



BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2012

5:45 PM
Ben Franklin Academy

Attendance: Jason Sanders, Paige Brock, Jason Sunahara, Staci Ferguson, Matt Matherly, Becky Mullen, Ward Cerny

Other Notables: Bob Barber (Principal), Diana Simpson (Elementary Academic Director), Shelly Dana (PTO President), Susie McCoy (PAC Representative)

- Opening (5 minutes) – Jason Sunahara
 - Welcome/Announcements/mission/vision
 - Pledge of allegiance
 - Amend/approve agenda
 - Jason Sanders moves to approve the agenda
 - Jason Sunahara seconds the motion
 - The motion is unanimously approved.
 - Review calendar (5 minutes) – Staci Ferguson
 - Consent agenda (5 minutes) – Jason Sunahara
 - Approve minutes from November 13, 2012, board meeting
 - Jason Sanders moves to approve the consent agenda
 - Paige Brock seconds the motion
 - The motion is unanimously approved.
 - Open Comments (3 minutes/person) – Jason Sunahara
 - Remarks will be limited to three minutes.
 - Coordinate fundraising priorities
 - PTO fundraising
 - Foundation fundraising
 - Should we organize a committee to coordinate master plan development?
 - Bond Financing (30 minutes) – Russ Caldwell
 - Cut financing cost by a lot
 - Have a lot more funds for the classroom
 - Principal's report (45 minutes) – Bob Barber
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- Treasurers report (5 minutes) – Jason Sunahara
 - \$895,000 cash on hand, \$1.4 million in assets
 - Approve November 2012 financials
 - Jason Sunahara moves to approve the November Financials as recommended by the Finance Committee.
 - Jason Sanders seconds the motion
 - The motion is unanimously approved.
- Committee Reports
 - Technology (5 minutes)
 - Purchased 35 computers last month, in the hands of teachers. Purchasing another 35 and cart this month.
 - Marketing (5 minutes)
 - Need more “Stay Curious” video submission
 - PAC (5 minutes)
 - Concerns about the mandatory volunteer hours
 - Concerns about Middle School, not true. Need to talk to the administration.
 - PTO (5 minutes)
 - STEM (5 minutes)
 - Working on the science fair and scheduling
 - Grant (5 minutes)
 - Finance (5 minutes)
 - Invest in a government asset pool.
 - 1st reading of changes to the Asset Management Policy, regarding with draws.
 - SAC (5 minutes)
- Approve the calendar for the 2012-13 academic year (10 minutes)
 - Jason Sanders moves to approve the amended calendar.
 - Jason Sanders seconds the motion
 - The motion is unanimously approved
- Second reading of the teacher compensation policy (10 minutes)
 - Need an example for the formula. We will discuss this at the January board meeting.
- Discuss lunch and carpool volunteer requirements (10 minutes)
- Training (15 minutes)
 - Board visit days are recommended.

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- January's training will be Ward teaching the board members how to read the financial statements.
- 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 Sunahara moves to resolve into executive session according to C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4)(f) to discuss personnel matters.
 - Becky Mullen seconds the motion.
 - Yeas – Jason Sanders, Matt Matherly, Paige Brock, Staci Ferguson, Ward Cerny.
 - Paige Brock moves to resolve out of executive session according to C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4)(f) to discuss personnel matters.
 - Ward Cerny seconds the motion
 - Yeas – Jason Sanders, Matt Matherly, Becky Mullen, Jason Sunahara (Staci Ferguson left during executive session)
 - No votes were taken while in executive session.
- Summary
 - Newsletter
 - Review action items
 - Review votes
 - Review future board agenda items
- Paige Brock moves to adjourn
 - Matt Matherly seconds the motion

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.

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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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