

Tallahassee Classical School  
4141 Artemis Way  
Tallahassee, FL 32311  
January 26, 2022 at 7:30 pm  
Board Meeting Agenda

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### **Minute notations**

Members Present: Clark, Chen, West, Mohler, Sayler, Bishop, Diaz

Staff Present: Smith, Roland

Others Present: Keri Ergenzinger

Meeting called to order at: 7:36 PM

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I. **Public Comment:** *Public comment is limited to three minutes per person. A group of persons speaking collectively on a subject is limited to 15 minutes. For an extended presentation, please contact the Board Secretary at least seven days prior to a meeting.*

II. Meeting Agenda – Discuss Principal search update from Hillsdale.

Board Chair Dr. Alan Chen announced that Hillsdale College officially approved Jeremy Byrd as Principal candidate for Tallahassee Classical School.

Board Chair provided background information including average Leon County Schools principal salaries: \$107k High School, \$90'sk Elementary, \$97k "Other".

Mr. Smith reminded Board of his current pay and benefits: \$90k, plus cottage and car rentals (\$300/wk, \$1000/mo.)

Mr. Clark pointed out that it would be helpful to apply the funds that would've been used toward Headhunter fee, to offer relocation bonus toward the Byrd family's moving expenses.

Mr. Clark further explained the Byrd family's financial incentives to move from VA to FL, such as lower cost of living and 6% savings (no state income tax.)

Mr. Mohler moved to authorize Dr. Chen and Mr. Smith to offer the position to Mr. Byrd at salary up to \$120k, plus \$5000 moving expenses and \$1500 toward househunting trip.

Motion passed unanimously. (8-0)

Mrs. Sayler will forward the current Principal's contract to Dr. Chen for use in creating the new offer contract for Mr. Byrd.

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In light of Hillsdale's Principal training schedule, the Board decided to give Mr. Byrd an acceptance deadline of 12:00 Noon, January 31<sup>st</sup>.

The Board further agreed that both Mr. Eller and Mrs. Carasquilla are valuable to the mission and should be pursued/retained as Deans for the school.

Mr. Bishop moved that if Byrd declined the offer, TCS would ask Hillsdale to interview/approve both Mrs. Carasquilla and Mr. Eller as Principal candidates.

Motion passed unanimously (8-0)

Mr. Mohler moved to add himself to the bylaws committee. Motion passed unanimously.

Reminder: Bylaws committee meeting January 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 PM.