



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes
February 15, 2018

1. Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance.

Lead by Malaja Thomas

The meeting was called to order at 7:14 p.m. by Bernice Lee

2. Roll Call

Name	Present	Absent	Time of Arrival After Call to Order
Qiana Buckner	X		
David Burton		X	
Bernice Lee	X		
Darren McCormick	X		
Jose Rodriguez	X		7:24 p.m.
Tricia Shelton	X		
Allen Zeolla	X		

Be it resolved that the Board adopt the agenda.

MM: AZ SM: TS Action: Approved

3. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes from the 12/21/17 Board Meeting
- b. Approval of Personnel Report
- c. Approval of Financial Report
- d. Approval of School Report

Be it resolved that the Board approve the consent agenda.

MM: QB SM: AZ Action: Approved

Public Comment

Q: Lost items in bins at main entrance. Is there a way to have the students claim their belongings?

A: Notification is sent home to all parents monthly, reminding them to have their child(ren) check the bins for missing property. Staff assigned to help with dismissal to remind students to wear their coats on their way out the door.

Q: What security do we have at our main entrance door?

A: Door inside lobby is locked and equipped with ballistic bulletproof glass.

Q: Do we check bags of visitors?

A: We do not, but we conduct drills each month such as, fire, intruder, etc.

Q: What is the procedure for bullying problems on busses? How are bullying problems handled?

A: Intervention Specialist, Mr. Clinkscales, talks to both the student and family to try to solve the issues. In addition, there are cameras on all busses. It is important to know who is doing the bullying so the individual can be addressed directly.

Q: Is there assigned seating?

A: There is on some buses, but the bus driver makes the decision.

Q.: Is it possible to assign a “buddy” to the student having problems?

A.: Yes. The Intervention Specialist is considering this strategy.

4. Reports/Presentations to the Board

a. PTA

Upcoming events, Title I reading night; Scholastic Book Fair; PTA public meeting is March 14. PTA is looking for new executive Board members for next school year; Spring Fling is a family event being held April 14; Pittsburgh Popcorn fundraiser being held at the end of March. The PTA is awarded 50% of the profit.

b. Boys’ basketball team

Coach Jason Cappa – Thanked Board and Administration for the opportunity to start an athletic program; coached team from losing games to winning games by keeping positive attitude, perseverance, and teamwork. Academics play an important role and the students need to have good grades and no discipline problems to play. Students improved discipline and academics during the season in order to stay on the team.

Public Comment

5. Attendance at the National Charter Schools Conference, June 17-20, 2018, in Austin, TX. Registration now open.

Board to identify members who will attend. Members who attended last year will not attend this year.

Mr. Jones: It is the Board’s decision which Board members to recommend or who would like to volunteer to attend. They are to let Ms. Cindy know who is interested and she will make reservations. Invite to be extended to the Administration and staff.

Motion for Board members to attend. Board members who attend will be those who have not yet attended.

MM: JR SM: TS Action: Approved

Public Comment

6. Per recommendation of Administration, approval of 2018-2019 Job Postings:

- **K-5 teacher**
- **6-8 teacher**

MM: DM SM: AZ Action: Approved

Public Comment

7. Per recommendation of Administration, approval of July 1, 2018, benefits renewal date.

Change benefits start date from September 1 to July 1.

Comments from representative from, BMC benefits services: 1. Cost data for the upcoming year is available sooner. 2. Will have more accurate figures to present to the state for budgeting purposes. 3. Staff will know cost for the next school year at the end of the school term rather than when staff returns in September. 4. If increase or decrease in cost, will experience the change two months sooner.

MM: QB SM: DM Action: Approved

Public Comment

8. New Business

Public Comment

Mr. Jones: meeting with 412 Skaters group to consider implementation of a “skate in school” program at PHCSE.

Adjourned

MM: JR SM: TS Action: Approved

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Board to reconvene in Executive Session following the meeting.