

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

March 20, 2017

Call to order

The meeting was called to order on Monday, March 20 at 5:00 by Dr. Rossi-Keen.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present:	Absent
Mrs. Marta Karwoski	Mr. Jerry Fleeson
Mr. John Silbert	Dr. Alison Mirasola
Dr. Andrew Oberg	
Mr. David Yates	
Dr. Rossi-Keen	

Adopt Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Yates motioned that the board approve the minutes from the February 20, 2017 board meeting. Dr. Rossi-Keen seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Public Comment None

Administrator's Report

Mr. Davis reported on the migration. He informed the Board that the migration of Baden Academy email has been completed. We are now getting administrator credentials for our active directory. Now if employees need access to email or are locked out, Mr. Davis or Mrs. Sangermano can handle that. We found a free ticketing system to have for the teacher to utilize for tech issues. That way if Mr. Davis is busy Mrs. Sangermano can grab the ticket and help someone out. We are ready to migrate to Google now.

Ms. Bensink said that we were told by our management company that they will no longer offer health care. We are looking at a firm that Joshua Pollak recommended from Philadelphia to get a quote. We also approached the BVIU to see if we can get healthcare through them. We were made aware that Ambridge may look at going through the Allegheny intermediate unit for insurance, so we asked Allegheny if we could go through them. They said we could go through them in an independent plan. So we will look at all numbers and quotes.

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Ms. Bensink gave a playground update. She said that a student representative from each 26 classes came to the planning session on design day with a picture of what their class envisioned for our playground. We had everything from Jacuzzi's and swimming pools, and a giant life-size chess game. But the basic things they all wanted were more climbing areas, walls, etc. The adults then met with the adults and it was a very lively meeting. The KaBoom representative will then come back with 3 different designs for us to choose from. There will be wheelchair access.

We did get a call from Ambridge's superintendent asking to come and tour the school next week. He also gave us a list of documents that they wanted to see while they were here.

In addition to Ambridge's coming, that night will be our annual 6th grade vs. staff basketball game. Proceeds will benefit the 6th grade end of year celebration.

We had our first day of kindergarten screening today. It went well; however, Mrs. Martin will give you a report on screenings next month since they still have another day of screening.

Mrs. Sangermano reported that the lottery was held and went well. We had Board members, administrators and our solicitor present. One issue that we would address next year is to use bingo balls for the drawing. Slips of paper can seem that we don't mix them well, etc. Mr. Oberg asked how many students ended up on the waitlist. We have 30 kindergartners that are now on the waitlist.

Financial Report

Dr. Rossi-Keen motioned that the Board approve a through c of the financial report below and it was seconded by Mrs. Karwoski. Dr. Oberg asked if we have not received Rochester's funding yet. It was verified that they do unipay and don't pay us directly. Mr. Pollak informed the Board that the new rates for school districts came out today. After discussion it was said that the Board would approve the financials, subject to change based on the school district adjustment by PDE. The motion was passed unanimously.

- a. Recommend that the Board approve the attached financial statements as of February 28, 2017**
- b. Recommend the Board approve the list of invoices paid in February 2017 totaling \$262,557.89 from the general fund.**

Correspondence Lincoln Learning service report for February 2017 was submitted.

Solicitor's Report None

BVIU internet agreement

Dr. Oberg motioned that the Board approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the BVIU to obtain Fiber WAN RFP (internet consortium). Mr. Yates seconded the motion. Mr. Davis

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explained that we joined the consortium in the middle of their contract. They are at the end of their 5 year cycle and we are only 2 years into our contract. They are changing their internet access company. Mr. Davis said that he has been in contact with John, the technology director at the BVIU trying to understand what this means for Baden Academy. Right now our understanding is that we have to honor our Sunesys contract for the next 3 years; they won't let us out of the contract without a buyout. We are paying \$1000/mo. so depending on the percentage that could be a pretty high buyout. John did speak with DQE because that is who the BVIU is contracting with. DQE does want the whole county, so they are willing to take over sending us the signal for free for the first 3 years, so we would basically be paying the \$1000 a month to Sunesys and we would get our erate at 60%. Right now DQE would have cost us \$599 so it is going to end up costing us about \$160 more than we are currently paying. DQE is proposing a 10 gig pipe, but we are on a 1gig infrastructure, so we are looking at options for this. Right now, since we are on Sunesys we are only getting 1 gig. DQE rate is higher but we will get more services. This will get us on the 5 year cycle. The motion was unanimously passed.

Executive Session

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

Personnel Report

Mrs. Karwoski motioned to approve the personnel report dated March 20, 2017 and Dr. Oberg seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

Board Members Questions & Comments Dr. Oberg asked if we had a copy of our original charter application. Mr. Pollak said he would send it electronically to Dr. Oberg.

Adjourn

Mr. Yates 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