



**Minutes for the Board of Directors for Emma Jewel Charter School Incorporated  
DBA Emma Jewel Charter Academy**

**March 29, 2018**

**(Special Board Meeting)**

**5:30 p.m.**

**705 Blake Avenue**

**Cocoa FL 32922**

**Community Center**

1. Call to Order- Mr. Richard Blake called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance- Members of the Student Government Association present for the pledge of allegiance were Arie Ross, Gracelyn Edelman, and Deasia Andrews.
3. Roll Call- Mr. Richard Blake the board Secretary conducted roll call. Present at the meeting were Thomas Cole, Mary Karnetsky, Alexis White, Richard Blake, Alton Edmond, Reginald Jones, Ross Whitley and Johnny Jordan.
4. Opening Statement- Mr. Alton Edmond read the board opening address.
5. Public Notice- Mr. Cole reported that since this was a special meeting it was not on the school monthly calendar, but it was added to the school website and posted out front.
6. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes from March 9, 2018\*. Mr. Whitley pointed out that the date needed to be changed on the top of the minutes. Mr. Ross Whitley made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Alexis White seconded the motion. Mr. Blake called for a vote and the motion carried 5-0.
7. Parent Liaison Report Ms. White read an e-mail she received from a parent. She stated the concerns that the parent put in the e-mail. Ms. White stated the e-mail did not give an accurate picture of the choice the scholar was making as it relates to discipline. Ms. Karnetsky stated she has been in contact with the parent on behalf of the school and they have a plan in place to help support the scholar make better choices. This was an informational item.
8. CDBG Grant Submission: Mr. Cole reported to the board that he will be submitting an application for CDBG funds to support the transportation program. Mr. Cole stated that a portion of the application requires board approval and authority for Mr. Cole to sign on behalf of the board. Mr. Cole stated how helpful the grant was this past year. The motion was made by Alton Edmond to approve submission of the application and signature authority for Mr. Cole. It was seconded by Ms. Alexis White. Mr. Blake called for a vote and the motion carried unanimously 5-0..
9. Budget Update SGA President- De'asia Andrews presented the revised school budget. She reported that the budget was based on GAAP. She reported that the budget did include the depreciation but does not include the debt service principal. Ross Whitley explained the difference between GAAP and Fund Budgets. Mr. Whitley also explained that this budget was developed for the underwriters for Building Hope and the prospective new loan. Mr. Ross Whitley made a motion to approve the budget. It was seconded by Alton Edmond. Mr. Blake called for a vote and the motion carried 5-0.
10. Transportation Contract- Mr. Cole presented two proposals for transportation for the upcoming school year. The A & S contract was for a total of \$289.11 per day. The District Service Contract was for \$300.00 per day. The difference per day was minimal. Mr. Whitley stated that we need to do what's best for the school and not necessarily chose the cheapest contract. Ms. White discussed her concerns with the quality of service



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we are receiving from A & S and the fact that it has not improved over the 5 year period we have been with them. Mr. Ross Whitely made a motion to approve the contract with District Transportation Services. Ms. Alexis White seconded the motion. Mr. Blake called for a vote. The motion carried unanimously 5-0

11. Career Day Reminder- Ms. Donna Willis reminded the board that career was tomorrow. Ms. Willis thanked the board for their continued support. She also stated she wanted to thank Mr. Alton Edmond for agreeing to attend.
12. Public Input- There was no public input for the special meeting.
13. Adjourn- The meeting was adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

Richard Blake  
Board Secretary

6-25-18  
Date