

MINUTES (draft)

Belmont Academy Governing Board

Meeting of the Board of Directors

Date | time: 4/9/2018 7:30 PM | Meeting called to order by: Will Myers, Acting Chairperson

In Attendance

Governing Board:

Jonny Handy, Treasurer – present
Will Myers, Secretary – present
Rick Bicknell, board member – not present
Luke Sparks, board member – present
Katie Tyler, board member – present
Jessica Klanderud, board member – not present

Belmont Academy:

Lawton Unrau, CEO
Ron Barker, Principal
Dominique Ward, Assistant Principal
Sandra Heitzman, PTO President

A Quorum was present (4 directors of 6).

Public notice has been confirmed regarding this board meeting

Present from the Public:

Agenda

Mr. Myers, Acting Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:30pm, a later start than schedule pending a quorum. Director and staff attendance was taken and recorded.

General Business:

1. Appoint the Representative to Facilitate Parental Involvement per FS 1002.33(9)(p)(2) currently held by Principal Ron Barker.
Ron Barker was appointed and agreed to continue in this role.
2. Review meeting notes March 5, 2018 and March 26, 2018
Minor perfunctory edits were suggested and the March 5 and March 26 draft meeting notes were approved by the board.

PTO Report:

Sandra Heitzman, PTO President reported that April 10 is the new officer election meeting. The Father-Daughter dance is Fri April 13, 2018. Mr. Barker will issue an email reminder regarding open PTO

elected positions for 2018-2019 and the upcoming PTO elections. Mr. Myers suggested making sure the new parents are well informed about options for taking a roll with the PTO. Mr. Sparks mentioned that a new PTO meeting time slot may be in order (should be considered) for 2018-2019.

Principal Report:

1. Any matters related to facilitating parental involvement or representative duties presented
Mr. Barker reported that there are no matters to bring before the board.
2. Principal updates regarding the condition of the school, staff and student body.
New Belmont enrollee meetings are under way and they are going well. Mr Barker expressed interest in adding a kindergarten class, however, there are constraints that are still being evaluated. For next year the daycare will not be part of the program which will help manage logistics for the courses and spaces.

CEO report:

1. Brief review of consent agenda items. Opportunity provided to move any consent item as an action item for board discussion and review.
Mr. Unrau asked to move the lunch program 2018-2019 consent agenda item to a discussion point as part of the CEO report as the final documentation is not yet prepared and there is nothing to vote on yet. Mr. Unrau explained the bidding process and advertising required for the lunch program contractor selection process. The RFP should be ready by the next director's meeting.
2. Belmont Crisis Response Team and Updates
An opportunity was given to discuss the currently developed work from the Belmont Crisis Response Team. Mr. Unrau explained that the team and its members are still meeting regularly to continue the improvement process and readiness for now and 2018-2019.
3. Updates on new building for 2018-2019 – Robotics/Engineering
Mr. Unrau explained that permitting is underway at the county, the financing which is pending with Florida Capital bank is in process and, though not finalized, is moving forward. The building deposit has been made to Simque Construction. Mr. Unrau explained that the project is expected to be delivered on schedule.
4. School growth plan update
Mr. Unrau explained a newly developed concept of a new Middle School and High School facility that could be completed on the existing Belmont property without effecting ongoing operations. He explained that this would be the time to build out a package plant to accommodate all facilities as well. Feasibility and long-range planning is still being evaluated. Mr. Unrau said that additional information could be expected by the May meeting and suggested that now is a good time to start the process of planning and design.

Action Items:

1. Review of quoted projects including:
 - a. Purchase of additional security camera and install equipment
Mr. Handy made a motion to approve the purchase of the quoted security equipment. Mr. Myers seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously to approve the purchase. It was noted that there are knowledgeable volunteers that are willing to complete the installation.
 - b. Additional fencing
The directors appreciated the quotes but voted to table a decision on installing additional fencing until a future meeting. Mr. Barker mentioned that our current focus is securing the exterior gates with a system that still permits easy and secure access from the inside.

Consent Agenda Vote:

1. New web site provider for 2018-2019. Edlio agreement attached.
Mr. Myers made a motion to approve the consent agenda and once the motion was seconded the board voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda.

Comments from Board Members:

Mr. Handy suggested that a stakeholder survey would be good feedback for Belmont. Mr. Barker explained this had been a topic in a recent meeting and that such a survey is expected to be released/promoted very soon.

Ms. Katie Tyler inquired about ELA candidates and the status on any pending positions. Mr. Barker explained that these positions are still being evaluated and progress is being made. Mr. Unrau added that the school is looking at its options for a resource officer for the upcoming school year noting that there is diversity of opinions between districts and schools as how to best handle campus security.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm by Mr. Will Myers, Secretary and Acting Chairperson.