



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes
February 16, 2017

1. Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 7:23 p.m. by Bernice Lee

2. Roll Call

Name	Present	Absent	Time of Arrival After Call to Order
Qiana Buckner	X		
David Burton	X		
LaToya Hamm	X		
Bernice Lee	X		
Jose Rodriguez	X		
Allen Zeolla	X		

Be it resolved that the Board adopts the agenda.

MM: QB SM: AZ Action: Approved

3. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes from 12/15/16 Board Meeting
- b. Approval of School Report
- c. Approval of Personnel Report
- d. Approval of Financial Report

Request to pull Item b from the Consent Agenda

MM: QB SM: DB Action: Approved

Be it resolved that the Board approves the consent agenda.

MM: SM: Action:

Public Comment

4. Reports/Presentations to the Board

- a. Explanation of School Report by the assessment coordinators, who talked about the direction of the school and using an online testing system, CDT, in preparation for STAR testing. It is a reading and math assessment for students using personalized learning. If students need help there are special education services available. Students are showing improvement since the beginning of the school year.

The CDT is based on standards. Teachers can access and see students' performance. Next year the testing will be conducted in the fall, winter, and spring. Growth will be measured with these tests. Teachers can access student growth prior to the STAR testing. Winter math scores are not high, the reason is there is a new math curriculum this year. Scores should improve each year.

Board Comment – Would it be possible to provide a video presentation on the school's website with explanation of CDT testing?

Answer – Staff will look into it and also check with AIU to find out how they get this information out to parents

Board Comment – The Board needs to put together a communication plan to get information out to parents.

Public Comment

5. Per recommendation of the Administration, approve Board Policy 4.26 Investment of Charter School Funds.

Requested by auditors to adopt this policy. The policy reminds schools that they are limited to certain types of investments and keeps them fiscally responsible.

MM: JR SM: AZ Action: Approved

Public Comment

6. Per recommendation of the Administration, approve revised Board Policy, 1.13 Hearing Officer Policy.

Policy names all Board members as qualified officers. If there is a student expulsion hearing, the full Board does not need to be present. Instead of waiting for a Board meeting, the officer can attend and then make a recommendation to the Board for a final decision.

MM: JR SM: AZ Action: Approved

Public Comment

7. Per recommendation of the Administration, approve Board Policy, 9.49 Truancy Policy, effective beginning of the 2017-2018 school year.

Reason for new policy is that there was legislation putting truancy issues in the hands of the charter schools instead of the school district of residence. This law will be effective for 2017-2018 school year. Charter schools will be required to prepare their own plan.

MM: DB SM: JR Action: Approved

Public Comment

8. Per recommendation of the Administration, approve FY16 Financial Audit.

The school as a healthy fund balance. There were recommendations by the auditors to reserve funds for capital improvements. The school has a plan to improve the staff pay scale.

MM: AZ SM: DB Action: Approved

Public Comment

9. Per recommendation of the Administration, approve the PIAA Application for School Membership for 2017-2018.

School wants to add sports for the 2017-2018 school year. Would work with PHSD to rent space.

MM: DB SM: JR Action: Approved

Public Comment

10. Per recommendation of the Administration, approve Draft 2017-2018 School Calendar.

Calendar coincides with Penn Hills School District calendar, except for a few staff professional development days.

MM: DB SM: LH Action: Approved

Public Comment

11. Per recommendation of the Administration, approve Tamara Allen to attend the 2017 PDE Data Summit in Hershey, PA, March 12-15, 2017.

MM: LH SM: QB Action: Approved

12. New business

Recommendation of the Board to hold Board meetings every other month.

MM: AZ SM: JR Action: Approved

Public Comment

There will be no Board meeting in March.

Mr. Jones and Mrs. Williams reminded the Board of the open enrollment event being held on February 23.

Adjourned

MM: JR SM: LH Action: Approved

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.