

Aristotle Preparatory Academy, Inc. Special Called School Board Meeting

Located at: 11120 Ballantyne Crossing Ave.

Charlotte, NC 28277

June 23, 2020 - 5:00 p.m.

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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:

Call to order at 5:38 p.m. by Siobhan Papa

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 Siobhan Papa

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.

Members present:

Siobhan Papa - Chair

Jason Cole - TeamCFA Member

Dottie Bryan, TeamCFA Member

Kelly Scott - Staff representative

Members present by video conference:

Bryan Payne - Vice-Chair

Christy Roddy - Secretary/ Treasurer

Also present: Charlie French - Head of School

3. Public Comments: Speakers on the 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 the current agenda was made by S. Papa.

Motion was seconded by J. Cole

Motion was approved by a vote of 5/0

B - Consider and Approve Staff positions for 2020-2021 based on current enrollment projections of 185 with 152 confirmed enrollments.

S. Papa advised the board they needed to hear the principal's report before voting on action item 5B. Mrs. Papa asked Mrs French to present her report first. (Mrs. French presented report. Notes found below.)

After hearing the principal's report with the staffing and occupancy plan for the fall of 2020, J. Cole made a motion to approve the staffing plan as presented by Mrs. French in her report.

Motion was seconded by S. Papa.

Motion was approved by a vote of 5/0

5. Discussion, Reports, Presentations and Updates:

A - Principal's Report - Discussed current enrollment projections and staffing needs to serve all students on campus for next school year, courses of action for next school year - goal is to get all students on campus as much as possible, even if there is a 50% capacity rule enforced in the fall.

C - Discussion: Future planning for growth at Aristotle

The board discussed at length multiple options for expansion, facility and finance to enable the school to reach its full potential and find a permanent location. The board will continue to explore partnership possibilities. The goal is for members to bring offers to the July 14th meeting for review.

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

None

7. Action Items from Executive Session - If Any

None

8. Adjourn.

Meeting was adjourned by S. Papa at 7:31 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting: July 14, 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.