

Quality Education Academy (QEA)
Board Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2023
Meeting took place via Zoom

Members Present:

Chairman Dr. Jefferson Caruthers Jr.
James Gadson
James Covington
Dr. Kendra March
Adolphus Coplin
John Foxworth
Walter Weathers
Ronald Jessup
CEO Dr. Tamara Turner

Absent Members:

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

Ms. T. Hinton (S)

Welcome

The QEA Board Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. It was determined a quorum of Board Members was present, thus, the meeting continued. The Chairman asked if there were any changes to tonight's agenda. Dr. Turner stated the Board needs to go into closed session in order to discuss the bond issue. The Chairman confirmed there were no conflicts of interests regarding any items on the agenda. We had the reading of our Mission, Vision and Core Values Statements by CEO Dr. Turner.

Public Comment

There were no public comments in tonight's meeting.

Review and approval of January 9, 2023 Board Minutes

Board Meeting Minutes from January 9, 2023 Board Meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Coplin to receive the minutes into public record. Mr. Gadson seconded the motion. The vote was put through using the roll call method. The motion carried unanimously. There were no noted corrections to be made to the minutes.

From the Chair

The Chairman thanked CEO, Dr. Turner and staff for all accomplishments and progression that have been achieved thus far. He stated he is looking forwards to a great conclusion in the final quarter of this year.

CEO's Report

Academics

CEO Dr. Turner shared data collected from the BOY, the 1st Check-In and the 2nd Check-In. She informed board members that testing data looks very promising and that it shows there is much improvement when compared with previous testing. Dr. Turner feels we are in a much better position than we were in the early COIVD years. She explained that

although check-ins cover fewer standards, this testing data proves that when scholars are present for face-to-face learning we are able to teach them.

Operations

Discussion was held around upcoming events and initiatives. QEA has scheduled a SOS (Someone Special) Dance to be held in March. On January 26 the Dance Team and the Band were invited to attend the National School Choice Week Trip in Raleigh. February 8, we launched our Q-mmunity Men initiative program (this is a program is geared towards uniting the men in our community with our schools & scholars). February 22 we will sponsor our annual Black History Bowl; February 22 will also be our 2nd annual B.I.G. Conference (Black Innovation Gurus). On February 23, we will celebrate our Annual Bestowal of Blessings and Ancestor's Day and also ACCESS Tests for EL scholars will begin during the month of February.

Enrollment

QEA currently has 650 students enrolled. School Admin, the tool we use to gauge recruitment/retention shows we have a very healthy waitlist and it also predicts that we are expecting to meet our growth goal for the upcoming school year.

Staffing

We have had one new hire in January (a 1st grade teacher). At present, we have 109 staff members.

Financial

Discussion was held around the audit report. We are expecting the report this week at the latest. Because of the prolonged waiting period we have experienced with the auditor this year, QEA will be exploring other auditing companies going forwards.

Closed Session

The Board went into closed session at 7:00 pm to discuss the bond issue. The Board returned from closed session at 7:15 pm.

The Chairman called for a motion to receive the CEO's report and the finance report. Mr. Foxworth made a motion to receive the CEO's report and the finance report. Mr. Gadson seconded the motion. The vote was put through using the roll call method. The vote carried unanimously.

The Chairman called for a motion to ratify new employee Mrs. Latoya Jordan. Mr. Foxworth made a motion to ratify new employee Mrs. Latoya Jordan and Mr. Gadson seconded the motion. The vote was put through using the roll call method. The vote carried unanimously.

The Chairman called for a motion to name Ms. Mary Nash as the elect bonder for the QEA building project. Dr. March made a motion to name Ms. Mary Nash as the bonder for the QEA building project and Mr. Foxworth seconded the motion. The vote was put through using the roll call method. The vote carried unanimously.

Discussion was held around naming the Smithson building at later date.

Adjournment

The Chairman called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Foxworth made a motion to adjourn and Dr. March seconded the motion. The vote was put through by a show of hands. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Announcement

The next Quality Education Academy Board Meeting is scheduled for March, 13, 2023 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

QEA Board Meeting Schedule:

Monday, October 10, 2022	Monday, November 14, 2022	Monday, January 9, 2023
Monday, February 13, 2023	Monday, March 13, 2022	Monday, May 15, 2023