

BADEN ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting

January 16, 2017

Call to order

The meeting was called to order on Monday, January 16 at 5:00 by Mr. Jerry Fleeson

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present:

Mr. Jerry Fleeson

Mrs. Marta Karwoski

Dr. Alison Mirasola

Mr. John Silbert

Dr. Andrew Oberg

Mr. David Yates

Dr. Rossi-Keen

Adopt Agenda

Dr. Rossi-Keen motioned to adopt the agenda. Ms. Karwoski seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Silbert motioned that the board approve the minutes from the December 19, 2016 board meeting. Mr. Fleeson seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Public Comment None

Administrator's Report

Ms. Bensink reported that we did start our after school tutoring program. We currently have 26 students in the program. There will be about 40 total students. Some students couldn't stay after school due to transportation issues, so Lincoln Learning gave us an at-home tool that those students could use. It will be an online tutorial guided by one of our teachers. Our students just finished their second benchmark which will aid us in gauging the success of the tutoring program.

Financial Report

Mrs. Karwoski motioned that the Board approve a and b of the financial report below and it was seconded by Dr. Mirasola. The motion was passed unanimously.

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a. Recommend that the Board approve the attached financial statements as of December 31, 2016

b. Recommend the Board approve the list of invoices paid in December 2016 totaling \$494,661.57 from the general fund.

Correspondence Lincoln Learning service report for December 2016 was submitted.

Solicitor's Report None

Truancy Policy

Mr. Silbert motioned that the Board approve the Baden Academy Truancy Policy. Mr. Fleeson seconded the motion. Mrs. Karwoski asked if the statement that “will be in the mode and language of communication preferred by the person in parental relation” means that it can be in an email? Mr. Pollak explained that this policy is taken from the State and it doesn't provide more guidance than that wording, but that is our interpretation of the statement. Mrs. Karwoski also asked how we let the districts know that the students are truant. Mr. Pollak said that if we remove a student for truancy, this is covered in our enrollment policy about notifying district. Mrs. Karwoski also asked who signs the truancy letters for us, Ms. Bensink told her that Michelle Poskin, our assistant principal, does that for Baden Academy. The motion was unanimously approved.

Hearing Officer Policy

Dr. Mirasola motioned that the Board approve the Baden Academy Board Hearing Officer Policy. Mr. Fleeson seconded the motion. Mr. Fleeson asked if the Board needs to appoint this officer. Mr. Pollak said that it acknowledges all Board members as Hearing officers. That way you could use any member, as long as there are 2 of them, as officers. This way if there needed to be an expulsion hearing immediately, it could be handled by just having 2 of the Board members there. Mrs. Karwoski asked if we would need a solicitor there. Mr. Pollak said that typically there is council, but it all depends on the situation. It is an appealable process, so it would be good to have council there, but you don't have to. Mr. Silbert asked if there was a set composition of the hearing board. Mr. Pollak said that regulations state that it can be a full board, a committee of the board, or hearing officer appointed by the board. So this policy designates all board members to be hearing officers. So it can be the entire board or any group of board members smaller than that. It cannot be the administration because they serve as the prosecution. The final decision is the entire board. So if the entire board is at the hearing, it can be decided then. If not, then the Hearing officers will take their recommendations to the Board, who will then vote on it. If we would have a quorum at the hearing, it would need to be advertised. You wouldn't disclose the individual student, but the ultimate vote would need to be in public session. You would advertise that a special disciplinary meeting will be held. But the hearing itself would essentially be in executive session, the vote would need to be in public session. The motion was unanimously passed.

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Barrels to Beethoven Program

Mr. Fleeson motioned that the Board approve the Barrels to Beethoven Program. Dr. Mirasola seconded the motion. Ms. Bensink explained the program uses Steel Pan's. It is used to help students improve their learning abilities, it improves their math skills, and also their ability for social interaction. This money will come from our arts budget. It will start immediately. It will be held on Friday morning. The program was unanimously approved.

Executive Session

Mr. Silbert motioned to move into Executive Session in order to discuss Personnel issues in accordance with the Sunshine Law. Mrs. Karwoski seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously. Mr. Fleeson motioned and Mrs. Karwoski seconded to leave executive session. Motion carried.

Personnel Report

Mr. Yates motioned to approve the personnel report dated January 16, 2017 and Mrs. Karwoski seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Kaboom playground grant

Mr. Fleeson motioned to amend item #13 to read: Recommend that the Board gives a pending approval for a playground grant through KaBOOM pending approval from the Sisters of St. Joseph to the contract. Dr. Rossi-Keen seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Silbert motioned that the Board approves to seek a playground grant from KaBoom pending approval from the Sisters of St. Joseph. Mr. Fleeson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Board Officer Nominations

Dr. Mirasola nominated Jerry Fleeson for Board President, and Mr. Yates seconded the nomination. Mr. Fleeson accepted the nomination and he was unanimously approved.

Dr. Oberg nominated Marta Karwoski for Board Vice-President, and Dr. Mirasola seconded the nomination. Mrs. Karwoski accepted the nomination and she was unanimously approved.

Mr. Fleeson nominated Pamela Rossi-Keen to remain Board Secretary, and Dr. Oberg seconded the nomination. Dr. Rossi-Keen accepted the nomination and she was unanimously approved.

Mr. Fleeson nominated Andrew Oberg for Board Treasurer, and Mrs. Karwoski seconded the nomination. Dr. Oberg accepted the nomination and he was unanimously approved.

Board Members Questions & Comments None

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Adjourn

Mr. Silbert motioned that the Board adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Dr. Oberg. The motion was passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Signed by: _____

Dr. Pamela Rossi-Keen

Board Secretary

