

# MINUTES

## Belmont Academy Governing Board

### Meeting of the Board of Directors

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Date | time: 2/6/2017 7:00 PM | Meeting called to order by: Russ Rocco, Chairman

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#### In Attendance

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**Governing Board:**

Russ Rocco, Chairman – present  
Will Myers, Secretary – not present  
Chad Stewart, board member – not present  
Greg Lienemann, board member – present  
Scott Curry, 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  
Dominique Ward, Assistant Principal (attended portion of meeting)

A Quorum was present.

**\*\*Public notice has been confirmed regarding this board meeting\*\***

**Present from the Public:**

Sandy Heizman (PTO co-president); Matthew Skowron (Belmont parent)

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#### Agenda

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The meeting was called to order by Rocco at 7:00 pm.

**General Business**

Appoint representative to facilitate parental involvement.

Ron Barker was appointed to be the representative.

Review meeting notes Jan 23, 2017

Meeting notes were approved, with one name correction.

**Principal Report:**

Brief review of recent events at Belmont regarding school climate and discipline

**CEO Report:**

School Board Legal Liability Policy Renewal 2/4/2017-2/4/2018 - review

**Action Items:**

1. Consider total board directors = 9 based on Arnold Law Firm recommendation  
The school board voted unanimously to modify the bylaws to allow for a maximum of 9 directors.
2. Review of edited Model Charter Contract  
After discussion and review, the school board voted unanimously to approve the edited Model Charter Contract (with the original application) to be submitted to the Sponsor.
3. Admission and Registration Policy 2017-2018  
The school board voted unanimously to approve the Admission and Registration Policy for 2017-2018 subject to L Unrau and S Arnold adding the language clarifying "eligibility requirements" per Belmont policies.

**Additional Discussion:**

Supplemental funding for A+ Celebration (PTO request)

The school board voted 6 -1 to approve \$1500 in supplemental funding to help the PTO cover costs of this event.

Rocco being the dissenting vote, desired to approve additional funding.

Expansion of lunch room sound system

The school board voted unanimously to approve the expansion of the sound system as quoted by Soundline design.

Unrau noted funds are already budgeted to account for this expenditure.

**Consent Vote:**

School Board Legal Liability Policy Renewal 2/4/2017-2/4/2018

The school board voted unanimously to approve the item on the consent agenda.

**Comments From Board Members:**

Mr. Curry voiced concern regarding levels of punishment regarding disciplinary action by the principal.

In response, Mr. Barker provided some explanation as to the various forms of consequences at his disposal and consistent with the current policies. Mr. Lienemann encouraged the administration to be well aware of the students that are creating problems and resolve situations with disciplinary action. Mr. Rocco concluded that staff, including volunteers, need to be the eyes and ears for the school.

**Comments from the public:**

Matthew Skowron (parent) wanted to express concerns regarding recent events at the school and how they were managed. He added that much of what had just been discussed by the board was related to his concerns.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm by Chairman Rocco