

MINUTES

Belmont Academy Governing Board

Meeting of the Board of Directors

Date | time: 2/28/2019 7:00 PM | Meeting called to order by: Luke Sparks, Chairman

In Attendance

Governing Board:

Luke Sparks, Chairman – present

Will Myers, Secretary – present

Jay Poole, board member – present

Shellie Young, board member – present

Luke Sparks, board member – present

Katie Tyler, board member – present

Jessica Klanderud, board member – present

Jonny Handy, Treasurer – present

Belmont Academy:

Lawton Unrau, CEO

Ron Barker, Principal

A Quorum was present.

Public notice has been confirmed regarding this board meeting

Present from the Public:

Andrew Lang (Belmont Teacher), Robert Sumerall (PTO President), Belmont students

Agenda

General Business:

1. Call meeting to order, take attendance and procedures
2. Confirm public notice for meeting established
Public notice of the meeting was confirmed
3. Appoint the Representative to Facilitate Parental Involvement per FS 1002.33(9)(p)(2) currently held by Principal Ron Barker.
Mr. Barker will continue his appointment as there was no objections to him holding this position.
4. Review DRAFT school board meeting notes December 10, 2018
The December 10, 2019 DRAFT meeting notes were approved without changes

Consent Agenda Vote:

Opportunity was provided to move any Consent Item to the Action Item agenda for board discussion and review.

No items were moved from the Consent Agenda to the Action Item Agenda.

1. Approve **School Board Meeting Notes** January 28, 2019
2. Approve recent **New Hires and Staffing Changes** including contracted and hourly staff -- see report for details
3. Approve E-Rate program contractor selections

Mr. Poole made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Ms. Tyler seconded the motion and with no further discussion the consent agenda was approved unanimously.

Chairman Sparks afforded the student attendees the opportunity to speak regarding any matters they would like to provide input on. The students spoke about their interest in what will be happening next year academically and socially and responded to a few director questions regarding their preferences especially relating to AP and FGC coursework. The directors expressed appreciation that the students would attend the meeting and provide their input.

After a brief discussion on AP courses offered at Belmont and FGC course choices through Belmont, Mr. Lang pointed out that FGC course work will not transfer out of state and in other cases has challenges being accepted at various universities in state or otherwise. Mr. Poole requested that Mr. Unrau complete some research on the ability of credits to transfer out of state depending on the college or university.

PTO Report:

Mr. Summerall (PTO President) Presented a brief update.

FunRun – Feb 25th kick-off event. Actual event is March 8th.

Principal Report:

1. Updates:

Open Enrollment and Attendance;

The lottery has been open as of today Feb 18. Also, the 6th grade is currently full and has a growing applicant list. There appears to be a lot of interest at this grade level. Mr. Barker gave a brief overview of options that have been discussed regarding 6th grade to be managed like elementary grade 5, separating 7th-8th grade as the middle school, consideration and discussion of block scheduling for the high school with the possibility of a 4-day academic week for high school.

FTE Report;

Nothing new to report from prior update – no changes

Condition of School Climate including both students and staff;
No new information provided

2. School calendar and schedules: Share results of 2019 staff schedule development meeting held Sat Feb 9.
After a brief update Mr. Barker explained that this is still under review and development. Updates can be expected by the next scheduled school board meeting.
3. Accountability Report
The report was provided with an opportunity for discussion

CEO Report:

1. Budget update

Mr. Unrau provided a highlight review of the updated budget explaining where the budget experienced the largest effects. A brief discussion regarding options to address health care costs followed. Mr. Unrau explained that not only would health care insurance policies be reviewed again this year but currently all insurance products renewing July 1, 2019 are being offered for competitive bid and provider evaluation.

2. FRS analysis

Mr. Unrau provided the report that shows the anticipated increase in cost that Belmont could expect if it converted from its current 401k retirement plan to the Florida Retirement System Plan. Though there is merit and interest in converting, Mr. Poole said this is likely not the best year to make this change. Mr. Poole added that there may be other ways to create benefits or bonuses for staff depending upon available funds year to year.

3. Annual Diversity Report

Mr. Unrau provided the updated annual report and explained that the report has been trending as anticipated. The report has been uploaded to the Belmont web site.

Mr. Unrau explained that he had just been updated from Jim Zuber that the variance process will no longer be required to completion. The Dept of Health will be formally providing Belmont with updated Certificate of Occupancy numbers based on Belmont owning the property. The result is expected to be favorable for increased student and faculty count parameters.

Action Items:

1. Amended Budget Review and Approval - Includes adjustment for 3rd calculation

Mr. Poole made a motion to approve the amended budget, Mr. Handy seconded the motion and with no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.

2. Letter of Intent to purchase and lease land

Prior to discussing the terms of the offer, Mr. Handy, in an abundance of caution, disclosed that his father is on the board of directors for the potential seller of the property so he would elect

to not participate in the discussion or voting. After reviewing the proposal, the board recommended that Mr. Sparks convey the offer with a few modifications. After Mr. Sparks noted the relevant changes Mr. Poole made a motion to have Mr. Sparks convey the offer to the seller. Ms. Young seconded the motion and with no further discussion the motion passed unanimously.

Additional Discussion:

1. Update from the Vision and Planning Committee of the Board of Directors; Jay Poole, Chairman
2019-2020 School Year Concepts Under Review
Mr. Poole read through the report that had been created by the V&P committee. The full board is expected to schedule an additional workshop or meeting to be able to spend more time evaluating the results and developing plans to work through ideas and concerns.

It was noted that directors Young and Tyler had both attended a recent school administration meeting but had only observed and did not have comments nor participate.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:31 pm by Mr. Sparks, Chairman.