

Tempe Preparatory Academy  
Board of Directors

Date: April 20, 2011

Time: Immediately following TPJA meeting.

**A meeting of the Tempe Preparatory Academy Board of Directors was held in the Student Union of Tempe Preparatory Academy, 1251 East Southern Avenue, Tempe, Arizona, pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.02, notice having been duly given.**

**Board Members Present:** E Ortiz, President. K Brockelman, Vice President. T Bush, Treasurer. T Kilby, Secretary. J Hughes. J Evans. J Veenstra, Faculty ex-officio member. M Rhoades, PTO ex-officio member. .

**Board Members Absent:** C LeBeau

**Others Present:** Hugh Hallman, TPA counsel and TPA Headmaster. B White, Business Manager. D Flores, Registrar (for Lottery only).

1. **Call to Order.** E Ortiz called the meeting to order at 6:42 p.m.
2. **Call to the Public.** No one answered the Call to the Public.
3. **Consent Agenda:**
  - a. **Reading/Approval of the minutes of previous meetings:**
    - i. March 23, 2011: Regular Meeting
    - ii. March 23, 2011: Executive Session
  - b. Review and Approval of Monthly Financial Statements.

J Hughes moved to approve the consent agenda. T Kilby seconded. Motion passed.

4. **Regular Agenda:**

a. **Headmaster's Report**

- i) **Discipline and Enrollment**—Mr. Hallman noted there are still 318 students—3 more than budgeted. There are still active waiting lists through 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Mr. Hallman discussed steps he had taken to address theft and drug or alcohol use at TPA. Two students have had issues. Mr. Hallman will not discuss specifics due to the students' right to privacy. He assured the Board that appropriate disciplinary action has been taken. Mr. Hallman confirmed that one faculty member had tendered his resignation over concerns about discipline on campus. That faculty member has since asked to retract his resignation. Mr. Hallman further noted that so far, two other faculty members have elected to leave TPA for 2011-2012 for personal reasons. Mr. Hallman assured the Board and the public present that anytime there is a threat to public safety, the public will be appropriately notified. TPA parent Douglas Drury asked to speak and was invited to do so. He felt that parents should be notified if there are drugs on the campus. Discussion among the Board was had. E Ortiz noted that she appreciated Mr. Hallman's stance and that she felt these issues should be and had been addressed proactively and promptly. J Evans though the Board should be notified directly about any serious infractions. M. Rhoades noted that the PO sponsored summits advised students against making judgment calls when they do not have full information. J Hughes noted he was confident that Mr. Hallman was applying discipline appropriately. It may be time to review our discipline policies. Mr. Hallman noted that the faculty had formally reviewed this at the beginning of his tenure at the start of the 2009-10 school year, and reviewed it again at the beginning of this school year. Mr. Hallman reviewed the warning/detention/discipline system for the Board. The faculty recently discussed a program for 'chronic disrupters'. Mr. Hallman explained this policy to the Board.
- ii) **Status of Budget and Likely Impacts**— Mr. Hallman noted the State budget has been signed. The expected cuts were made, but TPA had planned for this. Next year's budget is already being planned. A donation was just made for \$4500.

- iii) **Selection of “Charter Representative”**--K Brockelman moved that E Ortiz become the Charter Representative and that a designation be prepared for the Charter School Board. J Hughes seconded. Motion passed.
- iv) **Board Training Opportunity**—E Ortiz advised Board members to consider this.
- v) **Upcoming Budget Approval Process Schedule**—Mr. Hallman noted the budget draft would be presented in May and hopefully approved in June.

b. **Board Member Intentions 2011-2012**— E Ortiz noted that she had asked each Board Member to consider whether they want to continue to serve on the Board and to let her know by the date of the May 11, 2011 meeting.

c. **Conduct Lottery**—this was taken after Item 2 Call to the Public. The number 4 was drawn by a member of the public. So after 4 trial runs of the random number generator were completed, the 5<sup>th</sup> run was done for the TPA 7<sup>th</sup> grade waiting list. Ms. Flores ran the number generator. The trials and then the official run were marked and initialed by E Ortiz and turned over to Ms Flores, and the Board accepted the results.

d. **Faculty Report.** J Veenstra noted that faculty had been discussing discipline. Faculty can be frustrated not just with the students, but also with parents who don’t support the discipline. Faculty are trying to finish out the year. Senior Theses are almost done—some have been quite good. Faculty are looking forward to next year’s theses. Senior Night is coming up and he encouraged all Board members to attend. E Ortiz encouraged the Board to respond to the Senior Night invitations. Mr. Veenstra reported that one of our students, Rachel Ewer recently passed away—this has had a major impact on the faculty and the school.

e. **Parent Organization Report**— M Rhoades noted that the Ren Fair went quite well. Financially, almost \$18,000 was raised. PO is now determining how to spend these monies. Considerations are lockers, a chemistry hood, and Naviance software. The PO may use the Naviance software to survey the parents. E Ortiz thanked the PO for putting this on.

T Bush moved to enter Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. T Kilby seconded. Motion passed.

5. **Executive Session.**

- a. **Discussion / Consultation with Attorney for Legal Advice Regarding Bond Refinancing--**
- b. **Discussion/Consultation with Attorney regarding negotiations for purchase, sale or lease of real property—**
- c. **Discussion Regarding Employment Matters—Headmaster and General Counsel Review and Contract Renewal/Termination—**
- d. **Discussion / Consultation with Attorney for Legal Advice Regarding Lottery Issues—**
- e. **Discussion Regarding Appointment of Member to the Board--**

J Hughes moved to re-enter Regular Session at 8:40p.m. T Bush seconded. Motion passed.

6. **Regular Agenda**

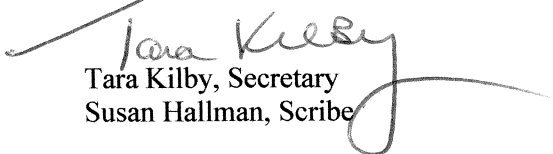
- a. **Possible Motions from Executive Session**— 1. K. Brockelman moved to invite Mr. Dick Foreman to join the TPA Board. T Kilby seconded. Motion passed.
- 2. K Brockelman moved to continue the Headmaster’s employment agreement without change. T Kilby seconded. Motion passed.
- b. **Discussion, Call to the Public and Possible Vote on Items Presented**—none held / no public present.

7. **Announcements**—None

8. **Next Board Meeting**—Thursday May 11 , 2011 at 6:00p.m. in the Student Union.

9. **Adjournment**—At 8:45 p.m., T Bush moved to adjourn. T Kilby Seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Tara Kilby, Secretary  
Susan Hallman, Scribe