academy Schools in Pinellas County to bring all revenues in lines with expenditures.

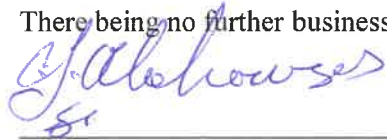
Motion made by Ms. Dagmar Ortiz, with a second by Mr. John Petalas, to approve final 2016-17 budget amendments for all Pinellas County Plato Academy schools. The motion passed unanimously.

Administration – Teacher Termination Decisions: Dr. Kolettis noted and in cases where a teacher has been suspended, in an effort to ensure students are assigned a new permanent teacher in a timely manner, and in lieu of the teacher and school having to wait until the next board meeting to determine termination or not, he proposed that the Board provide him with the authority, based on all evidence provided to him, to terminate a teacher if needed. He noted that under the current structure board approval is required. He noted that while suspended a teacher is still paid until a final determination is made. He noted Plato Academy Board Attorney, Shawn Arnold had reviewed the matter and that it would be appropriate.

Motion made by Ms. Dagmar Ortiz, with a second by Mr. John Petalas, to provide teacher termination authority to the board chair, Dr. Elias Kolettis. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:51 pm.



Mr. Chris Alahouzos, Director
Plato Academy Schools Corporation

Date: 10-27-2017