

**BADEN ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
*Regular Meeting*

*July 18, 2016*

**Call to order**

The meeting was called to order on Monday, July 18, 2016 by Mr. Fleeson, at 5:00pm

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

Present:

Mr. Jerry Fleeson

Mrs. Marta Karwoski

Dr. Andrew Oberg

Mr. John Silbert

Absent:

Dr. Pamela Rossi-Keen

Dr. Alison Mirasola

**Adopt Agenda**

Dr. Oberg motioned to adopt the agenda. Mrs. Karwoski seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mrs. Karwoski motioned that the Board approve the minutes dated June 20, 2016 and was seconded by Mr. Fleeson. It was unanimously passed.

**Public Comment** None

**Administrator's Report**

Ms. Bensink reported that we had a food service audit and 2 things came up. We talked about the corrective action needed to rectify our food service. We have 2 options that we could do, one is to hire our own Food Service management or we could become a true site under Midland. At the last meeting the board thought that we should hire our own service management company, however, the time is limited so it could not be done before school started. We are going to keep moving forward with that choice for next year, however, the safest way is to be a site under Midland this year.

Also, the state told us that we should have been charging \$2.70 for lunches. We will address this with Midland and get their input with the lunch price. Since we are going to be a site under Midland we don't think that the lunch price will apply to us anymore and it will be up to Midland to set the price.

Jason Palazzi explained to the Board that Lincoln Learning suggested changing the financials to be more in depth each month. Jason suggested that he submit the financial reports in the new format next month and see if the Board likes the new format. The Board agreed.

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Ms. Bensink explained to the Board that a certified letter was sent to Ambridge letting them know that we would like to renew our charter and asking if they needed anything since the date is coming up, October 1, 2016. Mrs. Karwoski asked if Ambridge had a time frame in which to answer us. The solicitor said that they had 4 years to respond but we could keep operating during this time until they would renew or deny.

**Correspondence** None

**Solicitor's Report**

Some good news was reported. We got some language into the school code having to do with redirection. This was one of the main issues in the charter school lawsuit. So far the lawsuit has really been successful in getting charter schools paid.

**Change to student handbook**

Mrs. Karwoski recommended that the Board approve changes to the student handbook, attached. Dr. Oberg seconded the motion. The changes are just adding that 5 unexcused early dismissals or 5 unexcused tardies would equal 1 unexcused day. It was approved by all.

**Financial**

Mr. Fleeson motioned that the Board approved the financial item a. and b. below, Dr. Oberg seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

- a. Recommend the Board approve the attached financial statements as of June 30, 2016**
- b. Recommend the Board approve the list of invoices paid in June 2016 totaling \$474,173.28 from the General Fund**

**Lunch Site under Midland School District**

Mr. Fleeson recommended that the Board approve becoming a site under Midland School District for lunch for the 2016-2017 School Year. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Karwoski. Mrs. Karwoski asked what the benefits would be for us to become a site under Midland. Ms. Bensink explained that Midland would be responsible for collecting moneys and we wouldn't have that loss this year. We are only a heat and serve cafeteria. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

**Executive Session**

Mr. Silbert motioned to move into Executive Session in order to discuss Personnel issues in accordance with the Sunshine Law. Dr. Oberg seconded the motion and it was approved

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unanimously. Mr. Silbert motioned and Dr. Oberg seconded to leave executive session. Motion carried.

**Contracts**

Mr. Fleeson explained that the Board would not vote on the contracts until further review of by the solicitor. The Board agreed to continue the meeting to reconvene on August 1 to approve the contracts via conference call.

**Personnel Report**

Dr. Rossi-Keen motioned to amend the Personnel Report dated June 20, 2016 and it was seconded by Mrs. Karwoski to include hiring of the positions of principal and assistant principal. It was unanimously approved. Mr. Fleeson motioned to approve the amended personnel report and Dr. Oberg seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Board Member questions and comments**

Mr. Fleeson proposed that the Board have a luncheon with the teachers on August 15, the first day back. Ms. Bensink offered to have it catered for all. The Board agreed to meet and greet with the teachers at noon.

**Reconvene**

The Board reconvened on August 1, 2016 at 5:00 via conference call to discuss the 3 contract revisions. It was an executive session and no voting took place. On August 15, Mr. Silbert motioned to adjourn the July 18 meeting and it was seconded by Mrs. Karwoski. It was unanimously approved.

Signed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Dr. Pamela Rossi-Keen

Board Secretary