

Boulware Springs Charter School
Governing Board Informational Meeting
Meeting was held via video conference and
at Boulware Springs Charter School
1303 NE 23rd Ave, Gainesville, FL
Sept. 11, 2023
5:30 p.m.

Notification to the public via school's website

MINUTES

I. SESSION: 5:05 p.m.

A. Attendees

Board Members: Megan Lane, Steve Bradford, Kay Abbitt, Cassie Macias, Audrey Sommer, Nagheme Thomas

Others: Tiffany White, Cecile Wicks, Krista Lane, Brian Lane, Destiny McRae

B. Action Items

I. Motion to Approve August 7, 2023 Board Minutes

Audrey motioned to approve the August 7th board meeting minutes. Cassie seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

II. Discussion/Motion to Approve Playground Repairs

Cecile reported that the playground is not under warranty. The company that it was purchased from is no longer in business. The company that took it over can get the parts from China for \$5700. That does not include the labor to fix. There is a local company that will do that. The Board discussed the longevity of the playground and how much a new one would cost. It was also discussed to research the cost of installing a shade tarp to help cut down on the heat and also protect the playground from weather.

Audrey motioned to approve the cost of the repairs. Steve seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

III. Discussion/Motion to Approve Amendments to the Policy Manual

Tiffany reported on the new Florida statutes that our attorney, Shawn Arnold recommended for incorporation into the Policy Manual. The following policies were discussed: School Safety, Online Educational Services, Threat Management, Bathroom Policy, Internet Safety and Teachers Special Magistrate Policy.

Cassie motioned to adopt the policies and insert in the Policy Manual. Steve seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

IV. Discussion/Motion to Approve New Standing Committees

Megan proposed adding some new committees for the Board to consider. There was discussion as to whether they should be temporary or permanent. It was agreed they should all be standing committees and Megan would send an email to all Board members to sign up to serve on at least one committee of their liking.

Cassie motioned to approve the following new standing committees: Director Evaluation, By-law Revision, Board Search, Fundraising, and Celebration
Audrey seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

C. Items for Discussion Only (No Action)

I. Teacher Introductions

Destiny McRae, Brian Lane and Krista Lane introduced themselves to the Board and took questions.

II. Financial Updates

Tiffany reported that the TIAA account is closed and the funds have been transferred to the Wells Fargo account. Tiffany reported the Truist and Campus USA account balances.

III. Investment Committee

Steve did not have a report.

IV. Board of Director Goals

Megan reported that she emailed all current Board members to ask for their commitment for this year. Bruce Carroll responded that he would retire from the Board. We currently have 8 members and the current by-laws require 7-10. There was discussion as to adding more members. It was decided to leave the issue until the By-laws are reviewed and possibly revised.

Megan provided the Board with ideas of goal the Board could discuss and adopt for the 2023-24 year. Goal #1 is to have 90% attendance by all Board members. There was discussion as to how to address absences. That will be addressed when the By-laws are reviewed. Goal #2 is to establish new committees for the Board. The Board took action to approve the new committees (see above).

V. MAP/FAST Data

Tiffany provided the Board with all the data received from Alachua County. Boulware did excellent in all areas, in all grades. She told the Board that the data is used to make adjustments where needed.

VI. Electronic Sign Update

Tiffany reported that the City of Gainesville denied the permit for the sign to be installed. She is working with our attorney to see what options there are. One option to consider is to apply for a permit via a state agency. The company will fabricate the sign but will not install it without the city permit. She will report back to the Board at the next meeting.

VII. New/Old Business

There is no new business. Tiffany requested that all Board members email the Board Training certificate to her when they are completed.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:20 p.m.

The next board meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on October 9, 2023.