

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

September 17, 2018

Call to order

The meeting was called to order on Monday, September 17, 2018 at 5:21 by Mr. Catanzarite.

Roll Call

Present:

Mrs. Marta Karwoski
Dr. Pamela Rossi-Keen
Mr. Stephen Catanzarite
Mr. Michael Swartzmiller
Dr. Andrew Oberg

Absent

Mr. John Silbert
Ms. Connie Mabin
Dr. Alison Mirasola

Pledge of Allegiance

Adopt Agenda

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

Minutes

Dr. Rossi Keen motioned to approve the minutes from the August 20, 2018 meeting. Mr. Swartzmiller seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Public Comment None

Administrator's Report

Ms. Bensink reported. Since our last meeting we held two open houses for different grade levels that went well. Ms. Bensink and Mrs. Karwoski attended a charter school law & regulations event held by Latsha Davis & McKenna, P.C. There was a great deal of information covered at this event and Ms. Bensink shared the slides with the Board.

Ms. Bensink told the Board the Pool is finished with just a few minor things needing to be completed.

We accepted the bid on the classroom addition and they will start digging before the first frost.

The Baden Police officer has been on site and is beginning to meet the students and build rapport with them.

We had 2 fire drills so far this year that went smoothly.

The Benchmarks are complete for the baseline scores this year. All of our grade levels are now using the same tests for benchmarks.

On October 27 the 6th grade will be performing the Odyssey, we have heard they are having a great time.

It was reported that there will be 70 fellows and 30 great projects this year in the media lab. They will send video announcements about them.

Mrs. Poleti added that our auditors were here last week doing their 3 days of field work for our annual audit. They are now completing back at their office. They will most likely be finished by the November Board meeting.

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Financial Report

Dr. Oberg motioned that the Board approve a. of the financial report below and it was seconded by Mrs. Karwoski. The motion was passed unanimously. Mr. Swartzmiller motioned that the Board approve b. of the financial report below and it was seconded by Dr. Rossi-Keen. The motion was unanimously approved.

- a. **Recommend the Board approve the list of invoices paid in in August, 2018 in the amount of \$548,455.02 from the general fund.**
- b. **Recommend the Board approve the attached financial statements as of August 31, 2018**

Correspondence: None

Special Education Purchase

Dr. Oberg motioned that the Board approve the purchase of an Accent 1000 speech generator to be used in the Special Ed department. Mr. Swartzmiller seconded the motion. Ms. Bensink explained that it was an electronic device used for a non-verbal student, to help her communicate. The motion was unanimously passed.

Wellness Policy

Mrs. Karwoski motioned that the Board approve the updated Wellness policy. Dr. Oberg seconded the motion. The Board questioned why this needed updated. It was explained that we were applying to be a Food Nutrition Sponsor this year and in order to be in compliance there were some things that needed to be added to the policy. Mr. McKenna said he would like to review it. The Board voted to adopt the Wellness policy following legal review.

Solicitor Report

Mr. McKenna gave us a report on a very important lawsuit that they won vs. the Commonwealth. Also, Mr. McKenna advised the Board on A\abstaining vs. recusing during votes.

Executive Session

Dr. Rossi-Keen 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. Dr. Oberg motioned and Mrs. Karwoski seconded to leave executive session. Motion carried.

Personnel Report

Dr. Rossi-Keen motioned to approve the personnel report dated September 17, 2018 as amended and Mr. Swartzmiller seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

Board Member Comments

Mrs. Karwoski requested that we use the pool area as the permanent Board Meeting venue. The Board agreed it is a very nice area and we will continue to use it.

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Adjourn

Mr. Swartzmiller 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

