



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes
June 22, 2017

1. Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 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		7:13 p.m.
Bernice Lee	X		
Jose Rodriguez	X(phone)		
Allen Zeolla	X		

Be it resolved that the Board adopts the agenda.

MM: BL SM: AZ Action: Approved

3. Per recommendation of the Board of Trustees, nomination of new Board member, Dr. Tricia Shelton.

MM: AZ SM: QB Action: MC

Public Comment:

Dr. Shelton gave public statement. Children, concern, and wellbeing for the success of the school students. BS degree and Masters from Pennsylvania State University. Twenty years teaching experience. Active in scholarship and is an Educational Leader. K-12 certification. Doctorate from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Providing quality for students and support to the school, and the community.

Ms. Allen- looking forward to work with Dr. Shelton

Mr. Pollak, Board counsel, swore in Dr. Shelton.

4. Per recommendation of the Board of Trustees, nomination of new Board member, Darren McCormick.

MM: QB SM: AZ Action: MC

Public Comment:

Darren McCormick – Current role as Admissions and Transition coordinator for FAME Academy. Higher Education 17 years’ experience, Recruit, admit, deny and mentor. Admission/Guidance Counselor. First Program Manager of Betsy Magness Leadership Institute (BMLI).

Ms. Allen: Welcomes Mr. McCormick, shows his commitment and investments.

Mr. Pollak, Board counsel, swore in Mr. McCormick

5. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes from the 4/20/17 Board Meeting
- b. Approval of Minutes from the 5/9/17 Special Board Meeting
- c. Approval of Minutes from the 5/23/17 Special Board Meeting
- d. Approval of Personnel Report
- e. Approval of April & May 2017 Financial Reports

Be it resolved that the Board approves the consent agenda.

MM: QB SM: LH Action: Approved; 4 approvals 2 abstentions

Public Comment

6. Reports/Presentations to the Board

- a. School Report - Discipline Update – Mr. Tracey
 - i. Mr. Tracey presented.
 - ii. Training will be provided by the AIU, teachers will have a mentor. Expanding with PBIS, and Olweus. Discipline will go through Mr. Tracey. Weekly Check in, Check out.
- b. Sylvia Marketing – Ken Kilpatrick
 - i. Discussed activities throughout the school year and media hits. Increase of activities and trends. Planning for the upcoming school year. Partnership between school and the Sylvia maintains positive opportunities in the media. The goal is to “Make the school a Go-2-School” for the media.
- c. Middle School Overnight Field Trip – Mrs. Tritt
 - i. Trip to D.C. 2 night 3-day field trip. May 2018, 9-11 or 16-18. Educational Discovery Tours Travel Agencies. All four 8th grade teachers will chaperone. Spec. Ed and Nurse will attend as well, as well as one of the Admins, i.e., Mr. Tracey. No parents, too costly. Roundtrip transportation, Liability insurance, 24/7 emergency response, trip leader. Security at the hotel. Breakfast and dinner is provided. Parents can purchase cancellation insurance. Budgeted for most/all students going. School provides ½ of each student’s cost. Students get \$20 a day for lunch. Families can pay in entirety or 7-month payment plan. All payments covered electronically through Educational Discovery Tours. No late fees. \$100 deposit to secure spot on trip.
 - ii. High expectations and standards for students. Any disciplinary actions cannot attend. Must maintain 2.0 GPA each grading period, and have 90% attendance. Deposit is non-refundable.
 - iii. Students have opportunity to fundraise. Fundraising can be done both inside and outside of school. School Fundraising – Students will wear neon colored t-shirts.

- iv. Mrs. Lee: suggested the price cap would be \$200 for each student. \$1,200 Scholarship fund can be established to help students to go on the trip.

MM: LH SM: AZ Action: Approved \$200 Cap

MM: BL SM: QB Action: Approved \$1,200 Scholarship

d. PTA

- i. Dawn LaCava presented: PTA elections, Treasurer: David Houston. Secretary: Sandra Harris VP: Jessica Derus President: Dawn LaCava
- ii. Field Day was a success.

Public Comment

Q: Mrs. Hamm: Who is on the SAP team?

A: Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Zuk, Mr. Tracey, Ms. Allen, and Ms. Dickinson.

- 7. **Board of Trustees to accept the resignation of Jose Rodriguez's appointment of Board Secretary and appointing Cynthia Spirk as the non-voting Board Secretary effective immediately.**

MM: QB SM: LH Action: Approved

Public Comment

- 8. **Per recommendation of the Board Counsel, approve new/revised Board policies:
12.5 Right-To-Know Policy
9.51 Concussion Management Policy
9.52 Child Abuse Mandatory Reporting Policy.**

MM: AZ SM: QB Action Approved

Public Comment:

Mr. Jones stated that the school has been accepted into the PIAA & WPIAL 7/8th grade Boys and Girls Basketball and Volleyball, which is why we requested a Concussion Management Policy.

- 9. **Per recommendation of the Administration approve Wayne Jones, as the school Chief Administrator.**

MM: AZ SM: QB Action: Approved

Public Comment

10. Per recommendation of the Administration, approval FY18 Final Budget.

MM: AZ SM: LH Action: Approved; 6 approved 1 abstained

Public Comment

11. Per recommendation of the Administration approve the non-renewal of the PHSD Shared Services Agreement effective July 1, 2017.

MM: TC SM: LH Action: Approved

Public Comment

Mr. Jones – PHSD is not interested in renewing. We will hire new staff and contract out.

12. Per recommendation of the Administration, approval of Soaring Summer Academy Budget.

MM: AZ SM: DM Action: Approved

Public Comment:

Ms. Allen stated that we had a positive turnout at orientation. Mrs. Williams and Mr. Tracey will be in charge of the program. Enrichment and sports opportunities are included.

First Summer program, 76 students enrolled. \$43K cost for summer program. Applied for the 21st Century multi-year grant to help supplement cost in the future.

13. Per recommendation of the Administration, approval of 2017-2018 TeqGuys Proposal.

MM: LH SM: QB Action: Approved

Public Comment

Mr. Jones: They will provide IT Director, network, server, and desktop support. Mr. Lachendro is the onsite tech support and coach. Final contract agreement will include indemnification language and liability insurance requirements.

14. Per recommendation of the Administration approve Lamanna Landscape & Fertilizing Company to perform landscaping and snow removal services effective July 1, 2017.

MM: LH SM: TS Action: Approved

Public Comment

Mr. Jones: Without renewing PHSD, there would be a need to contract out. Lamanna Landscape provided service for five years prior, and has a positive relationship with PHCSE.

15. Per recommendation of the Administration approve Premier Medical Associates to serve as the School Physician for 2017-2018.

MM: DM SM: AZ Action: Approved

Public Comment:

Ms. Allen: The physicians provides support to students already.

Mr. Jones: 7-8 grade student athletes are required to have pre-physical exams. Premier Medical will charge the school \$20 per physical. We are planning to schedule a day in August before school starts to have the physicals performed in the school gymnasium between 12:00 noon-2 p.m.

16. Per recommendation of the Administration approve Universal Dental to serve as the School Dentist for 2017-2018

MM: QB SM: TS Action: Approved

Public Comment

Mr. Jones: Dr. Holber will serve as the school dentist. He will charge the school \$15 per student dental examinations.

17. New Business

No New Business

Public Comment

Mrs. Roberson: Thankful to go to the National Charter School Conference. She networked and collected data that will assist in approving our school and providing support to our special education population.

Mrs. Aron: Special Ed department worked hard this year to continue to advocate for our students and we will continue to improve each year.

PTA: Needs space for activities, and are requesting to use empty rooms. Use them as a space for services, book fair, holiday shop, school spirit store, etc.

Mrs. Lee: PHSD will not lease the five vacant classrooms. Work with Mr. Jones to complete a facilities use form and develop a schedule for space within rooms that we have available.

Recessed

MM: LH SM: AZ Action: Approved

The meeting was recessed and Board went into executive session at 8:35 p.m.