

Aristotle Preparatory Academy, Inc. School Board Meeting
Located at: 8101 Fallsdale Ave Charlotte NC, 20214
April 14, 2020 - 5:00 p.m.
Call In Meeting. Dial 605-472-5282. Use access code 935311#

Notice to Public:

The Aristotle Preparatory Academy Board of Directors will hold a meeting on the above noted date and time at 8101 Fallsdale Ave. Charlotte, NC 28214. The Board of Directors may deliberate or act on any of the subjects listed on the following agenda. The Board Chairperson, or the TeamCFA representative may change the order of the items listed below for the convenience of the board .

Only board members and their invited guests, and the school director will sit at the meeting table. All other guests and observers of the public are welcome to attend and sit in the audience section. The Board Chairman or the Team CFA representative will call upon presenters and advisors as needed and as requested by the board's members. Anyone needing accommodations will be assisted. A sign in sheet will be made available for the public to sign up in order to address the board during public comment.

Type of Meeting: Regular Board Meeting
Meeting Facilitator: Chair - Siobhan Papa

1. Call to Order and Reading of the Mission Statement:

Called to order by C. French at 5:04 p.m.

The mission of Aristotle Preparatory Academy: A Challenge Foundation Academy is to prepare students of all racial and ethnic backgrounds for success in college and to become productive citizens by combining a rigorous STEM focused curriculum with focused character development.

Read by C. French

2. Roll Call to Establish Quorum Proceed only if Quorum is established. If a quorum cannot be established, the meeting will be rescheduled by the facilitator.

Quorum is established with 3 of 5 voting members present via telephone.

Members present:

Jason Cole - TeamCFA Representative

Dottie Brian - TeamCFA Representative

Brian Payne - Member

Kelly Scott - Staff Representative

Also present:

Charlie French - School Director

Members Absent:

Siobhan Papa - Chair (*Was unable to join at the beginning of the meeting, but joined as soon as she was able at 5:10 p.m.*)

Christy Roddy - Secretary Treasurer

3. Public Comments: Speakers on Public Sign-Up Sheet have a 3-minute limit per speaker.

The board will not respond to comments during this meeting. The board will address public concerns either with an email response or in the following meeting, to be determined by the Board President or the TeamCFA Representative. Responses will be delivered at their discretion.

None

4. Action Items:

A - Consider and Approve Current Agenda.

Motion to approve current agenda was made by: B. Payne

Motion was seconded by: D. Brian

Motion was approved by a vote of 3/0.

B - Consider and Approve Board Minutes from 3-10-20 (4b1) and 3-24-20 (4b2)

Motion to approve board minutes from meetings held on 3-10-20 and 3-24-20 was made by:

D. Brian

Motion was seconded by: B. Payne

Motion was approved by a vote of 3/0.

C - Consider and Approve the budget reports as presented 3-31-20

Motion to approve budget reports as presented was made by:

B. Payne

Motion was seconded by: D. Brian

Motion was approved by a vote of 3/0

Siobhan Papa joined the meeting at 5:10 p.m. and began participating in the discussion and voting.

D - Consider and Approve the 2020-2021 Acadia Grant Writing contract.

Motion to approve the Acadia contract for grant writing for the 2020-2021 school year was made by: S. Papa

Motion was seconded by: D. Brian

Motion was approved by a vote of 4/0

E - Consider and Approve UPDATED 2019-2020 School Calendar

Date Changes: Due to high volumes of influenza, school was cancelled on 2-7-2020 and the school was sanitized. Due to inclement weather and icy conditions on February 21, 2020, school was closed. Due to mandated school closure, APA held two teacher workdays on March 16 and 17, 2020. These days are being made up on Thursday and Friday March 26 and 27, 2020. (Previously scheduled parent teacher conference days. Teachers are contacting parents after virtual classes are completed to discuss student progress. We will use one day of spring break on Friday April 10th as a make up day. We will add one day to the school calendar. Our last day will be Thursday June 4, 2020. That keeps our calendar at 180 days for 2019-2020.

Motion to approve the calendar updates that were a result of the COVID-19 closures was made by: D. Brian

Motion was seconded by: J. Cole

Motion was approved by a vote of 4/0.

F - Consider and Approve APA's application for PPP Loan application of \$145,000.00 to be used for staff salaries and rent if approved and received from BB&T.

Discussion was held about the application. Mrs. French shared the application was not yet approved, but she was still awaiting more information from the lender. If the school is awarded the loan and uses the money to pay salaries, then the school would not be responsible to pay back the loan, which would then be considered a grant to the school according to the loan stipulations.

Motion to approve the PPP Loan application and if the loan was awarded to use the funds for salaries and rent payments was made by: S. Papa

Motion was seconded by: B. Payne

Motion was approved by a vote of 4/0

5. Discussion, Reports, Presentations and Updates:

A - Principal's Report

6. Executive Closed Session (per NC statute 143-318.11) to discuss specific student and personnel concerns.

7. Action Items from Executive Session - If Any

8. Adjourn.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:33 p.m. by Charlie French

Next Regular Meeting: May 12, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Closed Session Statute:

§ 143-318.11. Closed sessions. (a) Permitted Purposes. – It is the policy of this State that closed sessions shall be held only when required to permit a public body to act in the public interest as permitted in this section. A public body may hold a closed session and exclude the public only when a closed session is required: (1) To prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential pursuant to the law of this State or of the United States, or not considered a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes. file:///Users/elon/Desktop/Chapter_143.html (620 of 815) [4/27/09 7:15:03 AM] Chapter 143 (2) To prevent the premature disclosure of an honorary degree, scholarship, prize, or similar award. (3) To consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body, which privilege is hereby acknowledged. General policy matters may not be discussed in a closed session and nothing herein shall be construed to permit a public body to close a meeting that otherwise would be open merely because an attorney employed or retained by the public body is a participant. The public body may consider and give instructions to an attorney concerning the handling or settlement of a claim, judicial action, mediation, arbitration, or administrative procedure. If the public body has approved or considered a settlement, other than a malpractice settlement by or on behalf of a hospital, in closed session, the terms of that settlement shall be reported to the public body and entered into its minutes as soon as possible within a reasonable time after the settlement is concluded. (4) To discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body, including agreement on a tentative list of economic development incentives that may be offered by the public body in negotiations. The action approving the signing of an economic development contract or commitment, or the action authorizing the payment of economic development expenditures, shall be taken in an open session. (5) To establish, or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating (i) the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease; or (ii) the amount of compensation and other material terms of an employment contract or proposed employment contract. (6) To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee; or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance by or against an individual public officer or employee. General personnel policy issues may not be considered in a closed session. A public body may not consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, appointment, or removal of a member of the public body or another body and may not consider or fill a vacancy among its own membership except in file:///Users/elon/Desktop/Chapter_143.html (621 of 815) [4/27/09 7:15:03 AM] Chapter 143 an open meeting. Final action making an appointment or discharge or removal by a public body having final authority for the appointment or discharge or removal shall be taken in an open meeting. (7) To plan, conduct, or hear reports concerning investigations of alleged criminal misconduct. (8) To formulate plans by a local board of education relating to emergency response to incidents of school violence. (9) To discuss and take action regarding plans to protect public safety as it relates to existing or potential terrorist activity and to receive briefings by staff members, legal counsel, or law enforcement or emergency service officials concerning actions taken or to be taken to respond to such activity. (b) Repealed by Session Laws 1991, c. 694, s. 4. (c) Calling a Closed Session. – A public body may hold a closed session only upon a motion duly made and adopted at an open meeting. Every motion to close a meeting shall cite one or more of the permissible purposes listed in subsection (a) of this section. A motion based on subdivision (a)(1) of this section shall also state the name or citation of the law that renders the information to be discussed privileged or confidential. A motion based on subdivision (a)(3) of this section shall identify the parties in each existing lawsuit concerning which the public body expects to receive advice during the closed session.