

Quality Education Academy (QEA)
Board Meeting Minutes
June 13, 2022
Meeting took place via Zoom

Members Present:

Chairman Dr. Jefferson Caruthers Jr.
CEO Tonya Bellanger
John Foxworth
James Gadson
Adolphus Coplin
Ronald Jessup
Walter Weathers
Interim CEO Dr. Tamara Tuner

Absent Members:

James Covington
Dr. Kendra March

Staff (S) / Parents (P) / Visitors (V)

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| D. Gibson (V) | M. Flowers (V) | D. Williams (S) | J. Bailey (S) |
| H. Allen (S) | J. Miller (S) | N. Brabham (S) | L. Hart (S) |
| C. Douglas (S) | J. Mitchell (S) | D. Evans (S) | A. Salvador (S) |
| C. Mais (S) | D. Bishop (S) | T. Hinton (S) | B. Roberts (S) |
| J. Rhyne (S) | S. Vaird (S) | A. Wylie (S) | L. Garriga (S) |
| M. Farquharson (S) | S. Clark (S) | S. Rooks (S) | I. Turner (S) |
| M. Ross (S) | T. Troxler (S) | J. Gould (S) | K. McNeil (S) |
| T. Howard (S) | R. Johnson (V) | R. Donahue (V) | A. Booth-Horton (S) |
| J. Greer Kodja (S) | | | |

Welcome

The QEA meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm. It was determined a quorum of Board Members was present, thus, the meeting continued. The Chairman proceeded by asking if there was anything in tonight's agenda that would present a conflict of interest to any of the attending Board Members. There was no stated conflict of interest by any of the attending Board Members. He also asked Board Members if there would be any additions to tonight's agenda. There were no additions to tonight's agenda. The Chairman called for the reading of our mission, vision, and core values statements. These statements were read by CEO, Ms. Bellanger.

Review and approval of May 9, 2022 Board Minutes

The Chairman gave Board Members an opportunity to review the Board Meeting Minutes from the previous May 9, 2022 Board Meeting. Afterwards, he called for a motion to receive the minutes into the public record. Mr. Coplin made a motion to receive the May 9, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes into public record with proper correction if there be any. Mr. Gadson seconded the motion. The vote was put through using the roll call method. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

From the Chairman

The Chairman stated he would like to thank CEO Ms. Bellanger and the staff for arriving at the close of another successful school year. 2021 -2022 was an extremely difficult year however with hard work and dedication we have persevered and now we are all the better for it. The Chairman concluded by stating we are looking forward to continuing in the great tradition of raising the quality of every life we touch.

Old Business

The Chairman informed the Board Members that former Board Member of 20+ years Mr. Roy Oliphant submitted his resignation letter to the Board. Ms. Saundra Adams, Secretary of the Board for 6 years also submitted a letter of resignation. The Chairman thanked both Mr. Oliphant and Ms. Adams for their years of service and called for a motion to accept the resignation letters. Mr. Coplin made a motion to receive the resignation letter coming from Mr. Oliphant, and Mr. Jessup seconded the motion. The vote was put through using the roll call method. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Weathers made a motion to receive the resignation letter from Ms. Adams and Mr. Gadson seconded the motion. The vote was put through using the roll call method. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

There is no new business at this time

Chief Executive Officer's Report

The CEO addressed the Board in the following areas:

Academic

Ms. Bellanger informed Board Members that Interim CEO Dr. Turner will be delivering the CEO's report tonight. Dr. Turner begin by letting Board Members know we are awaiting the preliminary results for the EOG and EOC testing, however, she stated things are looking very promising and the teachers hard work is evident.

Operational

We are presently in the second week of summer session:

- June 6th –June 22nd Summer Session and Re-administration
- June 6th- June 24th - Read to Achieve Summer Reading Camp (1st -3rd grades)
- Staff Closeouts – June 10th – June 23rd
- All buildings will be cleaned and maintenance department will perform needed repairs over the summer break. Ms. Bellanger notified Board Members that the gutter work on the Middle school building has been completed.
- Review of Mask-Optional Policy

Enrollment

As of June 2, 2022 QEA has an enrollment of 585 Scholars. We have had a total of 80 students transfer out and a total of 34 new enrollees. We have had 481 scholars confirm they will be re-enrolling here at QEA and we have had 201 new applicants apply. Dr. Turner told Board Members we are anticipating meeting our enrollment goal this year.

Staff

QEA's staff count is 104 as of June 2, 2022. For the coming up 2022 – 2023 school year we have open positions in the areas of 1st Grade, 9-12 English, 9-12 Math, 9-12 Social Studies, Specialists K-8 (in the areas of Spanish, PE, and Music). We are also seeking a Guidance Counselor for K-8. All positions available will be posted on the QEA website.

Financial

Ms. Bellanger reviewed the Financial Report for April 2022. She then informed Board Members all fiscal year activities will close out on June 30, 2022. Dr. Turner told Board Members the 21st Century Fiscal Desk Review was completed May 16, 2022. There were no findings. There were two recommendations that involved the updating of codes.

Governance Policies

Ms. Bellanger informed Board Members all NCDPI, State and Financial systems will be updated July 1, 2022 to reflect the transition of School Leadership to Dr. Tamara Turner.

The chair called for a motion to vote on the Mask Policy. Mr. Coplin made a motion to continue with the mask optional policy where both scholars and staff have the option to wear the mask if they choose or not wear the mask. Mr. Jessup seconded the motion. The vote was put through using the roll call method. The motion carried unanimously.

The Chairman asked if there were any questions. There were no questions. He then called for a motion to receive the CEO's report and the finance report. Mr. Weathers made a motion to receive the CEO's report and the finance report. Mr. Jessup seconded the motion. The vote was put through using the roll call method. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

The Chairman called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Coplin made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Weathers seconded. The vote was put through using the roll-call method. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 pm.

Announcement

The next Quality Education Academy Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 8, 2022 at 6:00 pm. A notification to all Board Members will be sent prior to the scheduled meeting. A copy of the previous month's minutes will be emailed to all Board Members in addition to the meeting notification.

Minutes recorded by S. Adams