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BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2023

5:30 PM – Middle School Commons – Ben Franklin Academy

Join Zoom Meeting:

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### **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, the arts, 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 social emotional development, character, sports, and nature.

### **STRATEGIC GOALS**

- 1) Improve educational experience with positive school culture and a focus on enhancement of Middle School Electives
- 2) Maintain financial stability and transparency with a focus on facility management and improvement
- 3) Increase parent satisfaction and engagement and demand for enrollment
- 4) Retain and recruit high quality staff
- 5) Accountability of all stakeholders for the success of BFA
- 6) High functioning Board and quality governance
- 7) Renew Charter Contract by June 30, 2024

Board Attendees: Haley Maglieri, Adam Lucero, Stephen Bentley, Mette Castor, Melody Matthews, Sarah Nisbet, Keri Street,

Other Attendees: Diana Simpson, Aric Gomez, Erika Kranz

Zoom Attendees: Halsley Hoff, Hawkins, Janelle Nichols, Chandra Monis, Alaina Tinney, Hanni McNellis, Hannah Knoth, Greg Todd, Rachel Blatter, Sheri, Kara's iphone, Kyle, Judy Silva, Celeste, Dana Gryniewicz, John Henson, Taylor Carney, Rory, Amber, David W, Kristin Clark-Bretch, Malia, Betsy Brown

### **Haley calls the meeting to order at 5:30 PM**

- **Opening – Haley Maglieri**
  - Welcome/Announcements/Intros
  - Mission/Vision
  - Pledge of Allegiance

- Amend/Approve Agenda
  - Haley motions to approve the Agenda
  - Stephen seconds the motion
  - The Agenda is unanimously approved
- **Consent Agenda – Haley Maglieri**
  - Approve Minutes of the September 19, 2023 Board Meeting and September 27, 2023 Special Board Meeting
    - Haley motions to approve the Consent Agenda
    - Sarah seconds the motion
    - The Consent Agenda is unanimously approved
- **Open Comments – Mette Castor**
  - Remarks are limited to three minutes per person. See guidelines below.
  - Open comments received before noon on Tuesday, September 19, 2023 were read at the meeting.
    - No open comments were received/read
- **Good News From BFA – Mette Castor**
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Graders had a great time at Outdoor Ed
  - Conferences were well attended
  - PTO Franklin Fest was a great community event
  - 5<sup>th</sup> graders participated in the Civil War reenactment yesterday
  - Spirit Week is in full swing and the middle schoolers will have a parade and dance on Friday
- **Board BOLTS – Haley Maglieri**
  - Recognize October 2023 Board BOLTS
- **Treasurer's Report – Sarah Nisbet and Halsley Hoff**
  - Review September 2023 Financials. The Finance Committee has reviewed and recommends approval of the September Financials.
  - Vote to approve the September Financials.
    - Sarah motions to approve the September Financials
    - Adam seconds the motion
    - The September Financials are unanimously approved
  - Review and approve the 2022-2023 Audit
    - Sarah motions to approve the 2022-2023 Audit
    - Adam seconds the motion
    - The 2022-2023 Audit is unanimously approved
- **Review and Approve 2024-2025 School Calendar**
  - Haley motions to approve School Calendar Option A
  - Keri seconds the motion
  - School Calendar Option A is unanimously approved
- **Principal's Report – Diana Simpson**
  - Principal Simpson discussed her report (written report submitted)

- **Policy Review – Haley Maglieri**
  - Staff Complaint and Grievance Form
- **Review SAC Parent Survey Questions – Melody Matthews**
- **PTO Report – Keri Street**
  - Written report submitted
- **Board Committee Reports**
  - Facility Committee – Adam Lucero
  - Community Events Committee – Mette Castor
  - Curriculum Committee – Haley Maglieri
  - School Accountability Committee – Melody Matthews
  - STEM Committee – Stephen Bentley
  - Finance Committee – Sarah Nisbet
- **Summary with Calendar**

SAC Meeting	November 2
No School (Teacher In-Service)	November 3
PTO Meeting	November 8
Ben’s Brigade	November 9
Veteran’s Day Celebration	November 10
November Board Meeting	November 14
Thanksgiving Holiday	November 20-24
Second Grade Musical	November 29
Third Grade Musical	November 30

- **Closing**
  - Review Action Items
  - Review Votes
  - Future Agenda Items
- **Adjourn**
  - Haley motions to adjourn the meeting
  - Stephen seconds the motion
  - Haley adjourns the meeting at 8:06 PM

All Ben Franklin Academy (BFA) Board of Directors (Board) meetings are open to the public and are conducted in compliance with Colorado Open Meetings Requirements.

The BFA Board works for the students, parents, and patrons of BFA in promoting the Vision and Mission of the school. Community input that can help the Board meet the challenge of educating children to BFA’s 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.

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