

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

March 16, 2017

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 March 16, 2017 at 11:30 a.m.

Trustees Present

Theresa Dupuis (Chair), Lawrence Bartlett , Brenda Bielas, Susan Chortek-Weisman, Michel Cohen, Barbi Dorfan, Dan Feldman, Jessica Fink, Heidi Gantwerk, Ben Handler, Ingram Losner, Rabbi Yael Ridberg, Jami Rosenthal, Russell Silberstein, Laura Vainer

Trustees Absent

Leslie Fastlicht Russo, Ira Feinswog, Daniela Jinich, Beni Surpin, Caryn Viterbi

Also Present

Chaim Heller, Rachelle Jagolinzer, Mike Quigley, and Sheila Reilly

D'VAR TORAH

Rabbi Ridberg delivered the D'var Torah.

CONSENT AGENDA

After discussion, the following resolution (motion by Jami Rosenthal, seconded by Susan Chortek-Wiseman) was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, the minutes of the regular meetings of the BOT on December 13, 2016 and February 15, 2017 are hereby approved and the Secretary of the School is directed to insert copies of such minutes into the School's minute book.

HEAD OF SCHOOL REPORT

Rachelle reported on the Purim Basket deliveries and thanked the Board members who helped distribute them. She also reported that 72% of the parent body has donated thus far this year.

Keri Copans, Director of Admissions, joined the meeting and updated the Board on SDJA's re-enrollment statistics. At present, SDJA has retained 77% of its preschoolers, 86% of its lower school students and 91% of its upper school students. Keri also reported that since March 6 ten additional students have re-enrolled in Grades 5-9. Keri noted that there has been an increase in student siblings enrolling at SDJA and she is going to continue to work with parent ambassadors to identify student siblings who do not attend SDJA. Admissions has sent out 34 acceptance letters to new students and has thirteen new student applications still under review.

Chaim reported on the progress being made on the Campus Master Plan (CMP). He requested that at the next BOT meeting the Board give authority to the Executive Committee

to approve the then current plan at its meeting in late April. The plan that the Executive Committee approves will be presented at the Annual Meeting; but the final CMP will need to have full Board approval.

BOARD PRESIDENT REPORT

Theresa briefly reviewed her expectation that Board members will self-assess their efforts to meet their Board goals. She opened the floor to a discussion regarding resources available to the Board for the members' fund raising efforts.

Yael updated the Board on the work of the Committee on Trustees (COT). She reported that Jessica has agreed to take over as COT Chair when Yael takes the position of Board President for the 2017-2018 school year. For this year's election of trustees the COT nominated Lee Goodman and Elliot Scott to run for two open seats on the BOT. After brief discussion, the nominations were accepted and the following resolution (motion by Jessica Fink, seconded by Dan Feldman) was unanimously approved:

RESOLVED, the nomination of Lee Goodman and Elliott Scott to run for election to the Board of Trustees was unanimously accepted and approved.

The full slate of nominees, including Trustees seeking reelection, will be submitted for approval at the April 4, 2017 BOT meeting.

POSITIONING SCHOOL EVENTS

Heidi led an interactive discussion on what SDJA's goals are in bringing different audiences to SDJA events. The Board discussed how SDJA might use its time with each audience to promote the school and its message. It was agreed that when people leave SDJA after any event they should feel that SDJA is a key part of the Jewish Community and that they can see themselves at home at SDJA. As an example of how SDJA can attain this goal Chaim summarized his vision of a new plan on the table for graduation. Other ways SDJA can attain that goal will be the subject of future conversations among Board members.

AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

Ben presented a report from the Audit Committee. He complimented Masha, SDJA Controller, and Kristina, Human Resources Director, for their efficiency and hard work in assisting SDJA's independent auditor. After some discussion on the independent auditor's report, the following resolution (motion by Ingram, seconded by Susan) was unanimously approved.

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees hereby accepts and approves SDJA's June 30, 2016 draft financial statements and accompanying independent auditor's report on the financial statements, as presented and discussed at this meeting.

GOOD AND WELFARE

Theresa expressed condolences on the Board's behalf for the death of Caryn Viterbi's beloved father, Darrel Rosen.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:30 pm.



Ben Handler
Secretary