## MINUTES APPRENTICE ACADEMY CAMPUS

Called Special Session Board Meeting – Financial and Legal Matters

Monday November 22, 2023, at 7:00 pm via Remote Apprentice Academy Campus

Board Members John Jedra Board Chair <u>John Jedra@aacampus.org</u>

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Start: 7:03p

Attendance (John Jedra) - John Jedra (present), Sharon Ross (present), Helen Gutshall (present, Richard Baker (present), James Warner (unexcused), Gary Summerfield (excused), Dr. Barry Ross (present)

7:04p: (Board Chair) read the mission statement.

7:05p: (Dr. Barry Ross) gave a synopsis of a recent notification letter from Womble Bond Dickerson Law firm. This was followed with a discussion identifying actions taken since the letter was received, contacting local charter schools, Open Book Baptist church, real estate attorney, and the board attorney. Advice received from the attorneys mirrored the understanding that we must pay arrears for rent and increase monthly rent payments. Otherwise, the landlord has legal standing to evict the school. Dr. Ross briefed possible courses of action that would allow the school to meet its financial obligations and discussed the necessary personnel actions.

7:18p: (Chairman) Called for a motion to vote on eliminating the staff positions of Testing Coordinator, Teacher's Assistant (Middle School), and High School Math Teacher (flagged for ineffectiveness in the classroom and uncoachable).

First motion: Helen Gutshall Second motion: Richard Baker

Vote: Yay, unanimous

7:20p: (Chairman) Called for a motion to hire a new Apprentice Coordinator, a critical position to the school's mission.

First motion: Richard Baker Second motion: Sharon Ross

Vote: Yay, unanimous

7:22p: (Chairman) Called for a motion to release rent arrears and to increase monthly rent to \$38,000, totaling \$84,000

First motion: Sharon Ross Second motion: Helen Gutshall

Vote: Yay, unanimous

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7:25p: (Chairman) Closing remarks, thanking everyone for their continued dedicated support to the school and calling for a motion to adjourn.

First motion: Sharon Ross Second motion: Richard Baker

Vote: Yay, unanimous