

**FRIENDSHIP ASPIRE ACADEMY ARKANSAS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Board Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, October 18, 2022

**Location: Friendship Aspire
Academy Little Rock
Elementary Campus**

CALL TO ORDER (In Person)

The meeting was called to order at 1:06 pm. A quorum was established.

Members Present: Jeffrey Pulliam, Chris Bell, Chad Froud

Members Absent: none

Guests/Staff Members: Phong Tran (via zoom), Cassandra Dyson, Scott Mcrae, Virginia Henry

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

Minutes for the September 13, 2022 were reviewed. On a motion by Chris Bell and seconded by Chad Froud the minutes were accepted.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Tran introduced Cassandra Dyson as the FEF Chief Academic Officer and Scott McRae as the FAA Finance Director. It was further reported that the New Downtown school is planned to open Monday December 5th for Students. Teachers will begin setting up their classrooms after the Thanksgiving break. SAVE THE DATE Dec 6 at 9 am for the ribbon cutting of the new Downtown school. Thanksgiving break is scheduled for November 21 – 25 and the Winter Break is scheduled for December 22 – January 5. All staff return on January 6 to Professional Development. ESSA scores were discussed: LR Elem was a C, PB Elem was a C, and LR MS was a D. We have 913 students enrolled district-wide. We no longer contract with APSRC for financial services. BOY results for all grades were promising. There is a sped monitoring visit scheduled for March. FAA is level 4 for state support.

FINANCE REPORT: Financial documents were provided and Dr. Tran narrated information. The budget is based on 900 students. FAA is still in the black. There were no questions regarding expense or revenue.

ACTION ITEMS / BOARD BUSINESS:

- Rescind Provision 2 for Child Nutrition & selection of Standard Claiming
- Annual Equity Compliance Report
- ACT 1120 5% Salary Increases
- Auditor – recommended Lisa Stephens as auditor (state and federal) and preparation of form 990.

On a motion by Chad Froud and seconded by Chris Bell all four action items were approved.

FINAL REMARKS – The next meeting date will be November 15, 2022 in Little Rock at the Friendship Aspire Academy Little Rock Elementary campus.

ADJOURNMENT

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Having no other business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:35 pm.

Minutes Recorder: Virginia Henry