

MINUTES

Belmont Academy Governing Board Meeting of the Board of Directors

Date | time: 8/20/2018 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 – 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:

Rob Summerall – PTO president

Agenda

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

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 school board meeting notes July 30, 2018 and school board meeting notes Aug 6, 2018
The drafts were both accepted without changes.

PTO Report:

Mr. Summerall mentioned they had approx. 40 people in attendance for the first meeting.
PTO has launched the 60 sponsor banners in 60 days campaign.
PTO is planning on a Fun Run fundraiser.
Still planning on committing to a chocolate fundraiser.

Principal Report:

1. Updates: Enrollment, staffing, condition of school climate: Students and staff.

Off to a good start, but an intense 1st few weeks. The Security Resource Officer on site daily has been very supportive and great to have on campus.

Parent support has been positive. Over 1,000 volunteer hours have already been completed this year.

Pickup traffic has been improving, still a few issues to work out.

Mr. Barker reviewed and updated the school board on staffing changes.

CEO Report:

Provide a brief review of Consent Agenda Items. Opportunity provided to move any consent item as an action item for board discussion and review.

1. Update on new directors governance training and background checks.

Mr. Poole has completed governance training (on file) and fingerprint processing (pending notification from District).

Ms. Young has plans to complete both soon.

2. New classroom building construction and FCB loan update.

The new building has been completed and is approved for school use by Columbia County.

Final CO is pending completion of elevation survey and new fire alarm system.

3. Review and discuss possibilities for options for employee opt-in insurance coverage by third party providers.

Mr. Unrau provided an explanation of third party insurance providers that are interested in offering insurance to Belmont staff. After some discussion, directors asked that Mr. Unrau pursue proposals from interested providers.

4. Contracting update on variance work by Jim Zuber.

Mr. Unrau explained that the contract with All Seasons Planning has been approved and Mr. Zuber has started research. Updates will be forthcoming as they develop.

Action Items:

1. Principal Review 2017-2018 - committee planning and schedule discussion.

After some discussion, Luke Sparks, Chairman appointed a committee of the school board for the year end Principal Review consisting of Shellie Young (Committee Chair), Jessica Klanderud, Katie Tyler, and Jay Poole. A meeting was scheduled for Monday September 10 at 2:45pm at Belmont Academy.

2. Review Lotterease contract renewal 2018-2019 and the renewal period.

Mr. Poole made a motion to give approval for 1-year renewal, Mrs. Tyler seconded the motion and the directors voted unanimously to approve as motioned.

3. Employee report including recent new hires and staffing changes including contracted and hourly staff. Mr. Poole made a motion to approve the new hires and staffing changes as proposed, Mr. Handy seconded the motion and the directors voted unanimously to approve as motioned.
4. Review quotes from Room 140 room divider partition and fire alarm system installation. Mr. Poole made a motion to approve the Room 140 room divider wall system and the required fire alarm system for new building (room 140) and upgrades to the restroom building (pending a fair and reasonable quote as provided by the mandatory vendor), Mrs. Tyler seconded the motion and the directors voted unanimously to approve as motioned.
5. Amendment to NSL Program and contract with Bell's Catering. Mr. Poole made a motion to accept the contract changes as negotiated with and proposed by Bell's Catering, Mr. Handy seconded the motion and the directors voted unanimously to approve as motioned.

Additional Discussion:

1. Mailers for Belmont "Fund for Excellence" concept. The directors had a discussion regarding mailing lists that are in place or could be created. They also discussed various options for more cost-effective ways to accomplish similar fundraising pieces.

Consent Agenda Vote:

1. School Board Meeting Notes – July 30, 2018
2. School Board Meeting Notes – August 06, 2018
3. Approve FSSAT as provided, reviewed and discussed at the July 30, 2018 meeting.
4. Ratify approval of the 2018-2019 Florida Blue Health plan contract.
5. Adopt volunteer policy regarding background checks.

Mrs. Young made a motion to approve the consent agenda items, Mr. Poole seconded the motion and the directors voted unanimously to approve as motioned.

Comments from Board Members:

Mr. Sparks addressed the board regarding proper, efficient board meeting sessions.

Mr. Sparks asked Mr. Barker to update the board all the different options students have regarding AP courses, availability of college prep programs. Mr. Barker provided an overview as requested.

On one final note Mr. Unrau expressed the interest in developing more support in the bookkeeping and HR department.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm by Mr. Sparks, Chairman.