

MINUTES

Belmont Academy Governing Board

Meeting of the Board of Directors

Date | time: 8/6/2018 7:04 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 – not 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:

Jonathan & Heidi Shaheen, parents of Trent Shaheen

Chris Shaheen, Grandfather of Trent Shaheen

Shawn Arnold, Attorney for Belmont Academy

Agenda

Mr. Sparks, Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:04pm, meeting attendance was taken and recorded.

Agenda Item:

Student Discipline Hearing

Mr. Sparks called the meeting to order. The student discipline hearing was commenced and the meeting was turned over to Mr. Arnold to run.

The procedures for the meeting were explained to the parents, who stated they understood the procedure and agreed the process was fair.

The parents were specifically told that at any time prior to a vote by the board they could agree to withdraw the student.

Mr. Barker read in detail all allegations, referrals per documentation from the students' file.

Mr. Barker read discipline policy the from the student handbook.

Mr. Arnold read and asked questions from the student code.

Ms. Young asked a few questions.

Mrs. Shaheen addressed the board in detail how the student and her have felt that he was targeted and miss-treated by Mr. Barker.

Mrs. Shaheen briefly challenged the 'zero tolerance' policy.

Mrs. Shaheen made comments, questioning the accuracy of the allegations that Mr. Barker had presented.

Jonathan Shaheen addressed the board, admitting he, like his wife, as parents do not condone disrespecting adults and miss-behavior by the student. He also expressed his concern that he feels like the student was targeted and the situation was not handled in a fair manor.

Mr. Chris Shaheen (Grandfather to the student) briefly explained his and his son's (Jonathan) volunteer involvement and dedication during the construction process and feels like this should be taken into account.

Discussion was held by the board members.

The parents decided to voluntarily withdraw the student prior to a vote being held by the board.

They acknowledged they had the right for the vote to occur and they declined the option.

No board action was taken. With no other items on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned.

Comments from Board Members:

There were no additional comments from directors.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm by Mr. Sparks, Chairman.