

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

*October 17, 2016*

**Call to order**

The meeting was called to order on Monday, October 17 at 5:03 by Mr. Jerry Fleeson

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

Present:

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

Absent:

**Adopt Agenda**

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

**Approval of Minutes**

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

**Public Comment** None

**Administrator's Report**

Ms. Bensink informed the Board that we were getting estimates to have a playground mat installed under the playground equipment in order to lessen the chance of students getting hurt if they fell. The first estimate came in at \$21,000.00. We are in the process of obtaining 2 more bids. We are also searching for grants that may cover the cost.

This year our 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes behavior has been a challenge. The administration has been doing drop ins on the classes and the students have been responding and changing their behavior. The administration will continue to address this issue to come up with solutions to help the teachers.

Ms. Bensink and Mr. Davis stopped in at Lincoln Park Performing Arts school to share some technology with them. While there they dropped in on some of the students that graduated from Baden Academy last year. They were so excited to see them and the students were very happy there. Ms. Bensink and Mr. Davis was impressed with the technology they use there.

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Ms. Kennedy is in the process of creating a large painted map on the sidewalk outside for the students to use with different activities.

The 2015-2016 Yearbooks are finished and the Board of Directors were each presented with one.

Lincoln Learning asked that we present our employees with the opportunity to donate to the United Way Drive. They can have a deduction out of each of their payroll checks. As a school we do a huge drive for St. Jude's. We are one of the top 100 fundraisers in the US for fundraising. The board said that we didn't have to have a policy for us to ask the teachers to voluntarily donate, but it would be nice to ask the teacher's. We don't want them to feel pressured into having to donate.

Ms. Bensink reported to the board that the final audit starts tomorrow. Beth will be working with DeLuzio's again for the audit.

Ms. Bensink reported that our School Performance Profile score was a 79% last year. This was better than Ambridge's and most of the school districts that we serve. We achieved the same score as Central Valley. We will continue to strive to improve this score.

Mr. Davis reported on our Benchmark scores.

**Financial Report**

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

- a. Recommend that the Board approve the attached financial statements as of September 31, 2016**
- b. Recommend the Board approve the list of invoices paid in September 2016 totaling \$220,638.20 from the general fund.**

**Joint Purchasing Committee**

Mr. Yates motioned that the Board approve participating in The Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit's "Joint Purchasing Program" for the 2017-2018 school year at a cost of \$600. Mrs. Karwoski seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

**Correspondence**

The Board was presented with the September 2016 Lincoln Learning Service report. Ms. Bensink let the Board know that she is meeting with Lincoln Learning to audit our services and the costs. Mr. Yates agreed that some of the services were no longer provided by Lincoln Learning. Ms. Bensink said this is why she is meeting with them to make sure we are given what we are paying for. It will be like a line item review.

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**Solicitor's Report**

The solicitor had no updates. Mr. Fleeson said that Mr. Swartzmiller and Mr. Pollak met 2 weeks ago about the building. The sisters want to pro-rate the maintenance. The three discussed and decided we should have a cap on the maintenance. Mr. Pollak re-wrote the lease and submitted it back to the sisters. We are waiting on the response from them.

**Executive Session**

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

**Personnel Report**

Dr. Mirasola motioned to approve the personnel report as discussed in executive session and Mr. Fleeson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Board Members Questions & Comments**

None

**Adjourn**

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

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

Dr. Pamela Rossi-Keen  
Board Secretary