**Workforce Advantage Academy**

Board Meeting Minutes May 13, 2019

Attended by:

Kenneth Hartsaw

Hugo de Beaubien

Steve Blomley

Elizabeth Hughes

Ed Thomas Jr

Carl Merrell

Belinda Jones

Darryl Blackall

The May 30, 2018, board minutes were approved. Hartsaw made the motion and de Beaubien seconded.

Hartsaw gave a financial overview, He told the board that it took a lot of money to move to Rio Grande. More than $500k was spent and now we pay more bills here than we did at South Street.

Hartsaw informed the board members that additional transportation money would be coming from the state from February (FTE).

Hartsaw began discussing how many students we had this year, 260. This is up from last year only having 240 students, but with 260 we break even.

Hartsaw told the board about a past year student, Andrew Foster, going to the navy and how coming to Workforce really changed his life. He said, without Workforce, he would have been lost in the system.

Hartsaw informed the board about graduation at 4:00 p.m. Saturday. They were all welcome to attend. We will have about 60 to 70 students graduate.

Hartsaw informed the board that Dennis Tillman resigned, and he moved the Social Studies teacher, Darryl Blackall, to the job development position. In addition, the school is on the lookout for a new Social Studies teacher for the next school year.

Hartsaw, Jones and Merrell told the board that the school was on lockdown due to a shooting in the park. A former student was shot, and it was reported that someone from the school did the shooting. It also was said that someone might be coming to the school to find who did it. We had both OCSO and OPD at the school for many hours that day.

Hartsaw asked the board to make a motion that he can carry a gun when needed here at the school for safety. de Beaubien made the motion and Hughes seconded, adding that him or any other staff member that need to carry to keep the school safe can do so, the board passed the motion.

Hartsaw told the board about some students who had mental issues and how we had to get one Baker acted, and how it was good to have Deb Wood on staff to help with things.

Meeting adjourned.