

Tempe Preparatory Academy
Board of Directors

Date: March 23, 2011

Time: 6:00 p.m.

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. C LeBeau—arrived at 6:38 p.m.

Board Members Absent: none

Others Present: Hugh Hallman, TPA counsel and TPA Headmaster. B White, Business Manager.

1. **Call to Order.** E Ortiz called the meeting to order at 6:14 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. February 9, 2011: Regular Meeting
- ii. February 9, 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. We are still at 318 students--Our anticipated average enrollment was 315, so TPA is doing well and is on budget.
- ii) **Capital Improvement Proposal**—Mr. Hallman described that the P.O wanted to identify a project to designate the Ren Fair profits to. This would be replacing the student lockers. Estimated cost is \$17,000.
- iii) **Thefts, Responsibility, Police Presentation**—Mr. Hallman described the program put on by the Tempe Police Dept for our Juniors and Seniors.
- iv) **Commencement Speaker**—Mr. Hallman informed the Board that our speaker will be Mr. Ron Wolfely.

b. **Selection of New Board Member**—E Ortiz updated the Board on this. 6 applications were received. The selection committee reviewed the applications and chose 3 applicants—Dr. Cecilia Menjivar, Dr. Stuart Newfeld, and Mr. Dick Foreman. E Ortiz asked the other Board members to set up a personal interview with the 3 candidates before the April meeting so that a decision can be made at that time.

c. **Proposed Odyssey of the Mind Trip**—Mr. Hallman described the proposal for the 4 teams of TPA students are looking for permission to attend the OM World Championship in May. A brief discussion was held.

J Hughes moved to approve the proposed trip. T Bush seconded. Motion passed.

d. **Faculty Report.** J Veenstra noted that the Senior trip went well. Senior Thesis defenses are now underway. The Speech and Debate Team won the State Championship for the 6th year in a row.

e. **Parent Organization Report**— M Rhoades noted that planning for the Ren Fair is ongoing. It will be on April 2, 2011. The PO is going to work with Mr. Hallman on parent education about drug use in teens. She thanked Mrs. White for joining the PO Board. In addition to supporting the 8th grade graduation, the PO wants to support the All-School Awards. The PO is also looking into seeing whether

qualified parents might be able to serve as substitute teachers or lunch monitors to take some of the pressure off the faculty.

T Bush moved to enter Executive Session at 6:48 p.m. T Kilby seconded. Motion passed.

5. Executive Session.

a. **Discussion Regarding Employment Matters—Headmaster & General Counsel Contract Review and Contract/Termination or Renewal—**

b. **Discussion/Consultation with Attorney regarding negotiations for purchase, sale or lease of real property—**

c. **Discussion/Consultation with Attorney for legal advice regarding negotiations of Audit Contract—.**

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

6. Regular Agenda

a. **Possible Motions from Executive Session—**C LeBeau moved to hire Chapman & Fester to do the next TPA audit, financial statements, and tax return and legal compliance questions. T Bush seconded. Motion passed.

b. **Discussion, Call to the Public and Possible Vote on Items Presented—**J Evans thanked Mr. Hallman for his service to TPA and encouraged him to take a vacation. E Ortiz wanted to express their great appreciation of the work of Mr. Hallman during the first 21 months. E Ortiz read the following statement:

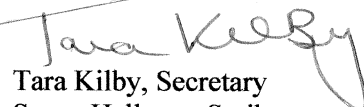
- “The Board would like to publicly express its great appreciation for the outstanding performance of our Headmaster during the first 21 months of his 24 month contract.
- The Board has directed its President to meet with the Headmaster to provide a more specific performance review and has directed its President and Vice President to meet with the Headmaster to discuss the renewal of his contract and the terms of that renewal.”

7. **Announcements—**None

8. **Next Board Meeting—**Wednesday April 20, 2011 at 7:00p.m. in the Student Union.

9. **Adjournment—**At 7:49 p.m., T Bush moved to adjourn. T Kilby Seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,


Tara Kilby, Secretary
Susan Hallman, Scribe