

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

October 21, 2024

Call to order

The meeting was called to order on Monday, October 21, 2024 at 6:01 pm by Mrs. Karwoski

Roll Call

Present:
Marta Karwoski
Connie Mabin
John Silbert
Roylin Petties
Tom Ward
Doug Sharp
Megan Burgess

Excused:

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to Adopt the Agenda

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

Recommend that the Board approve the minutes from the September 16, 2024 regular Board meeting.

Motion: Mr. Silbert
Seconded: Ms. Burgess
Discussion:
Passed Unanimously

Public Comment – None

Correspondence - None

Administrator's Report

❖ Congratulations to our September Students of the Month! These students were nominated by staff for being leaders in the classroom and their commitment to following the Baden Academy pledge.

- ❖ Kindergarten- Myah McGee
- ❖ First Grade- Isaiah Mete
- ❖ Second Grade- Journie Hunter
- ❖ Third Grade- Ada Mazur
- ❖ Fourth Grade- Mya Law
- ❖ Fifth Grade- Amelia Vail
- ❖ Sixth Grade- Caleb Hazlett

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- ❖ Purchasing PAETEP- PAETEP (Pennsylvania Electronic Teacher Evaluation Portal) is a widely used software solution developed by EduLink to streamline the teacher evaluation process in compliance with Pennsylvania's teacher effectiveness system. It is used by over 350 school districts and charter schools across the state. The platform allows for efficient documentation, evaluation, and tracking of teacher performance, offering administrators a digital tool to ensure evaluations are conducted thoroughly and in alignment with state guidelines. PAETEP helps to enhance transparency, communication, and organization in managing educator evaluations.
- ❖ Friday 10/11/24, our students had the opportunity to hang out with members of Cavs Academy. They loved the energy and lessons that the coaches brought. Thank you to our PTP for bringing Cavs Academy to BACS!
- ❖ Friday, October 11th our students had a great time spending time with the Baden Volunteer Fire Department and Beaver Valley Regional Police Department for fire prevention week.
- ❖ A few members of the Admin team traveled to Lancaster last week for the annual Charter School Conference. We went to sessions with topics like, Charter School Funding and PA Reform Initiatives, Creating a Culture of Accountability, Strategies for Navigating Legal Challenges in Special Education, PSERS information, Increasing Enrollment Talent Acquisition, Keys for Effective Leadership and much more.
- ❖ Friday, October 4th we had our Lockdown Drill.
- ❖ School Picture Day was October 9th and to promote remembering this day, Susan collected pictures of staff from when they were in Elementary School and displayed them in the main hallway so that the students could guess who each picture was.

Financial Report

- a. **Recommend the Board approve the list of invoices paid in September 2024 in the amount of \$702,036.01 from the general fund.**
- b. **Recommend the Board approve the financials dated September 2024.**

Motion: Mr. Petties
Second: Mr. Sharp
Discussion:
Passed unanimously

Recommend the Board approve the Educate Me quote in the amount of \$12,995.00 for the Tovertafel Complete Interactive Projector System.

Motion: Ms. Mabin – She wants to add the she appreciated the innovation.
Second: Mr. Petties
Discussion: Ms. Davidson – This will be used for some emotional students that can help in the calm down process. It will benefit students with sensory issues. There is an educational component. Its mounted to the ceiling, we are wanting to have two mounts so that it can be somewhat portable. Mr. Ward wondered how many kids would use it daily, Caitlin is anticipating easily 6 to 10 kids using it daily. This is a onetime payment.
Passed unanimously

Recommend the Board approve the Teach Town quote in the amount of \$11,024.94.

Motion: Mr. Ward
Second: Mr. Silbert

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Discussion: This is the life skills curriculum that is renewed annually. This year we are buying for the younger aged students. This also includes training for the teachers that will use it.
Passed unanimously

Recommend the Board approve the Baden Academy Evaluation and Re Evaluation Policy.

Motion: Mr. Ward
Second: Ms. Burgess
Discussion: This is a procedural update.
Passed unanimously

Recommend the Board approve the Baden Academy Transition from Preschool Early Intervention Programs to Charter School Kindergarten or First Grade Programs.

Motion: Mr. Ward
Second: Mr. Silbert
Discussion: This is procedural based off of state updates.
Passed unanimously

Recommend the Board approve the updated Right to Know Policy reflecting Andy Petro as the Open Records Officer.

Motion: Ms. Mabin
Second: Mr. Petties
Discussion: This is the same policy with simply making Andy Petro the Open records officer instead of Michelle Lennon.
Passed unanimously

Recommend the Board approve the microphone rentals from Borsch Productions in the amounts of \$4,840.00 and \$8,000 for Spring Productions.

Motion: Mr. Silbert
Second: Mr. Ward
Discussion:
Passed unanimously

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 6:23 pm

Motion: Mr. Ward
Second: Ms. Burgess
Discussion:
Passed: Unanimously

Recommend the Board come out of executive session at 6:46pm.

Motion: Mr. Silbert

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Second: Mr. Petties
Discussion:
Passed: Passed Unanimously

Recommend the Board approve the Personnel Report Dated October 2024.

Motion: Ms. Mabin
Second: Mr. Ward
Discussion:
Passed unanimously

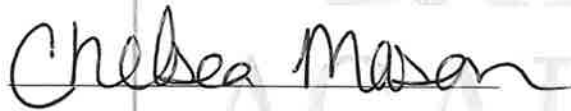
Board Member Questions & Comments:

Date of next Board Meeting is November 18, 2024 at 6:49 pm

Adjourn at 6:49 pm

Motion: Mr. Ward
Second: Mr. Silbert
Discussion:
Passed: Unanimously

Signed by:



Mrs. Chelsea Mason

Secretary

