

BADEN ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting

October 18, 2021

Call to order

The meeting was called to order on Monday, October 18, 2021 at 6:05 pm by Mrs. Karwoski

Roll Call

Present:
Marta Karwoski
Connie Mabin
Tom Ward
John Silbert
Roylin Petties

Absent:
Lisa Houy

Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Karwoski congratulated Ms. Mabin on receiving the “Phenomenal Woman” award for “continuous influence and empowerment of the leaders of tomorrow”.

Adopt Agenda

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

Recommend that the board approve the minutes from the August 16, 2021 and September 20, 2021 regular board meetings.

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

Public Comment:

Correspondence: A letter was sent to the board and they all received a copy from Mrs. Heidi Cron regarding her students Coved.

Administrator’s Report

- Update on positive COVID numbers and those in quarantine
 - Current Positive Student # 9
 - Current Positive Staff # 1
 - Close Contact (in quarantine) # 19
 - 5th Grade came back as of today
- Ongoing Rhodes bus issues.
 - Bus 30 continually late in the morning (9:15-9:30)
 - Bus 11 continually late in the afternoon
 - Combining bus 17 & 30 in afternoon
 - Aliquippa bus driver issue now resolved

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- All staff “stepping up” to help cover classes as we face lack of substitutes
 - Special thanks to Kelli Keriotis, Karie Walaan, Deb Martin, Johnny Gallagher, Sam Lesak, Rachel Cashdollar, Taylor Breaden, Melanie Ward and Craig Jeffers for their extra efforts.
- The first House Meetings were held on September 24th!
 - Each house had a meeting spot (House numbers are relatively even considering the spinning was “luck of the draw”)
 - Teachers/staff from each house ran the meetings and led the students in their unique House Cheers, discussing goals for the house, rules for the houses and house meetings as well as how the houses fit into our Baden Academy Pledge
 - **Be accountable, Always be safe, Care for each other, Show respect**
- The Scholastic Book Fair that was scheduled for October 4-8 was canceled due to lack of volunteers but will be rescheduled for the spring if possible.
- Mr. Jeffers, Mr. Petro and Ms. Lennon will attend the Pennsylvania Coalition of Public Charter Schools annual conference “Stronger Together “on October 21st and 22nd in Harrisburg.

Recommend that the Board approve the financials a below.

a. Recommend the Board approve the list of invoices paid in September, 2021 in the amount of \$588,497.59 from the general fund.

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

Recommend that the Board approve the agreement with Harris School Solutions through 2024 for edInsight in the amount of \$30,779.93 using ARP ESSER fund

Motion: Mr. Ward
Second: Ms. Mabin
Discussion: Mr. Ward said it is a fantastic program. Mr. Petro explained that it is analytics for school data.
Passed unanimously

Recommend that the board increase the daily sub pay, utilizing ESSR funding while available, to \$150 per day for a daily sub and \$170 per day for a long term sub. This change in pay will not be retroactive.

Motion: Ms. Mabin
Second: Mr. Petties
Discussion: Mr. Ward asked if this is temporary and will go back to normal once we no longer have those funds, Ms. Lennon said it was only temporary.
Passed unanimously

Recommend that the board approve Charlie Camp as a new trustee to the Baden Academy Board of Trustees

Motion: Mr. Petties
Second: Mr. Ward

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Discussion: Mr. Silbert is not going to vote because he didn't meet Mr. Camp
Passed with 4 yes, 1 abstain, Mr. Silbert

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 6:16 pm

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

Recommend the Board come out of executive session at 7:11pm

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

Recommend that the Board approve the Personnel Report dated October 18, 2021

Motion: Mr. Silbert
Second: Ms. Mabin
Discussion:
Passed: Unanimously

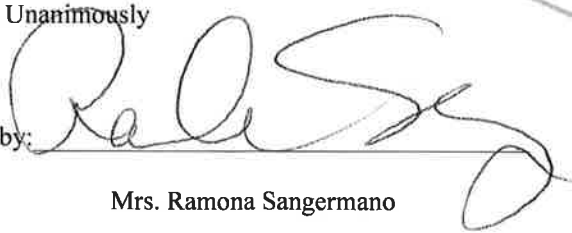
Board Member Questions & Comments: None

Date of next Board Meeting is November 15, 2021 at 6 pm

Adjourn at 7:12 pm

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

Signed by:



Mrs. Ramona Sangermano

Secretary