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May 10, 2018 Minutes of the Governing Board/SAC/Founding Board Meeting

1. *Call to order* by Mr. Notter at 7:05pm
2. *Pledge of Allegiance*
3. *Roll Call* by Donna Baize:

Present: Donna Baize, Roger Dunson, Nancy Ernst, Russell Feldman, Dan Heller, Suzanne Nicolini, James Notter

Absent: Aram Bloom, Diane Heinz, Carl McKoy

Quorum

Mr. Notter said he would take the Nominating Committee report at this time.

Mrs. Baize reported that the Nominating Committee met at 5:45pm tonight and voted unanimously to recommend approval of two applications, one for Mr. Jonathan Flah and from Ms. Ayesha Edmond. Mr. Notter said he would like a motion to appoint both as members of the Board, so that at the next Board meeting, they come in as Board members.

Nancy Ernst motioned to approve the appointment of Ayesha Edmond and Mr. Jonathan Flah to the Board.

Second by: Suzanne Nicolini

All in favor. Motion carries.

Mr. Notter welcomed the new Board members.

Mr. Notter spoke briefly about Mr. Kidd and gave a good report on his convalescence. Mr. Notter told everyone to feel free to send him an email or text to wish him well.

4. *Open Public Meetings Act Statement* – The meeting has been properly noticed.

5. *Public Presentation:* Mr. Tommy Terry, representing Mr. McInnis, gave the presentation on the Skills State contest results. He introduced the instructors and the Gold Medalists. Besides the six Gold Medalists, there were ten Silver and four Bronze Medalists. Mr. Terry said he wished that everyone could have seen the students. He introduced Catherine Sweeney, Medical Academy teacher, who has produced three Gold Medalists and two Silver Medalists in past Nationals Skills contests, and this year, she had three Gold Medalist winners, who will be going to Nationals in Practical Nursing, Basic Health and Nursing Assisting. Mr. Terry introduced student Matthew Kogler, winner of the Practical Nursing Gold medal. Mr. Terry introduced Mr. Christopher White, Commercial Arts Academy and his students won gold and silver medals in Graphic Communications. He introduced Alex Burns, Gold Medalist. Auto Body instructor, Mr. Earl Murray, was introduced next, along with his student, Eduardo Guzman-Alonso, who won the Automotive Refinishing Gold medal. Mr. Terry introduced Mrs. Lynn Moran with her Action Skills Gold Medalist student, Andy Argueta.

Mr. Steve Kozak, Career & Technical Education (CTE) Coordinator, introduced Mr. Christopher White, Commercial Arts Academy, and two students, Andrea Cajas and Alex Burns, who were the 1st and 2nd Place winners of the PBCSD Technology Cover Design contest, a contest in honor of Mickey Schemer, the former Graphics Arts Academy teacher at SouthTech. Every year that Mr. White has been here, we have won first place in the Technology award for the Technology Conference. Mr. Kozak acknowledged Mr. White and his students and invited them up to the podium. He spoke briefly about Mr. White and how well he connects with his students because of his love for them and for what he does. He not only does commercial design digitally, but he brought a fine arts perspective into the program. Mr. Kozak thanked Mr. White for being at SouthTech and for doing what he does on a daily basis. Alex and Andrea passed around their winning designs to the Governing Board. Mr. Kozak introduced Mr. Tim Brown, Automotive Service Instructor, another instructor who loves his students and his students love him. Tonight, we recognize Mr. Brown as the SouthTech's nominee for the CTE Teacher of the Year. He has served the school for ten years. He is a Dwyer nominee for the second year in a row and was instrumental in many things that have happened this year. The City of Palm Beach, Mercedes Benz of the Palm Beaches, Schumacher of Delray, Braham Motor Group, Lexus of Palm Beach, Ed Morse Toyota, Schumacher of West Palm Beach, Toyota of West Palm Beach, Auto Mall of Royal Palm Beach are all dealerships that have SouthTech students or alumni that are currently working for them and Mr. Brown has been

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instrumental in placing them in employment. We will try to get the names of these students or alumni, so that you could request them when you go to these dealerships. We have been getting corporate representation coming to SouthTech, and just in the past month, we have had corporate representation from Ed Morse Corporate, AutoNation Corporate, as well as Napleton Corporate from Chicago. We sat at a table with Mr. Brown and Mr. Boggess and showed them all the great things that we do at SouthTech from our Auto Technician Program to our Motorcycle Program to the Marine Program and Auto Collision Program. They were impressed with what we do. Mr. Brown has worked tirelessly for years to get to where we are now. He has been instrumental in our recertification for NATEF, which is nationally recognized, as well as bringing AEYS, Automotive Education Youth Services. This will place our students into job shadowing opportunities as juniors, going into their senior year in summer, allowing them to get paid for their work with the dealerships, and during their senior year, have OJT or On the Job opportunities. This is what SouthTech is about, and Mr. Brown embodies this. Mr. Kozak congratulated Mr. Brown for being the CTE Teacher Nominee of the Year and presented a plaque to him.

Meghan Hess Shamdasani presented the Grant Report to the Board, mentioning that Jacqui Sonara was unable to attend the Board meeting tonight. She reported that during the 2017-2018 school year, they were able to secure over \$200,000 in either cash donations or product donations to the school, which is an increase over \$164,000 from last year. For the third consecutive year, they were able to write or assist writing the VOYA Unsung Hero Award, and as a result, were one of the 100 schools in the nation to receive the \$2,000 grant. This year, Mr. Brown received it for the Automotive Program. They have already submitted one for next year for the Music Academy and for SouthTech Prep. For the second consecutive year, we were awarded two grants from the Education Foundation for the high school, and one for SouthTech Prep. They were also able to use the Target Field Trip grant for the fifth consecutive year and the Kids to Park Field Trip grant for the fourth year. Ms. Sonara continued the Kravis Center Field Trip for Title I schools and expanded the ELA Field Trip programs to include trips to see plays with drama works. We registered the Music Academy with the Disney Points of Light Volunteer Program, which will allow the students to receive Disney Theme Park tickets that they can raffle off during their concert. This will continue to raise money for the Music Academy. We have also worked to develop our Donors Choose Program and worked with teachers to develop their own pages. Since 2012, SouthTech Academy has had over 47 projects funded on Donors' Choose, and this year alone, over \$10,000 from Donors' Choose. This is one of their most sustainable efforts, because once the teachers learn to set up the Donors' Page, they continue to do so on their own. For 2018-2019, the Grant Team plans to attend CTE meetings after school to increase their awareness of funding needs. They would like to write donation letters for each career academy, so they have the letters on hand. They would like to increase funding to career academies by 10% and hopefully to double the funding to SouthTech Prep. We have a list of grants that we plan to work on this summer and we would like to continue our training for teachers for Donors' Choose projects. We would like to request 40 hours each to work this summer and to continue 10 hours a month to continue working next year. The total for the two of us would be \$9,000. We would like to increase our grant committee by one member, so the funding for the three of each total the year would be \$13,500.

Mr. Boggess spoke on Meghan's behalf, that from a grant writing team perspective, Meghan and Jacqui have done a phenomenal job. The data shows that. Her dedication to making sure that administration is well-aware of the work that she is doing ties it back to our strategic plan for what our vision is, and Meghan is the one that finds the money for it. Meghan finds the money to help our students. Mr. Boggess thanked Meghan for the great job she is doing.

Chairman Notter changed the agenda order to allow Michelle Jones, mother of a SouthTech student, to speak to the Board on a non-agenda item, #14.

Mrs. Jones introduced herself as the proud mother of Brandon Jones, a 2018 graduating senior, who is in the Auto Body program with Mr. Murray. Mrs. Jones addressed the Board and staff as "the amazing warriors in Brandon's village", and she thanked them for all they have done. She said that as the proverb says,

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“It takes a village to raise a child.” and that this has been their experience with SouthTech. As parents, they could not have done it by themselves and they needed SouthTech to be part of Brandon’s village. She went on to say that school was not easy for Brandon and that learning sometimes seemed impossible for him. His self-esteem suffered and he could not see his potential as his mother could. It is not hard for a mother to see their children’s potential, even when they do not, but when others see it and work towards cultivating it, then success can truly happen. Brandon’s warriors became his champions. Mrs. Jones continued. *(Mrs. Jones’ entire address to the Board is available upon request).*

Brandon was present at the meeting and the Board Chair asked him to stand up and be acknowledged.

6. *Approval of the Minutes for the STA/STPA Emergency Governing Board - STSC Founding Board Meeting on April 12, 2018.*

Motion by: Mrs. Ernst

Second by: Mrs. Nicolini

All in favor.

Motion carries.

7. *Treasurer’s/Financial Report:* Mr. Heller reported that the STA/STPA Finance Committee met prior to the Board meeting and they recommend approval for STA Items C-1 through C-5, STPA Items PC-1 through PC-3.

Mr. Heller asked Kathryn McInerney to introduce Ginger DeKalb. Ginger has been an Accountant for 25 years and is a CPA. Mrs. McInerney said that Ginger is a great addition to the Business Office. Ms. DeKalb said she is glad to be at SouthTech.

The teachers and students left the Board meeting at this point, and Mr. Notter asked them to pass around the table, so that the Board could have the opportunity personally say thank you, because without them, there is no Board.

Mr. Boggess commented that both Mrs. Shamdasani and Ms. Sonora had a plaque in recognition of their grant work this year, and he presented the plaque to Meghan Shamdasani.

- 8A. *Superintendent’s Report:* Mr. Kidd was not in attendance and Mr. Boggess gave the reports.

- 8B. *Deputy Superintendent’s Report:* Mr. Boggess said that this evening was somewhat different than what we have had in a traditional Board meeting. Public audience was filled and Board members got to experience of what Mr. Boggess gets to see on a daily basis – enthusiastic and energetic instructors and students who, by choice, have come to SouthTech. When we celebrate success, it is as a team.

Mr. Boggess said he wants to be sure that everything we talk about aligns to where our vision is, and what our strategic plan says, and ultimately, how we are making strategic steps towards what that vision is.

This past week was Teacher Appreciation Week and Mr. Boggess recognized Ruthy Pelaez from STA and he recommended that, if anyone had not seen the front office, to please do to see how amazing it looks. The theme was a Cowpoke/Dude Ranch. Ruthy has mustered up donations throughout the community, everything from a Smoothie Bar to ice cream to TooJays. Mr. Boggess thanked Ruthy for the superb job she did to make it a success. The other person is Nathalie Strickland at SouthTech Prep and their team had a Luau Hawaiian theme this year, including everything from Kona Ice to catered lunch, to the principal walking around, providing snacks and drinks to the staff. It does take a village and this is the SouthTech family, and we take a team approach to public education. It is not one individual and that is not how we make decisions. The Governing Board, as a leadership body, is driving that aspect and from a staff and administrative standpoint, we try to stand behind it. Mr. Boggess said for those who are not as current on our strategic plan, it has not changed, and he wanted to make mention of the four components. 1) Continuous School Improvement – the goal is to become an exemplary national model of schools, whether that is middle, high school, adult education, and the possibility of a technical college, even down to a K-8 model, themed with career and tech ed. What are some of the advances we have had in that strategic theme over the course of the last few months? SkillsUSA. Huge kudos to Tommy Terry and Alley McInnis who brought home six gold medals, with 20 medals all together. 2) How are we becoming exemplary in A-rated status? We had two Dwyer Award finalists – not nominees – but finalists at both STA and STPA. We did not win last Tuesday night, but we were the only ones to have two schools, STA and STPA, represented as finalists. For our Industry Certification rate, we were just compensated \$442,000 in return on investment for industry certifications produced last year. Not only was it the highest record in STA’s history,

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but is currently the highest number of industry certifications per dollar amount in Palm Beach County School District. When we make statements that we are PBC's premier career and technical center, there is data that proves that. We have student testimony, parent testimony and community testimony of the work that is being done here. 3) On May 23, we are about to graduate the Class of 2018, and Mr. Boggess' statement to them was that he is not so concerned about what is going to take place on May 23, but he was more concerned with what takes place on May 24. They are embarking that day into adulthood. If we have lived up to our Mission Statement of Preparing Students for Work, Higher Education and Productive Citizenship, then they are ready for May 24. There should be no doubt in their mind as to what their next step in life looks like, whether it is entering the workforce, post-secondary education, military, tech school, UF, UM, Stetson, or whatever their next step is, they are ready. The last piece is Productive Citizenship. He asked them if they are a good person; are they going to be a community member that he wants to talk to in Publix or in church. Out of the graduating class of 272 students, one of largest classes in six or seven years, we are looking at a 95-96% graduation rate. Those are the pieces, going back to the data, that support us being one of the best schools in Palm Beach County, maybe the State, maybe the Nation. Lastly, on Strategic Theme #1, we are moving into next year as a visionary leader, looking at what the Class of 2019 looks like. The students will walk into August with all of their Math assessment criteria already taken care of, so there is not a senior that will walk on this campus next year that has to worry about Math as criteria to graduation. Mr. Boggess said he would challenge any other school to be able to make that statement. Program Expansion is a theme that is about really preparing a student to be college and career-ready. We consider military or tech school to be part of that next step. We just had the Boynton Beach Short Film Festival, which brought us not only State recognition, but even National recognition, and Jon Palardis has done a fantastic job connecting with community and making sure that it was a great success. We have put up the highest scholarship number in SouthTech Academy history. Last year, we had nearly \$500,000 awarded in scholarships. Mrs. Kurtz said that this year, over \$1 million awarded to the Class of 2018 in scholarships, from military bonus signings to HBCU to a variety of other sources. For next year, we have ten Advanced Placement (AP) courses slated for the Master Board for next year. Three years ago, we had three, maybe five AP classes. Now, we are up to ten classes.

Mr. Boggess spoke about a third component, facilities improvement and growth – Pre-apprentice and Apprenticeship. When it comes down to our SouthTech Adult Education, Eric Messmer, Director and Neil Breault, who is liaison to our ABC Pre-apprentice/Apprenticeship have received over \$3,000 in donations to build out an actual workspace that includes HVAC/Plumbing/Electrical.

As far as the Odyssey Lease, Mr. Kidd did an excellent job at the last Board meeting, giving an overview of the lease and the negotiations. The fourth component, Governmental Relations. Without having the ears of legislators, funding is not funneled your way. We have to do a good job in Tallahassee and here locally to make sure that our legislators know the data and the great work that is taking place here. It changes the way that they vote and changes the way that they fund. Mr. Boggess spoke about the donation of \$5,000 for our STEAM Lab; \$5,000 for our Boynton Beach Short Film Festival; and \$10,000 for our Culinary Academy. Mr. Harvey Kimmel hopes to provide that over the course of the next three years.

Mr. Boggess said we have had the SouthTech Schools Summit for two consecutive years and have had incredible attendance, but we have stepped our game up. Chairman Notter asked us to contact Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos and we invited her to the SouthTech Schools Summit. She responded that she could not attend, but would have her assistant, Dr. Michael Wooten, the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Career and Technical Education, Adult Education and Community College. He is second in command in the USA for Career and Tech Ed. He is not only coming to our SouthTech Schools Summit on November 15, 2018, but will be our Keynote Speaker, as verified by Mrs. Turenne this week.

8C. Principal-Elect Report: Mrs. Turenne said the theme for her report is Reaching for Excellence. This is what we have been doing and it is closer and within reach all of the time. Looking at the Class of 2018, they are the first graduating class that had the opportunity to go on a college tour. On this tour, a world was opened up to them that in many cases, they did not know existed.

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As a testament to that fact, Mrs. Kurtz told her that Palm Beach State wanted to give one of the graduating seniors a scholarship. She looked at the top ten and realized that for the first time, none of the top ten students are going to Palm Beach State. They are all going to universities in the State of Florida. Student #13 C.J. Wolf has gladly accepted the scholarship. The fact that our students are seeing what is out there in the world and are able to reach it is truly amazing to her. Over the last couple of weeks, one of her favorite things she had to do was work with Charles Charleston III on his Valedictorian speech. Mrs. Turenne said that Charles has had many scholarships offered to him. He was an eighth grader at SouthTech Prep and five out of our ten students in the top ten students were eighth graders at SouthTech Prep. Mrs. Turenne told the Board that they could hear Charles' Valedictorian speech live if they respond and come to the graduation on May 23. It is not only the Class of 2018 that is reaching for excellence, but as you have heard, 100% of the Class of 2019 is going into their senior year with the Math requirement met. Many are going in with industry certifications and in many cases, multiple industry certifications. For the sophomores, there are only seven of them that have not met their Math graduation requirement. The quality of instruction is indeed incredible and it would not be possible without great instructors. Mr. Boggess had mentioned that Meghan Shamdasani is a Dwyer Award Finalist, but she is not the only finalist. We also have My Teacher My Hero Finalists who were photographed today for an upcoming award ceremony. The excellence continues and what we are building within all of the areas of the strategic plan is truly incredible. The students are rising to the challenge and are reaching for excellence and they are going to great places.

- 8D. *Middle School Principal:* Mrs. Handy said that Prep is still going full-steam and the year does not end until June 1, which we have to sometimes have to remind our lovely students. The Eighth Grade Promotion Ceremony is May 25 and again, the Board is invited. It will be at Boynton Beach High School on Friday, May 25 at 6:00pm. If you would like to come, please email Mrs. Handy and we will reserve a special seat for you in the VIP Section. The testing for middle school concludes on Tuesday of next week. The students are all saying that it was easy this year. We have had a great Staff Appreciation Week this week and we had many sponsors, which Mrs. Handy will share with Barbara to acknowledge them. Mrs. Ernst asked what percentage of the eighth graders would be coming to STA. Mrs. Handy responded that it is approximately 92% and there are quite a few who are still undecided. They did a survey and she has received half of them back. Of the ones who will not be coming to SouthTech, it is because they are going to an academy that we do not offer, such as Criminal Justice.
- 8E. *Committee Reports:* Mr. Notter said we have already had the Nominating Committee report, and we have two new Board members ready to go for the next Board meeting.
9. *Public Comments on Agenda Items – Five (5 Minutes Maximum Each Person)*
SouthTech Academy – None.
SouthTech Preparatory Academy – None.
10. *Introduction of Consent Agenda for SouthTech Academy – Mr. Boggess introduced the Consent Agenda.*
Old Business
None.

Administrative Items

- A-1 I recommend that the Board approve the donations for the period from April 12, 2018 May 10, 2018.
- A-2 I recommend that the Board ratify the Vocational Rehabilitation Work-based Learning Experience agreement draft, once approved by the Vocational Rehabilitation Board.
- A-3 I recommend that the Board approve the Vocational Rehabilitation Summer Youth Program agreement, pending approval by the Vocational Rehabilitation Board.
- A-4 I recommend that the Board ratify the Vocational Rehabilitation Pre-Employment Transition Services agreement draft, once approved by the Vocational Rehabilitation Board.

Personnel Items

- B-1 I recommend that the Board approve the Personnel actions for the previous month.

Financial Items

- C-1 I recommend that the Board approve and ratify the monthly Charter school bank account reconciliation for month ending March 31, 2018 as required by the Sponsor.
- C-2 I recommend that the Board approve and ratify the Charter school monthly Disbursement Report for month ending March 31, 2018 as required by the Sponsor.

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C-3 I recommend that the Board approve and ratify the monthly financial statements for month ending March 31, 2018 as required by the Sponsor.

C-4 I recommend that the Board approve the continuation of the consulting agreement with ALANN, LLC to coordinate school programs of Business Partners, Industrial Cooperative Partners, Volunteers, and Skills USA.

C-5 I recommend the Board approve the Law Enforcement Service Agreement with School Police for continuation of services for FY19.

Emergency Items

None.

11. Poll Board for Items to be Pulled for Comment or Questions:

None.

12. Approval of SouthTech Academy Consent Agenda with exception of the items pulled:

Motion: Mr. Heller Second: Mr. Dunson

All in favor. Motion carries.

13. Approval of Each Pulled Item (Item-by-Item): None.

None.

14. Public Comments on non-Agenda Items: Mrs. Michelle Jones, mother of Brandon Jones addressed the Board. (See brief discourse above).

15. Introduction of Consent Agenda for SouthTech Preparatory Academy – Mr. Boggess introduced the Consent Agenda.

Old Business

None.

Administrative Items

None.

Personnel Items

PB-1 I recommend that the Board approve the Personnel actions for the previous month.

Financial Items

PC-1 I recommend that the Board approve and ratify the monthly Charter school bank account reconciliation for month ending March 31, 2018 as required by the Sponsor.

PC-2 I recommend that the Board approve and ratify the Charter school monthly Disbursement Report for month ending March 31, 2018 as required by the Sponsor.

PC-3 I recommend that the Board approve and ratify the monthly financial statements for month ending March 31, 2018 as required by the Sponsor.

Emergency Items

None.

16. Poll Board for Items to be Pulled for Comment or Questions: None.

17. Approval of SouthTech Preparatory Academy Consent Agenda:

Motion: Mrs. Nicolini Second: Mr. Dunson

All in favor. Motion carries.

18. Approval of Each Pulled Item (Item-by-Item): None.

19. Public Comments on non-Agenda Items: None.

20. Introduction of Consent Agenda for SouthTech Success Center – No agenda.

21. Poll Board for Items to be Pulled for Comment or Question: N/A

22. Approval of SouthTech Success Center Founding Board Consent Agenda (only one item): N/A

23. Approval of Each Pulled Item (Item-by-Item):

N/A

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24. *Public Comments on non-Agenda Items: None.*

25. *Governing Board in the Capacity of School Advisory Council (SAC) for:*

South Tech Academy:

School Improvement Steering Committee (SISC) Report – STA SISC – Mr. Feldman, Chairperson; Mrs. Baize, Alternate Chairperson; Suzanne Nicolini, Alternate Chairperson.

Mrs. Nicolini said there was very little to report because of all that was already reported. She did want to mention that we will have a Drama Club at the school. Mr. Breault got a whole bunch of equipment donated, so we will have the stage props. We need a stage, so we will have to do it at Odyssey. Mrs. Nicolini mentioned the bicycles that were painted for Jack the Bikeman. One bike in particular that was painted was named the Stoneman Douglas bike that was painted by one of our students, Shiana Baptiste. The bicycle will be shown at a golf fundraising next week, and all donations will be given to the Stoneman Douglas charity. The students came up with the idea.

Introduction of the SouthTech Academy SAC Consent Agenda – Mr. Feldman, Chairperson – No Agenda.

26. *Poll SAC for Items to be Pulled from the SAC Consent Agenda for Comment or Questions: N/A*

27. *Approval of SAC Consent Agenda Except for Items Pulled: N/A*

28. *Approval of Each Pulled Item (Item-by Item) – Introduction by Chairperson: N/A*

29. *Governing Board in Capacity of School Advisory Council (SAC) for:*

South Tech Preparatory Academy

School Improvement Steering Committee (SISC) Report – Ms. Heinz, Chairperson said

Introduction of the SouthTech Preparatory Academy SAC Consent Agenda – None.

30. *Poll SAC for Items to be Pulled from the SAC Consent Agenda for Comment or Questions – N/A*

31. *Approval of SAC Consent Agenda Except for Items Pulled: N/A*

32. *Approval of Each Pulled Item (Item-by Item) – Introduction by Chairperson: N/A*

33. *Board Comments:*

Mrs. Nicolini said that we have had a tremendous year and the staff and the teachers need to be commended. Mr. Feldman congratulated to the staff and students on the SkillsUSA awards. He said that he spent his life in Special Education and he has seen it all. When you see a parent come into a Board meeting to say thank you, that means the world. That student struggled his entire life until he came here, found Shawna, found a department that cares for him, found a school that wanted to help him, and that student made it. It is really because of all of you. He wanted to praise Shawna again, and if you have read the Board item on Vocational Rehab grant, that is a ton of money coming into the school for a very good cause. Shawna is the one who spearheaded that, and she is working with DOE now and they ask her the questions. We have top-notch departments, including the ESE department in the school. He thanked Shawna.

Mrs. Ernst said she is so very proud of everyone here. She congratulated Mrs. Turenne on her new position. She said she is so proud when she goes out into the community and loves to talk about the school and all the wonderful things, and it is just more and more. There is more fire power out there in the community.

Mr. Dunson said he echoes the sentiments that everyone expressed. He thanked everyone for the great job they do. It is amazing to see all the good things happening and all the success that the students have. We appreciate administration and all that the teachers and staff do to make it happen. Mr. Dunson said he did not get to go to the Short Film Festival, but did go down to hear the kids perform this past Saturday. They were great, budding musicians and they certainly learned good fundamentals here at the school. He said he was proud to be a Board member and will be at the graduation on May 23 at 4:00pm.

Mr. Heller said he also attended the music program on Saturday and it is good to see a number of our students we have involved doing those things. Mr. Heller said he feels humbled to be a member of this Board. He said that the staff puts the Board to shame in terms in what they do and what the students bring to the table. When parents come (as Mrs. Jones), he said he was very moved. Mr. Heller said when he reminisces the six years he

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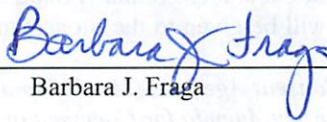
has been on the Board, it is unfathomable the amount of progress. He hopes he will be here for a while, depending on the amendment gets defeated this fall, limiting Board members to eight years. We will continue to grow and improve. He appreciates everyone.

Mr. Notter said they should all go back and read the minutes of all the great things that every Board member has said. He said that, as the Chair, he is almost never a loss for words, but now, he is at a loss for words. Mr. Notter said they are the crème-de-la-crème, the best, and he would put them up against any team in the county in the south, hands' down. Team SouthTech, you are the Best!

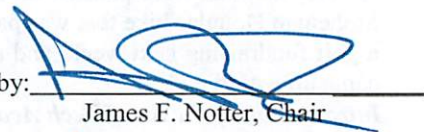
34. *Motion to Adjourn:*

Mrs. Nicolini motioned to adjourn at 8:25pm until the Regular Board meeting on June 20, 2018 at 7:00pm.

Minutes Prepared by:


Barbara J. Fraga

Approved by:


James F. Notter, Chair

Aram Bloom VC
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