



**Pattison's Academy for Comprehensive Education  
(PACE) Charter School  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
February 15, 2018**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Richard Gross, Randy Disharoon, Laurie Sessa, Jeff Crudup, Tom Reilly, Paige Knowlson.

**Attending on Conference Call:** Gerry Kelly

**Board Members Excused:** Margaret Mays

**PA Staff Present:** Laura DelDuca, Paige Bogucki, Mason Duffy

**Guests:** Several members of the community

**MEETING LOCATION:** Conference Room, Charleston Medical Society, 198 Rutledge Place, Charleston.

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**Call to order: 5:00 pm**

**Call to Order and Welcome**

Richard called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm and welcomed everyone in attendance. He gave a special welcome to the Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy students from MUSC who will be assisting at Pattison's.

Richard mentioned that Board Member Margaret Mays may have to resign due to personal reasons. He will keep us posted on her situation. He also noted that he has a conference call tomorrow with Ms. Margie Cash about the County funding formula for our students who have multiple disabilities. This has been an ongoing concern especially since it affects our funding. Finally, Richard stated that he has had a conversation with Dr. Stan Wilson from MUSC who helped facilitate the recent grant to Pattison's. It appears that there still are misperceptions regarding the strength and longevity of the Pattison's school. Richard clarified to Dr. Wilson that the school is not only surviving but thriving under new leadership and diligent accounting efforts. Hopefully we can continue to tell folks the

ongoing good news that Pattison's is now one of the well-recognized Charter schools within CCSD.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the January 18, 2018 PACE Board minutes were reviewed. Laurie made a motion for approval and Tom seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the minutes were unanimously approved.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Treasurer Report**

Randy presented the Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the period through January 31, 2018 as well as the budget ending June 30, 2018. For the sake of clarification, Randy reviewed the format and summarized each column of the budget as well as both the income and expense lines in some detail. He noted that we have received \$61,800 as a one-time payment from the IDEA funds. This helps to catch us up on our balance from the past.

Randy noted that Psychology services which have been offered to the students has been an in-kind contribution and we are hoping this arrangement can continue. The ending balance was noted to be \$15,349 which is down from last month's ending balance of negative \$110,000 based both on the IDEA funding and increased EFA funding. The school is indeed gaining strength and hopefully the past Medicaid receivables will help PACE to finish strong this fiscal year.

#### **Principal Report**

Laura Del Duca, new principal, was pleased to offer the following report. She stated that there are currently 33 students which includes 1 new student. Three students are homebound, and one student moved out of Charleston County. She expects one new student and even with the current enrollment she will not need to hire a teaching assistant at this time. Laura said she sent home a letter of introduction to families, met with current POPs as well as conducted a meet-and-greet on 2/13/18. She stated that Steve, Paige and Randy have been helpful and supportive in orienting her to PACE and she has met with several CCSD people- including Deanna Parish, David Warren, Robert Olson and Susan Watson Bell. The CCSD Parent Surveys were sent home to 5th, 8th, 11th grade students. She also said that the student projection for 2018-2019 school year was sent to CCSD so we are on track with all requirements. PT's are running PE/gym for our students and OTs will be initiating music for our students. There was a Valentine's Day Dance on the 14<sup>th</sup> which was lots of fun.

Laura also outlined her short-term goals which include: continue to interact with students and families, getting to know the culture and climate of the school as well as the staff, and recognize their challenges and how to support them. Additionally, Laura's goals include a better understanding of Pattison's Academy and its operations as well as getting to know the CCSD regulations and uniqueness of SC charter schools. Finally, she announced that Rob Fowler, local television weatherman, will visit the school on February

19<sup>th</sup> as part of Spirit Week. The Board thanked her for her report and again, wished her every success after only a week and a half in her Principal role.

### **New Business**

As a result of excess school days missed for the Hurricane Irma and Winter Storm Grayson, CCSD has written to the State Board of Education, requesting permission to waive the last school day missed. They have asked that all Charter School follow suit. Consequently, the Board of PACE entertained a motion for approval that the South Carolina Board of Education waive the make-up requirement for the fourth day missed, January 9, 2018. This motion was presented to the Board of PACE and was unanimously approved. A letter will be sent regarding our request.

### **Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, a motion for adjournment was made by Gerry and seconded by Tom. The members unanimously concurred, and the meeting was adjourned.

**Meeting Adjourned: 5:22pm**

**Next Meeting – Thursday, March 15, 2018**

**Location – To Be Determined**

**Time – 5:00pm**

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**Gerard Kelly, PhD**

**Secretary**