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October 11, 2016

High School Performing Arts Center 6:30

1. Call to order at 6:30 pm
2. Establish quorum/Roll Call: Present: Howard Alsdorf, Joe DeRouen, Dave Russell and Alicia Knotts  
Absent: Tony Beardsly, Steve Cox and Anthony Porchia
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Comments from the Public: None
5. Consent Agenda
  - Approve minutes from September, Regular School Board Meeting
  - Approve September Financial Report
  - Enrollment Report

A motion was made by Joe DeRouen and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Russell to accept the Consent Agenda and the motion was carried in a 4 – 0 vote.

6. New Business

Principal Board Report – Matt (K8) Barb (HS):

Barbara Principal Report: Godspell practices are going well, the play will open October 20 and run through October 22. Seniors are ordering their Cap and Gowns, Barb attended her first AAA (Arkansas Activities Assn) meeting, A+ will be here Friday for our Professional Development.

Matt Principal Report: Cross Country has a meet this Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> Graders were bragged on by Crystal Bridges for their excellent behavior, Field Trip coming up for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders at the Shiloh Museum, Middle School Crystal Bridges Night is coming up, Matt wanted to share how well Conner did distributing all the Chrome Books, A+ Professional Development Training this Friday, and a parent shared "How excited her new student was about all they were learning".

Aaron Jones sharing Museum Initiative: Aaron shared about our Museum Initiative. Sheena Racher was using Prehistoric Cave Drawings and Drop paint documents, Heather Wright, Science Teacher was teaching Innovator Portraits and Green Screen production, Julie Downum was teaching Field Journaling (Visual Journaling) and Star Inglesias was using Cultural Diversity Immersion Day showing Jose Poseda Social engagement.

Museum Initiative: 14 students are scheduled to Experience to the Museum this fall 2016. Our Dancers will be performing on Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> and we are scheduled for 4 Professional Development Days and 3 Family Event Nights.

Other projects AAA was involved in were Scribble Box, Tinkering, Making Spaces, Expanding Education across the Nation, Pea Ridge Military Park Annual Pass Design Art Competition, and our Elementary student won the contest and their design will be on all park passes. Sheep to Shawl Program that takes students from shearing the sheep to making the yarn to producing a garment, and finally the Peel Mansion School Days Program where every 4<sup>th</sup> grader in our area can attend a living history presentation by our students.

Wellness Policy: Mary presented our new Wellness Program to be approved by our board (copy attached). A motion was made by Dave Russell and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe DeRouen to accept our new Wellness Program and the motion was carried in a 4 – 0 vote.

Staff attending Arts School Network Conference: Barb Padgett, Eddie Smith, Heather Wright, Joy Price and Rachel Carpenter will be attending the conference this year and Barb will be presented with our award.

Charter Board power point for the 19<sup>th</sup>: Mary provided a copy of her power point that will be presented to the State Board of Education on October 19, 2016 in Little Rock. Mary Ley, Nathalie Brunell, Barbara Padgett, Matt Young, Aaron Jones and Anthony Porchia will be presenting as we ask the State for a 400 student increase.

AISAP Admissions Consulting: Visited our schools and are writing a blueprint to recruit students. They recommended hiring a Admission Specialist with a marketing and recruiting background. We are waiting for their report.

Walton Foundation has committed to 5 Million PRI and 1.6 Million for debt reserve fund.

Nathalie Brunell shared that she is waiting for construction costs and time frame before finalizing a Five Year Projected Budget.

Mary discussed using RFQ for a Construction Manager.  
Mary's New York and Dallas trips: Mary shared about her New York trip with the AR Tech Leadership Group. Mary's visit was very informative, she learned that the Mayor of New York manages the schools with a student population of over 1 million students, 1700 schools and 400 high schools. Some building house more than one school.

Mary and Ann Kieball went to Dallas for a National Portfolio Day. Mary is working on having a National Portfolio Day for students in our area starting in 2018. Kansas City Institute of Art has offered to be sponsor.

7. Discussion of items since publication of the agenda:

Mary was in contact with the Goldie Hawn Foundation for Stress Relaxation for a Professional Development.

Mary shared that there was going to be an adult only Foundation fund raiser on Friday October 21<sup>st</sup> all staff and Board Members are invited.

8. Personnel: Hiring/Renewal/Promotion/Demotion/Transfer/Non-Renewal/Termination

A motion was made by Joe DeRouen and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Russell to move to Executive Session and the motion was carried by a 4 – 0 vote.

The Board moved to Executive Session at 7:12 pm and returned at 7:32 pm

New Hires and Transfers: Nathalie discussed bringing on a Senior Director of Technology due to the increasing students population and projected growth. A motion to approve this new position of Senior Director of Technology was given by Joe DeRouen and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Russell and the motion passed in a 4 – 0 vote.

A motion was made by Dave Russell and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe DeRouen to approve the hire of the New Senior Director of Technology and the motion was passed in a 4 – 0 vote.

A motion was made to approve the hire of an hourly Lunch Duty Aide by Dave Russell and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe DeRouen and the motion was carried in a 4 – 0 vote.

A motion was made by Dave Russell and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe DeRouen to approve the promotion of Roberta Ziem from cook to Kitchen Manager and the motion carried in a 4 – 0 vote.

A motion was made to change Roberta's old full time position was divided into two part time positions by Dave Russell and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe DeRouen and the motion carried in a 4 – 0 vote.

A motion was made to hire Danilo Sandoval and Monica Seiler as replacements for the two SPED teachers that resigned last year by Dave Russell and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe DeRouen and the motion was carried in a 4 – 0 vote.

9. Adjournment: A motion was made to Adjourn the Board Meeting by Dave Russell and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe DeRouen and the motion carried in a 4 – 0 vote and the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm

10. Upcoming Events – see attachment

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Tony Beardsly, President