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BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2012

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5:45 PM  
Ben Franklin Academy

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

Other Notables: Bob Barber (Principal), Jason Cochrane (Middle School Academic Director), Diana Simpson (Elementary Academic Director), Kristen Goldberg (Preschool Director), Brenda Sepan (Business Manager), Shelly Dana (PTO President), Susie McCoy (PAC Representative), and Anne Citrin (SAC President)

- Opening (5 minutes) – Jason Sunahara
    - Welcome/Announcements/mission/vision
    - Pledge of allegiance
    - Amend/approve agenda
      - Jason Sunahara moves to amend the agenda to include as part of the consent agenda to approve the minutes from the October 25<sup>th</sup> special board meeting. And also a comment for Jason Sanders at the end of the agenda.
        - Ward Cerny seconds the motion
        - The motion is unanimously approved
      - Jason Sunahara moves to approve the agenda.
        - Paige Brock seconds the motion
        - The motion is unanimously approved.
  - Consent agenda (5 minutes) – Jason Sunahara
    - Approve minutes from October 9, 2012, board meeting
    - Approve minutes from October 25, 2012 board meeting
    - Jason Sanders moves to approve the consent agenda.
      - Becky Mullen seconds the motion
      - The motion is unanimously approved.
  - Open Comments (3 minutes/person) – Jason Sunahara
    - Remarks will be limited to three minutes.
      - Jay Richard – Parent: Spoke against the late start for the 2013-2014 school year
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- Judith Anhuth – Parent: Spoke against the late start for the 2013-2014 school year
- Susie McCoy – Parent: Spoke against the late start for the 2013-2014 school year.
- Shelly Dana – Parent: Spoke about parent communication regarding Kacie Holden.
- Principal's report (45 minutes) – Bob Barber
  - We have 768 enrolled and 701 on the waitlist.
  - Went over the assessments and where our school is.
- Committee Reports
  - PAC (5 minutes)
    - No issues this month.
  - PTO (5 minutes)
    - Need to replace Brenda Sarconi (lunch)
  - STEM (5 minutes)
    - Science Fair:
      - Middle School – January: so we can qualify students to go to the regional science fair.
      - Elementary – February
    - Energy Week – will take place at the end of the school year.
  - Grant (5 minutes)
    - Moving along with identifying grants
  - Greenhouse (5 minutes)
    - Received initial plans
  - Finance (5 minutes)
  - Marketing (5 minutes)
    - Re -launching the Twitter account
  - SAC (5 minutes)
    - Willing to help and has done research on the UIP
  - Technology (5 minutes)
    - Bought 35 new mac book pros and a cart.
- Treasurers report (5 minutes) – Jason Sunahara
  - Approve September 2012 financials
    - Ward Cerny moves to approve the September 30<sup>th</sup> ending financials
    - Jason Sunahara seconds the motion
    - The motion is unanimously approved (Jason Sanders was absent)
  - Approve October 2012 financials

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- \$904,000 in cash on hand
- \$1.5 million in assets
- Ward Cerny moves to approve the October 31<sup>st</sup> ending financials
  - Jason Sunahara seconds the motion
  - The motion is unanimously approved (Jason Sanders was absent).
- First Reading of the 2013-2012 calendar –
  - We reviewed the proposed calendars and decided that we would like some parent feedback.
- First reading of teacher compensation policy – Bob Barber
  - Concerns are that the threshold goes higher and higher with no ceiling.
  - We need to decide soon so Bob Barber can let the teacher know in March.
- Strategic Plan – Matt Matherly
  - Each board member needs to have a copy on us at all times so we can check ourselves against it and see if we are meeting the objectives.
  - We should review it on a semi annual basis, December and June.
- Training – Staci Ferguson
  - Elementary and Middle School Curriculums
- Jason Sanders –
  - Working on a Charter High School. It would be a feeder HS for 5 or so charter schools.
- Budget
  - Jason Sunahara makes a motion to approve the budget with the revision of item 1920 to \$60,000 from \$85,000
    - Jason Sanders seconds the motion
    - The motion is unanimously approved
- 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.
      - Staci Ferguson seconds the motion
      - Yeas - Jason Sanders, Paige Brock, Ward Cerny, Becky Mullen, Matt Matherly

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- Paige Brock left during the executive session.
- Jason Sunahara moves to resolve out of executive session according to C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4)(f) to discuss personnel matters.
  - Jason Sanders seconds the motion
  - Yeas – Staci Ferguson, Ward Cerny, Becky Mullen, Matt Matherly
    - No votes were taken while in executive session.
- Summary
  - Newsletter
  - Review action items
  - Review votes
  - Review future board agenda items
- Adjourn
  - Jason Sunahara makes a motion to adjourn
    - Staci Ferguson 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.

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.

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## 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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