

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

February 27, 2023

Call to order

The meeting was called to order on Monday February 27, 2023 at 6:05 pm by Mrs. Karwoski

Roll Call

Present:

Charlie Camp
Marta Karwoski
Connie Mabin
John Silbert
Lisa Houy

Excused:

Roylin Petties

Tom Ward

Pledge of Allegiance

Adopt Agenda

Motion: Mr. Silbert
Seconded: Ms. Houy
Discussion:
Passed unanimously

Recommend that the Board approve the minutes from the January 23, 2023 regular Board meeting.

Motion: Mr. Silbert
Seconded: Ms. Mabin
Discussion:
Passed unanimously

Public Comment: None

Correspondence: A letter was read that was sent by Ms. Lisa Houy announcing her board resignation effective immediately. Ms. Houy was appreciative for her time on the board but cited a change in work responsibilities for the reason for resigning. Mrs. Karwoski applauded Mrs. Houy for all the work she did while on the board and thanked her for her service to the school.

Administrator's Report

- BACS Kicked off the month of February with Team Reveur's 2nd annual Cereal Drive where students collected 1,288 boxes of cereal (with one student bringing in 356 boxes) to the Little Free Pantry in Aliquippa—Turner Dairy also donated 100 ½ pints of milk. Mr. Jeffers delivered the cereal in his RV to the food pantry with the help of Meghan Holl, Jenny Barnett, Autumn Ivey, and Tim Kramer. The mayor of Aliquippa, Dwan Walker gave Baden Academy a "shout out" on social media.
- We also celebrated 100 days of school with students in Kindergarten through grade 3 dressing up like they were 100 years old!

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- Select students in fourth, fifth, and sixth grade had the privilege of competing at The O'Reilly Theater in Pittsburgh for their annual Shakespeare competition. The students from Baden Academy, along with other schools, acted out scenes in front of judges from the theater. Four students (Joey Lease, Joey Sutton, Elizabeth Speicher, & Brooklyn Shanks) all placed in the top 5 and competed in finals ~~this evening~~ in Pittsburgh.
- The 1st annual Super Baden Bowl, a paper football tournament, was a huge success; students and staff loved the organization, teamwork and sportsmanship that was displayed throughout the school.
- We celebrated Valentine's Day in conjunction with PCPCS by wearing red for the American Heart Association.
- We held our first dance since COVID on Friday, February 24; was attended by over 100 5th and 6th graders. The dance was a Media Lab fundraiser for the Take Action Club to benefit Disabled Veterans.

Recommend the Board approve the financials below

- a. **Recommend the Board approve the list of invoices paid in January 2023 in the amount of \$360,754.62 from the general fund.**
- b. **Recommend the Board approve the financials dated January 23, 2023.**

Motion: Mr. Camp

Second: Mr. Ward

Discussion: Mr. Silbert asked about on the school pay backs and asked if a school overpaid. Business manager Beth Poleti explained that some do opt to pay ahead but come June/July there is a reconciliation and everything out.

Passed unanimously

Recommend that the Board approve the 2023-2024 School Calendar

Motion: Ms. Mabin

Second: Ms. Houy

Discussion:

Passed unanimously

Recommend that the board approve the CertaPro Painters bid for the painting of the gymnasium, third floor classrooms, and the exterior of the walking bridge, in the amount of \$18,200.

Motion: M. Silbert

Second: Mr. Camp

Discussion: Andy explained we got three bids, one of which was really high. We went with a bigger company that we are hoping will be more reliable. Work will begin at the end of the school year and be finished by the start of the new school year.

Passed unanimously

Recommend that the Board approve the Biometric Data Privacy Policy.

Motion: Ms. Mabin

Second: Mr. Camp

Discussion: Mr. Silbert asked what does this technology capture. Melissa Golden responded that it is similar to fingerprint but it takes measurements of a student finger. Those measurements are assigned numbers, and those

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numbers are associated to student accounts. Mr. Ward asked if this is secure and not an actual fingerprint. He wanted to clarify that it is like a touch point on an iPhone. Once a student is enrolled, the technology grows with the student so reenrollment is not necessary. The data is covered by FERPA. The information is deleted once a student leaves the school.

Passed unanimously

Recommend the Board approve Federal Fiscal Compliance Policy.

Motion: Mr. Silbert

Second: Ms. Houy

Discussion: Mr. Silbert asked Mr. Pollak what all this policy entails. Mr. Pollak explained there are different rules for what we can do with federal funds. Most common question is contractors with vendors and seeking bids. If not using federal funds, the threshold is lower. With use of federal funds these policies are drafted by Department of Education that oversees federal funds that are given to LEAS.

Executive Session

Recommend the Board go into executive session to discuss legal and personnel matters, in accordance with Pennsylvania's *Sunshine Law*, 65 Pa.C.S.A. § At 6:28 pm

Motion: Ms. Houy

Second: Mr. Camp

Discussion:

Passed: Unanimously

Recommend the Board come out of executive session at 7:30 pm

Motion: Ms. Houy

Second: Ms. Mabin

Discussion:

Passed: Passed Unanimously

Recommend the Board approve the Personnel Report Dated January 2023.

Rec Motion: Ms. Mabin

Second: Ms. Houy

Discussion:

Passed: Passed Unanimously

Board Member Questions & Comments:

Date of next Board Meeting is March 20, 2023 at 6 pm

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Adjourn at 7:32pm

Motion: Ms. Houy

Second: Mr. Ward

Discussion:

Passed: Passed Unanimously

Signed by: Chelsea J Mason

Mrs. Chelsea Mason

Secretary

