

**River City Educational Organization**  
**San Jose Academy and San Jose Preparatory High School**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

Thursday, May 26, 6:00 PM  
San Jose Academy and Preparatory High School  
4072 Sunbeam Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32257

**Meeting Minutes**

In attendance:

Board: Bonnie Arnold, Sarah Tarbett, Juan Carlos Gonzalez

School: Amy Printy, Tymber Prager, Arlizia Smith, Eileen Quinlan (by phone)

Counsel: Gary Wheeler, board attorney

**Agenda**

**1. Public Sign-In**

1. Members of the public signed in

**2. Call to Order**

1. The Chair acknowledged a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:25pm

**3. Welcome and Introductions**

1. Board chair, Bonnie Arnold, welcomed the board and visitors to the meeting.

**4. Public Comment – Agenda Items**

1. There was no public comment on agenda items

**5. Board Action Items**

1. Review / Approve 3/16/16 meeting minutes
  1. Motion to approve meeting minutes – Sarah Tarbett
  2. Second – Juan Carlos Gonzalez
  3. Vote – Unanimous approval
2. Review / Approve researching other management options in the event Newpoint Education Partners is no longer able to manage the school.
  1. Motion – Sarah Tarbett
  2. Second – Juan Carlos Gonzalez
  3. Vote – Unanimous approval

**6. Discussion Items**

1. Management report – Eileen Quinlan

1. Compliments to the students and staff of the school for their hard work and academic accomplishments this year.
2. Congratulations to the school's first graduating class of 19 students.
3. Noted that recent benchmark results show an improvement in student achievement and that the school is on track to meet or exceed their current school grades.
4. All district reviews found the schools to be in compliance.
5. Reported to the board that the charges in the recent indictment in Escambia County of Newpoint Education Partners were vague in nature. The company's attorneys are vigorously defending these charges.
6. The school's management agreement with NEP is still in effect and NEP will continue to fully support the schools as it has up until now.
7. The schools can look forward to a successful end to this school year and begin preparations for the upcoming year.

2. Attorney's Report – Gary Wheeler

1. Taft Morely, building owner, had requested a meeting with the board via conference call. When informed that all board meetings must be in person and public, Mr. Morely withdrew his request for a meeting.
2. Jerry Jeakle, board treasurer, could not be at the meeting, but has reported to Gary Wheeler that the schools are financially sound and that Massa Financial Solutions has improved the level of services previously provided by School Financial Services. They have made changes to the details of the financial reports that are an improvement over what was previously provided.
3. Gary Wheeler recommended the board consider researching options for management if NEP is no longer able to manage the schools. He suggested looking at other companies that might be able to provide services and advised against self-management. Motion to do so was made and approved.
4. Juan Carlos Gonzales agreed to work with Gary Wheeler to research other management options.

3. Board Chair's Closing Statement – Bonnie Arnold

1. Bonnie Arnold stated that she is pleased with where the school is and the progress that has been made. She complimented the work of Amy Printy, saying she has done a "wonderful job." She also praised the support of the management company, Newpoint Education Partners.

**7. Public Comment – Non-Agenda Items**

**8. Adjournment**

1. The chair adjourned the meeting at 7:00

*Bonnie L. Arnold*, *Board*  
*Chair*

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**Approved**