

MINUTES

Belmont Academy Governing Board Meeting of the Board of Directors

Date | time: 11/27/2017 7:00 PM | Meeting called to order by: Russ Rocco, Chairman

In Attendance

Governing Board:

Russ Rocco, Chairman – present
Will Myers, Secretary – present
Chad Stewart, board member – not 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 to Curriculum

A Quorum was present.

Public notice has been confirmed regarding this board meeting

Present from the Public:

There was no one present from the public at this meeting.

Agenda

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Rocco at 7:05 pm, and attendance was taken.

Confirm public notice for meeting established

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 by the directors to continue being the representative.
2. Review meeting notes October 9, 2017
Draft meeting notes were approved as drafted.

PTO Report: No report

The board discussed the chocolate fundraiser. Chocolate sales are down approx. 50% from last year. As reported by director, Katie Tyler.

Principal Report:

1. Any matters related to facilitating parental involvement or representative duties presented.
Mr. Barker advised that he had no special matters to report.
2. Principal updates regarding the condition of the school, staff and student body.
Mr. Barker reported that the waiting list on lottery is currently 59.
Track team went to state were elementary boys and girls both placed 1st.
Current student enrollment count is 460.

CEO Report:

1. Brief review of Consent Agenda Items.
2. 1st Quarter Financial Reports Summary.
Currently on target and consistent with the budget.
3. Fund Audits 2016-2017 Summary.
The audits are final and have been submitted to the Columbia County School District.
4. Liability insurance limits review.
Mr. Unrau explained the current liability limits of the current policy.

Action Items:

1. Discussion and vote regarding Governing Board director applicant Mr. Rick Bicknell for approval as board director.
The board voted and unanimously approved Mr. Bicknell as a new board member.
2. Policies and Procedures Manual for Internal Fund Activities and Events.
After an opportunity for discussion, the board voted and the it was passed unanimously to accept the Policy and Procedures Manual as drafted.

Additional Discussion:

Mrs. Tyler asked if part of the Hope class, there could be an option for First Aid and CPR training for secondary students.

Consent Agenda Vote:

1. NLP Wellness Policy.
2. Policies and Procedures Manual Revised.
3. Form 990 Return.
4. Belmont Teacher Handbook rev 11/13/2017 (update to be consistent with 2017-18 teacher contracts.
5. Adopt the 2017-2018 Student Progression Plan as approved by the Columbia County School District.
6. Updated 2017-18 Emergency Response Guide.
7. Updated 2017-18 Crisis Response Personnel Assignments.
8. Business income allocation on Property Coverage Summary approval.

The board voted on this consent agenda and the vote passed unanimously.

Comments From Board Members:

Mr. Myers made a comment in regard to the student handbook regarding clarification of allowed shoe types. Mrs. Ward and Mr. Unrau mentioned that handbooks are being reviewed and will continue to be updated as needed. A more significant update will happen for the 2018 – 19 school year.

Per Mr. Rocco's request, Mr. Unrau & Mr. Barker updated the board regarding the future of the High School and its viability and that current discussions were on-going within Admin and the school growth committee about this topic.

The board voted to cancel the upcoming Dec. 11th meeting and to not reschedule it. The next board meeting will be January 15th, 2018.

Additional Comments:

Mr. Unrau explained that there are an estimated 20 facility improvement projects currently being quoted that should be available at the next board meeting for consideration and prioritizing.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm by Mr. Rocco, Chairman.