



BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2013

4:00 PM
Ben Franklin Academy

- 4:00 CSSI Report (1 hour)
- 5:00 Adjourn

- 5:00 Open Foundation Board Meeting
- Discuss Tree Fundraiser
- Discuss Greenhouse (tentative)
- 5:30 Adjourn

Attendance: Jason Sanders, Paige Brock, Jason Sunahara, Staci Ferguson, Becky Mullen, Matt Matherly, Ward Cerny (came late).

Other Notables: Bob Barber (principal), Diana Simpson (Academic Director), Shelly Dana (PTO President), Amy Taylor (SAC Representative), Carrie Keen (PAC Chair), Brenda Sepan (Business Manager).

- 5:30 Opening (5 minutes) – Jason Sanders
 - Welcome/Announcements/mission/vision
 - Pledge of allegiance
 - Amend/approve agenda
 - Jason Sanders moves to amend the agenda to change the board election to 10 minutes to include appointing a board member.
 - Paige Brock seconds the motion.
 - The motion is unanimously approved.
 - Announce results of the board election (5 minutes)
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- Jason Sanders makes a motion to appoint Jason Sunahara to the open board seat (seat 4).
 - Paige Brock seconds the motion.
 - The motion is unanimously approved.
- We reviewed the IP addresses on the votes and noted that there were 2 irregular votes, which would not skew the results.
- Matt Matherly won with 61% of the votes.
- Jason Sanders moves to accept the results of the Parent Voting Group, voting for Matt Matherly to fill seat 3.
 - Becky Mullen seconds the motion.
 - The motion is unanimously approved.
- Consent agenda (5 minutes) – Jason Sunahara
 - Approve minutes from April 16, 2013 board meeting
 - Jason Sanders moves to approve the consent agenda with the addition of Jason Sanders attending the April board meeting on the April minutes.
 - Paige Brock seconds the motion.
 - The motion is unanimously approved.
- Open Comments (3 minutes/person) – Jason Sunahara
 - Remarks will be limited to three minutes.
- Student Survey (15 minutes) – SAC
 - Over all students are happy with BFA.
- Further discuss roles of board committees (10 minutes) – Jason Sanders
 - Discussed the possibility of have a fundraising committee that would coordinate all fundraising. This would be PTO, Middle School Trips, Preschool, etc.
 - Discussed merging PAC and marketing committees. More discussion and a set plan need to be presented.
- Greenhouse update (10 minutes)
 - Can not move forward at the time, we will need to re permit.
- Principal's report (30 minutes) – Bob Barber
- Treasure's Report (5 minutes) – Jason Sunahara
 - Motion: Approve March 2013 financials
 - Jason Sunahara moves to approve the March 2013 financials.
 - Jason Sanders seconds the motion
 - The motion is unanimously approved.
- Committee Reports
 - Technology (5 minutes)
 - Looking to add computers for our second tech lab.

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- Marketing (5 minutes)
- PAC (5 minutes)
 - Reviewed the PAC log
- PTO (5 minutes)
- STEM (5 minutes)
- Grant (5 minutes)
- Finance (5 minutes)
- SAC (5 minutes)
 - Policy review
 - Homework Policy
 - Meta Policy
 - Grading Policy
- Becky Mullen and Paige Brock left
- Uniform (5 minutes)
 - Had a middle school try on 2 new style of pants.
 - Staci Ferguson moves to approve 2 new styles of pants and 2 new styles of shorts (for a total of 4 items), for the middle school girls.
 - Jason Sunahara seconds the motion
 - The motion is unanimously approved.
- Prepare for board retreat (10 minutes) – Jason Sanders
- Discuss CSSI report (10 minutes) – Jason Sanders
 - We received 15 4's, which is a lot compared to other charter schools.
- Ward Cerny, Becky Mullen, and Paige Brock came in.
- Convene in executive session (a closed session) (20 minutes) - Sanders
 - Motion to resolve into executive session according to C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4)(f) to discuss personnel matters.
 - Jason Sanders moves to resolve into executive session according to C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4)(f) to discuss personnel matters.
 - Staci Ferguson seconds the motion
 - Yeas – Jason Sunahara, Matt Matherly, Becky Mullen, Ward Cerny, Paige Brock.
 - Jason Sanders moves to convene out of executive session according to C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4)(f) to discuss personnel matters.
 - Jason Sunahara seconds the motion
 - Yeas – Staci Ferguson, Becky Mullen, Paige Brock, and Ward Cerny
 - Matt Matherly left during the executive session
 - No Votes were taken while in executive session.

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- Summary
 - Newsletter
 - Review action items
 - Review votes
 - Review future board agenda items
- Adjourn
 - Jason Sanders moves to adjourn
 - Jason Sunahara seconds the motion
 - The motion is unanimously approved.

All board meetings are open to the public and are conducted in compliance with Colorado Open Meeting Requirements.

The Ben Franklin Academy Board works for the students, parents and patrons of Ben Franklin Academy in promoting the vision and mission of the school. Community input that can help the Board meet the challenge of educating our children to our high standards is always welcome. Thus, the Board welcomes comments from members of the public during the public comment time set aside on the agenda on any topic.

The Board may choose to respond to public comments during this open forum but is not required to do so. The Board will only take action on items listed on the agenda. For other matters, the Board will receive comments only, and may, at its discretion, refer the matter or calendar the issue for future discussion.

This is our opportunity to hear from students, parents and patrons for deliberation and discussion.

MISSION

The mission of Ben Franklin Academy is to develop young adults with character like America's founding Renaissance man, Benjamin Franklin: well-read, scientifically curious, and civically engaged.

VISION

Our students will excel academically through a challenging, sequenced curriculum that emphasizes math, science, and literacy. We will be a data driven institution, focusing on individual students. Our students, teachers, parents, staff, and leaders will be held accountable for the success of our school. Finally, we recognize that an education is incomplete without fostering the arts, sports, nature, and character.

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