

Cedars International Academy
Minutes of September 14, 2017

Present: Dr. Maria Seidner, Ms. Earlyne Barrs, Ms. Stephanie Ehler, Dr. Melissa Biegert, Father Donald Sawyer, Mr. Barney Schultz

Also Present: Dr. Mark Diaz

The Board began the meeting at 12:02 p.m. with a quorum.

The Board entered into Closed Session at 12:03 p.m., then reconvened in Open Session at 12:11 p.m.

Minutes: Father Sawyer moved that we accept the Minutes of August 10, 2017. Dr. Biegert seconded the motion which was unanimous.

Director/Board Communications:

Dr. Diaz updated the Board on fall calendar events.

Report Items:

Dr. Diaz updated the Board on the following:

- a. Attendance and enrollment updates
- b. Ms. Ehler presented the Campus Report on the high school.
- c. Dr. Diaz reported that the Sport Court was complete.

Discussion and Possible Action Items:

- a) The Board discussed the hiring of new paraprofessional, teacher, and administrative candidates. Dr. Biegert moved to approve hiring proposed new employees and acceptance of letters of resignation. Ms. Ehler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- b) The Board discussed the Financial Report including the Investment Report. Mr. Schultz asked for the record to include appreciation of Mr. Blalock's research efforts. Mr. Schultz moved to accept the reports. Father Sawyer seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- c) The Board discussed the lease renewal with Austin Community College. No action taken as the renewal has not be signed by ACC administration.
- d) The Board discussed the revised calendar for 2017-18 to include two paraprofessional days as well as the staff development waiver to reflect legislative updates. Father Sawyer moved to approve the calendar and waiver. Ms. Barrs seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- e) The Board discussed adding Mrs. JoAnn Aguilar to the T-TESS appraiser list. Ms. Barrs moved to approve the addition. Ms. Ehler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- f) The Board discussed proposed Policy 400.080, to change the high school's GPA system. Ms. Ehler moved to approve. Ms. Barrs seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- g) The Board discussed adopting a resolution reaffirming Cedars International Academy as an inclusive community. Dr. Biegert moved to approve. Ms. Ehler seconded. The vote was five in favor, with Father Sawyer abstaining.

Father Sawyer moved to adjourn at 12:56 p.m. Dr. Biegert seconded. The Board approved unanimously.