

MINUTES

Belmont Academy Governing Board

Meeting of the Board of Directors

Date | time: 7/17/2017 7:01 PM | Meeting called to order by: Will Myers, Acting Chairman

In Attendance

Governing Board:

Russ Rocco, Chairman – absent
Will Myers, Secretary – present (Acting Chair)
Chad Stewart, board member – absent
Luke Sparks, board member – present
Katie Tyler, board member – present
Jessica Klanderud, board member – present
Jonny Handy, board member -- present

Belmont Academy:

Lawton Unrau, CEO
Ron Barker, Principal
Dominique Ward, Assistant Principal
Lori Tyler, Teacher
Andrew Lang, Teacher
Sandra Heitzman, PTO President

A Quorum was present.

Public notice has been confirmed regarding this board meeting

Present from the Public:

Agenda

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Myers at 7:01 pm.

General Business

Appoint representative to facilitate parental involvement: Ron Barker was appointed to be the representative.
Review meeting notes June 12, 2017 (draft approved, no edits)
The Wellness Policy 2017-18 was removed from the consent agenda because the proposed policy is pending acceptance from the National Lunch Program.

Principal Report:

Staffing update (open/filled positions)
 Mr. Barker provided the staffing report showing recently filled positions
2017-2018 student enrollment status update including student count and open grades
 Mr. Barker explained that an additional enrollment period was occurring from July 12 through July 16 to fill seats in certain grades because some enrollment had declined over the summer.
National Lunch Program plan and progress

Mr. Barker provided the latest update on the program. Contracts are in place and program approvals are pending.

AP results and recognition for top results.

Mr. Barker provided a summary report showing school wide performance.

FLVS and FGC completion summary

Mr. Barker provided a summary report showing enrollment and course completion statistics

Chair Will Myers asked for any comments from Andrew Lang because of his involvement.

Andrew Lang shared how he is successful managing AP coursework and how he could help package the courses and assist with training of staff. Mr. Lang also explained the possibility of teaching college level classes "in house" and training existing staff to handle it. A strong AP program can retain students and attract top students
Goal should be to get AP on par with national average - should be academic focus
Materials are not critical to success - its more importantly about getting people with the right incentives in place
Mr. Barker reiterated that value is investing in the teachers

CEO Report:

Charter Renewal Contract Update

This is completed and pending execution from the district

All Seasons Planning and Design proposal for Belmont growth planning services

This is information for the board directors to consider and Mr. Unrau mentioned that a strategic planning meeting this fall may be very useful to plan ahead for school growth.

Financial Report (Current and year-end financial reports provided)

Mr. Unrau gave a summary of the financial reports and new budget

Transportation plan and progress

Mr. Unrau presented the transportation map and plan and explained that the notification to parents and guardians will be going out this week.

OCR update

Mr. Unrau summarized the status of the OCR review. Mr. Arnold has provided summary comments to the school district as well.

Mr. Unrau said that the administration is approving of the Mobile Modular lease and the 17-18 budget as drafted.

Action Items:

1. Mobile Modular Lease extension (9 units) 2017-2018
Directors voted unanimously to approve the lease amendment
2. 2017-2018 Updated Budget
Directors voted unanimously to approve the 2017-18 updated budget
3. Uniform Policy: Alternate shirt color
Discussion by administration how the new uniform options will be appreciated
Directors voted unanimously to approve the addition to the approved uniforms as proposed
4. 2016-2017 School Board Principal Evaluation
This item has been postponed until the next scheduled meeting

Additional Discussion:

PTO Review and Update

Sandra Heitzman explained that the PTO has all of its officer positions filled and they are planning for the upcoming 2017-18 school year.

Consideration for additional directors

This item will be rescheduled for a future meeting

Consent Agenda Vote:

2016-2017 Final Closeout Budget (Adjusted for Actual Revenue and Expenditures)

Add the following director meeting dates to the schedule: 10-9-17; 12-11-17; 3-12-18; 5-14-18

Approval of DDI Chromebook Leases

Bell's Catering Services Contract 2017-18

Early Learning Coalition VPK Contract 2017-18

Directors voted unanimously to approve all items on the Consent Agenda

Comments From Board Members:

Luke Sparks: Would enjoy seeing increased activity with the community at large

Jonny Handy: Can Belmont students be recognized at the district level when the district recognizes their students for FSA testing?

Lori Tyler, Teacher said that she would like to see more publicity/promotion of Belmont in the Lake City Reporter

With no further comments the meeting was adjourned by Mr. Myers at 8:40pm.