

**Cedars International Academy
Crowley Campus
Minutes of August 10, 2017**

Present: Barney Schultz, Monsignor Sawyer, Dr. Melissa Biegert, Dr. Maria Seidner, and Rick Wallen.

Also present: Dr. Mark Diaz, Mr. Blalock, and Mrs. Rauls

Dr. Seidner called the meeting to order at 12:05. With a quorum and the Board went immediately into Closed Session.

At 12:12, Board is back in open meeting.

Recognition goes to Clean Scapes and Brandywine Realty Trust for work done on the school landscape. Monsignor requested new flags for the front of the school and Mr. Blalock acknowledged ordering new flags before the meeting.

Report Items

a. Mrs Rawls elementary report discussed the various protocols for Teachers and Students to communicate with varying grades for the sake of preparing each grade for the new year's testing. The emphasis is on the teachers so as to sync lesson plans conducive to the following year. As an aside, the school had pen pals with a similar school in France.

Dr. Diaz announces that Board Pictures will be taken between August 28 and September 1.

b. The accountability rating came under fire because of the drop in the math scores where the sixth grade math scores for students were 28 points below last year. Dr. Diaz explained this by the teacher who is now leaving and being replaced. Also, with the help of the new Vice Principal, there is an expected improvement for the new year.

c. Cedars received an A score (100) from Charter First with the Financial Integrity System of Texas for its Financial Standing.

d. The CaSE program has been disbanded. The Procurement Review for the cafeteria came out positive. Next review will be in 3 years.

e. Pre-Enrollment for the new year is 519 with 98 on a waiting list.

f. Mr. Blalock found commercial general liability insurance \$20,000.00 cheaper than last year. (2) Also, Cedar's computer information technology contractor, JR3, is now owned by Harris School Solutions. No idea about the change in service or price. (3) The Federal Risk Assessment found Cedars to be a medium risk financially speaking, because of reporting changes by the State and is out of control by the district. In addition, the

Cedars auditors and TEA are having an issue in how certain moneys are to be classified. The money is there, just not where the different entities want it.

g. On construction updates, the sports court is not yet complete. And, the High School has a new landlord, Jimmy Nassour.

Action Items

- a. Monsignor moved and Dr. Biegert seconded the motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting. Board unanimously approves.
- b. Dr. Biegert moved and Monsignor seconded the motion to accept the changes to employment due to resignations and new hires recommended by Dr. Diaz. Board unanimously approves.
- c. Dr. Biegert moved and Monsignor seconded the motion to approve the Financial Reports for the months of June and July 2017. Dr. Diaz pointed out that the Cedars auditor will have to approach the TEA about reporting requirements. Board unanimously approves.
- d. Dr. Biegert moved and Monsignor seconded the motion to accept Cedars ESL program. Board unanimously approves.
- e. Mr. Schultz moved and Dr. Biegert seconded the motion to accept the waivers to the scheduling changes. and those practices enabling the correct documentation. Board unanimously approves.

The next board meeting is 12:00 PM on September 14, 2017 at the High School Campus.

At 1:31, Dr. Biegert moved and Monsignor seconded the motion to adjourn. The board approves unanimously.