



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 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, Stephen Bentley, Mette Castor, Melody Matthews, Sarah Nisbet, Keri Street, Adam Lucero via Zoom

Other Attendees: Diana Simpson

Zoom Attendees: Halsley Hoff, Sabia Sabia, Hawkins, Janelle Nichols, Chandra Monis, Alaina Tinney, Hanni McNellis, Jacqui Condon, Hannah Knoth, Marissa, Aric Gomez, Kirsten Brown, Andy Contiguglia

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 amended Agenda
 - Sarah seconds the motion
 - The amended Agenda is unanimously approved

- **Consent Agenda – Haley Maglieri**
 - Approve Minutes of the August 22, 2023 Board Meeting ○ Haley motions to approve the Consent Agenda ○ Mette 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.
 - One open comment was received/read

- **Good News From BFA – Sarah Nisbet**
 - Boys Soccer and Girls Volleyball seasons are halfway through
 - Goodies with Grandparents was well attended
 - Carpool is ending at about 4:00 each day
 - 7th Graders are attending Outdoor Ed in Granby

- **Board BOLTS – Haley Maglieri**
 - Recognize September 2023 Board BOLTS

- **Treasurer’s Report – Sarah Nisbet and Halsley Hoff** ○ Review August 2023 Financials. The Finance Committee has reviewed and recommends approval of the August Financials.
 - Vote to approve the August Financials.
 - Sarah motions to approve the August Financials
 - Stephen seconds the motion
 - The August Financials are unanimously approved

- **Mindful in the Middle Content Review – Diana Simpson**

- **Principal’s Report – Diana Simpson** ○ Principal Simpson discussed her report (written report submitted)

- **Policy Review – Haley Maglieri** ○ Parent Communication Policy ○ Teacher Compensation Policy
 - Volunteer and Visitor Policy

- **Consider Resolution to Support DCSD MLO/Bond – Haley Maglieri** ○ Vote to approve Resolution to support DCSD MLO Override
 - Resolution was unanimously approved

- **Retention of Counsel for 2023-2024 School Year – Haley Maglieri** ○ Vote to retain counsel for 2023-2024 School Year
 - Vote to retain counsel was unanimously approved

- **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
- **Building Corporation Resolution – Sarah Nisbet**
 - Sarah moves to vote on seats for Building Corporation
 - Seats for Building Corporation unanimously approved
- **Summary with Calendar**

Parenting Seminar	September 20
No School (Professional Development Day)	September 22
Franklin Fest	September 30
CEC Monthly Meeting	October 3
PTO Monthly Meeting	October 4
SAC Monthly Meeting	October 5
Mornings with Mom (CEC)	October 6
6 th Grade Outdoor Ed	October 9-12
Parent/Teacher Conferences	October 10/12
No School	October 13
Fall Break	October 16-20
October Board Meeting	October 24

- **Closing**
 - Review Action Items
 - Review Votes
 - Future Agenda Items
 - Policies for Review in October: Staff Complaint and Grievance Form
 - Executive Session on September 27th, 8:30 am
- **Adjourn**
 - Haley motions to adjourn the meeting
 - Mette seconds the motion
 - Haley adjourns the meeting at 8:18 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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