



BOARD MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2012

4:30 PM

Ben Franklin Academy Library

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

- Opening (5 minutes) – Sunahara
 - Welcome and announcements
 - Recitation of BFA’s mission & vision
 - Pledge of allegiance
 - Amend/approve agenda
 - Jason Sanders moves to add the financials to the end and move Becky Mullen’s items to before the financials, and add a spot for open comments.
 - Matt Matherly seconds the motion
 - The motion is unanimously approved.
 - Consent agenda (5 minutes) – Sunahara
 - Approve minutes from June 8, 2012, board meeting
 - Approve Traffic Policy
 - Approve revised Grading Policy
 - Approve revised Student Handbook
 - Jason Sanders moves to remove the Student Handbook from the consent agenda and add it to after board president comments.
 - Jason Sunahara seconds the motion
 - The motion is unanimously approved.
 - Ward Cerny moves to approve the amended consent agenda.
 - Matt Matherly seconds the motion
 - The motion is unanimously approved.
 - Board President’s Comments (5 Minutes)
 - Student Handbook –
 - Need revise dates and we will review at the next board meeting.
 - Principal’s report (45 minutes)
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- TCAP Results – We now have a baseline to go from. We did well overall though.
- Review schedule for middle school and elementary.
- Review and approve the principal’s evaluation standards for 2012-13 (20 minutes) – Sanders
 - We will go over this in the January board meeting with Bob so he knows where we stand and how to change.
- Board evaluation results (20 minutes) – Brock
 - Strategic Plan, training, and community enhancement and relationship are three we need to focus on.
- Middle School Trips –
 - 6th grade is Outdoor Ed.
 - 7th grade is a STEM related trip – space camp.
- Parent-teacher survey (20 minutes) – Sunahara
- Strategic plan (30 minutes) – Matherly
 - It is long right now and needs to be shorter.
 - We will need to form a committee (Board members and Bob Barber).
- Committee Reports
 - Technology (15 minutes)
 - New operating system for the apple TV
 - 60 ipads more, 2 carts (4 total), 14 bundles of 5 (70) macbook pros are going to be ordered.
 - Marketing (5 minutes)
 - Teacher pages are going live tomorrow.
 - ½ of the video is going live on 1st day of school; the other ½ will go live later. Looks good so far.
 - PAC (5 minutes)
 - Approve revised bylaws
 - Jason Sanders makes a motion to approve therevised PAC bylaws
 - Jason Sunahara seconds the motion
 - The motion is unanimously approved
 - Socials: 3-5 social this Thursday, K-2 social next Thursday
 - Registration Dates August 30th - 31st
 - Mentoring program for new families to BFA
 - PTO (5 minutes)

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- Ben Franklin Leadership forum – Invite all leaders of the school (board, committees, any one who wants to join or lead these committees). Held on Oct 3rd of 10th.
- STEM (5 minutes)
 - Planning for the Expo right now.
- Grant (5 minutes)
 - Received permission to draw down 25% (\$45,000) of the CDE grant year 3 funds now.
 - Working on identifying grants for teachers.
 - Transportation costs for the field trips (6th and 7th grade)
 - Greenhouse – still fund raising
- Finance (5 minutes)
 - Did meet in July and August.
 - Auditor – coming this week. Audit will be done by the end of the month.
 - To consider in our financials: greenhouse funding. We may be on the hook for more and carpool software.
- SAC (5 minutes)
- Uniform (5 Minutes)
- Future Board Meeting Schedule (5 Minutes) – Becky Mullen
 - We will be moving our board meetings to 5:30 on Tuesdays.
- Financials – Cerny
 - Jason Sanders makes a motion to approve the June and July 2011 financials, and year end as recommended by the finance committee.
 - Jason Sunahara seconds the motion
 - The motion is unanimously approved
 - Ward Cerny makes a motion to raise the contingency reserve savings from 3% to 5% on a monthly bases
 - Jason Sanders seconds the motion
 - The motion is unanimously approved
- Summary
 - Newsletter
 - Review action items
 - Review votes
 - Review future board agenda items
- Jason Sanders makes a motion to adjourn the meeting
 - Paige Brock seconds the motion.

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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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