

Tempe Preparatory Academy
Board of Directors

Date: February 9, 2011

Time: Immediately following the 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.

1. **Call to Order.** E Ortiz called the meeting to order at 6:35 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. January 12, 2011: Regular Meeting
- ii. January 12, 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 TPA still has an extensive waiting list through 9th grade. 1 or 2 students may still withdraw this year. Our anticipated average enrollment was 315, so TPA is doing well and is on budget. He lauded the extra effort the teachers have put in with the tutoring program to help retain students. We have 85 applications for the 3 slots available next fall for TPA 7th grade.
- ii) **Status of State Budget and Likely Impacts**—Mr. Hallman described the current proposal by the Governor. This may impact traditional public schools more than charters. "EduJob Funding" may be reclaimed by the State. But, TPA has not yet budgeted these funds – they are reserved at this time. Next year's state Budget shortfall is expected to be much higher, so further cuts may still be made.
- iii) **AIA Actions Regarding Basketball Program**—Our Varsity boy's basketball coach did not complete necessary paperwork and we are on a warning status for the next year. This coach was also ejected from a later game, and there may be further penalties.
- iv) **Introduction of New Academic Counselor**—Mr. Hallman introduced Karin Moffitt to the Board.
- v) **Fundraising Results**—Mr. Hallman described the results of the Mayor's Run that was put on by the TPA Foundation. More than \$70,000 was raised. About \$13,000 of this money was raised by TPA Seniors for the Senior Trip.
- vi) **Drama Program Activities**—Mr. Hallman described the activities of the TPA drama students. Recently 5 TPA students participated in *The Music Man*. *Fiddler on the Roof* is planned for the spring.
- vii) **Community Survey Results**—TPA undertook a satisfaction survey as had been directed by the State last year. There were 101 responses out of 208 families responded. 86% stated the education was "excellent." 10% of the families said the education was "good." 3

respondents said the experience was “fair”, and one” poor.” Two of the “fairs” and the one “poor” apparently came from the same family.

b. **Board Meeting Date Change for April**—Because of Spring Break and member scheduling issues, The Board decided to move the next two meetings to March 23 and April 20, 2011. J Evans moved for this meeting date change. T Bush seconded. Motion passed.

c.. **Board Member Recruitment and Selection Process**—E Ortiz noted that she had fielded some inquiries, and had 2 or 3 letters of interest. She asked for 2 volunteers to serve with her on a search committee. J Evans and T Kilby agreed to do this. Deadline for CVs and letters of interest is next Friday. She proposed the information should be reviewed and who to interview should be decided by February 21. Report would be given to the Board in March, with a decision to be made hopefully in April. She noted the Board Policy on Board membership may need to be re-examined. Discussion was held. J Hughes noted we should not feel driven to fill the position if there is not a good fit.

d.. **Adoption of 2011-2012 Calendar**—D Flores described the 2011-12 calendar. K Brockelman moved to approve the calendar. T Bush seconded. Motion passed.

e.. **Review and Approval of Form 990**—Mr. Hallman discussed this form. T Bush moved to approve. J Hughes seconded. Motion passed.

f. **Faculty Report.** J Veenstra noted that the Girls basketball team has done very well. Spring sports are starting. Senior Theses are being revised. He asked the Board to consider participating in the defense process. The upcoming Senior Night is also something that the Faculty enjoys. E Ortiz expressed the Board’s appreciation of the faculty.

g. **Parent Organization Report**— M Rhoades noted that planning for the Ren Fair is ongoing. It will be on April 2, 2011. The PO is looking for students to participate on the PO Board next year, and also get additional parent involvement. A financial review is being planned. Mr. Hallman noted that the PO liaisons helped raise some of the tax credits, and he hoped to expand this involvement next year. E Ortiz encouraged the Board to volunteer at the Ren Fair.

h. **Board Scribe: Position, Role and Responsibilities**—E Ortiz noted that TPA parent Maureen Zimmerman had expressed concern that the current Board scribe had “a conflict of interest.” E Ortiz described the history of the use of a scribe for the Board meetings. She reviewed how the current scribe came to hold this position. Discussion was held. The Board concluded that its meetings are held in a public forum and there was no absolutely concern. The Board thanked Mrs. Hallman for her past and ongoing service to the Board.

T Bush moved to enter Executive Session at 7:20p.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/Consultation with Attorney for legal advice regarding Audit Contract—.

J Hughes moved to re-enter Regular Session 7:45p.m. T Bush seconded. Motion passed.

6. **Regular Agenda**

a. Possible Motions from Executive Session—There were no motions.

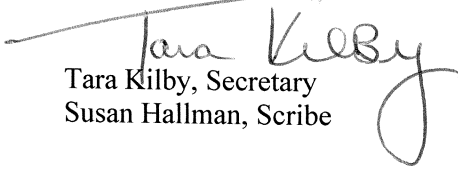
b. Discussion, Call to the Public and Possible Vote on Items Presented--None

7. **Announcements**—None

8. **Next Board Meeting**—March 23, 2011 at 6:00p.m.

9. **Adjournment**—At 7:47 p.m., T Bush moved to adjourn. T Kilby Seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,


Tara Kilby, Secretary
Susan Hallman, Scribe