

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THE SAN DIEGO JEWISH ACADEMY**

February 3, 2016

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees (BOT) of the San Diego Jewish Academy (SDJA) was held at SDJA's central administrative offices on February 3, 2016 at 11:30 a.m.

Trustees Present

Theresa Dupuis (Chair), Brenda Bielas, Michel Cohen, Jessica Effress, Ira Feinswog, Dan Feldman, Heidi Gantwerk, Ben Handler, Judy Lilienthal, Russell Silberstein, Beni Surpin

Trustees Absent

Leslie Fastlicht, Julian Josephson, Ingram Losner, Michelle Lyons, Rabbi Yael Ridberg, Laura Roselinsky, Caryn Viterbi

Also Present

Chaim Heller, Skip Carpowich, Rachele Jagolinzer, Mike Quigley, Sheila Reilly

D'VAR TORAH

Chaim delivered the D'var Torah.

CONSENT AGENDA

After discussion, the following resolution (motion by Ira Feinswog, seconded by Heidi Gantwerk) was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, the minutes of the regular meeting of the BOT on December 17, 2015 are hereby approved and the Secretary of the School is directed to insert a copy of such minutes into the School's minute book.

HEAD OF SCHOOL REPORT

Chaim updated the Board on the planning and development of the three Board approved institutes: 1) Institute for Judaic Studies, 2) Institute for Creative Writing and the Arts, and 3) Institute for Innovation and Entrepreneurial Thinking (IET). He also discussed the planned science laboratory modernization project, to be funded with a foundation matching grant and fundraising from the February Soiree.

Chaim provided an enrollment update. Current K-12 enrollment has increased to 479 students as of January 2016. There has been an increase in the number of families that have toured the campus this year, although not a corresponding conversion to admission applications. There are thirteen applicants for the Open Tent Scholarship Program so far. In the Early Childhood Center, Preschool enrollment has grown significantly over the past year.

ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Jessica reported that 62% of parents who were solicited made donations to SDJA during the recent Higher and Higher Campaign. She attributed much of that success to the intense, concentrated efforts of the parent captains, and great training. The Board went on to discuss different strategies for fundraising, including inviting prospects to small group dinners with Chaim. Such dinners have resulted in several donations, but the primary goal is to establish relationships.

Rachelle briefly updated the Board on SDJA's International Black & White Soiree event. Four hundred people are expected to attend and the goal is to raise money for state of the art science classrooms. Mark Bielas will be speaking at the Soiree about his successful journey in science since graduating from SDJA.

AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

Ben reported that SDJA's independent auditor, West Rhode & Roberts, has issued an unqualified opinion on the school's 2014/15 financial statements, and that the Audit Committee has reviewed and accepted the financial statements and independent auditor's report.

After discussion, at the recommendation of the Audit Committee, the following resolution (motion by Dan Feldman, seconded by Beni Surpin) was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees hereby accepts and approves SDJA's June 30, 2015 draft financial statements, and accompanying independent auditor's report on the financial statements, as presented and discussed at this meeting.

Ben asked the Board for recommendations on qualified candidates to join the Audit Committee. Several potential candidates were suggested.

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Due to time constraints, the Board postponed the Strategic Planning Report until the next BOT meeting on March 17, 2016.

GOOD AND WELFARE

The Board congratulated Ira on his son's recent engagement, and also wished Kelley all the best as she undergoes knee surgery. Theresa reported that Len Jurkowski opened a new ambulatory care center right across the street in the Vons Center.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:00 pm.

Ira Feinswog
Secretary