

BREVARD ACADEMY – A CHALLENGE FOUNDATION ACADEMY

Board of Directors Regular Meeting

June 15, 2015, 5:45 p.m.

Alumni House, BA-CFA Campus

Chair: Warren Alston

Secretary: Laura Thomas in for Zia McConnell (absent)

Members present: Stewart Marshall, Laura Thomas, Amy Knight, Nick Iosue

Administration present: Barbara Grimm, Camy Stirling

Guests: John Lanier – Transylvania Times

Charlie Garcia, Mark Bebee, Mike Harrington, Philip Byers – C.F. Properties,
Craig Justice, Tony Helton

The regular meeting of the Brevard Academy Board of Directors was called to order by the Chair at 5:52 p.m. A quorum was present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion: A motion was made by Nick to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Stewart. Unanimous vote -- **Motion carried.**

Consideration and approval of minutes:

Motion: A motion was made by Nick to approve the minutes from the 5/18/15 Stewart seconded. Unanimous vote -- **Motion carried.**

Challenge Foundation Properties: Mike Harrington

- [Charlie Garcia (contractor) and Mark Bebee (architect) were introduced once again to the Board. Mike thanked Philip Byers, Erina Byers, Craig Justice, and Tony Helton for attending. Mr. Harrington emphasized the need to move swiftly on closing the deal.

- [Mr. Garcia and Mr. Bebee said they have had extensive conversation with board members and school staff to get an idea of the needs of Brevard Academy. They presented a preliminary feasibility study highlighting the time frame for the project with a site plan and 3-D renderings and the school being ready to open (August 11, 2016). Bad weather days have been included in the projected completion date. A non-binding term sheet was not in the packet but the Board should receive it within the next couple of days and it will lay out their approach to the project.

- [On page 4, a conceptual budget was outlined. Mr. Garcia said the existing metal building is durable and has a long life cycle and is the best way to move forward with the project rather than removing the building and starting from scratch. Mr. Bebee stated that they toured the building and took a lot of photos. He mentioned that that the drop-off area will require staffing but it will be a safe area. The building will accommodate 440 students and there is space to add on.

Public Comment: None

Financial report:

- [Krystal Powell from Acadia presented a financial report. Barbara Grimm stated that she doesn't think she will be able to use all of the 060 monies but it will carry over.
- [Warren asked if we should create a line item for paid leave – \$18,000?

Motion: A motion was made by Nick to allow Acadia to balance the budget in order to give us a better idea of where we are. Laura Thomas seconded. Vote was unanimous. **Motion carried**

Director report: Barbara Grimm

(See attached written report)

Testing:

- [Barbara presented the End of Grade testing results and final results of MAP testing. With MAP testing, the average growth in Math was 69%, average growth in Reading was 66%, average proficiency in Math was 85% and the average proficiency in Reading was 87%. Four grades had 90% of students proficient in Reading – 3rd, 6th, 7th, and 8th. 8th grade had 100% proficiency.
- [Due to growth being down from last year, Barbara stated that during the 2015-16 school year, a focus will be on academic growth for each students.
- [Barbara reminded everyone of the two family events at Franklin Park – June 19th – a family picnic and on July 17 an ice cream social.
- [Annual audit will take place on Tuesday, July 21 by Petway, Mills and Pearson. This will cover fiscal accountability as well as compliance with federal and state regulation.

Team CFA report: Laura Thomas

- [Team CFA is working hard to provide an excellent conference in Denver, Colorado this year. Barbara said her team has been preparing for their showcase and will be ready.

Election of Board Executive Officers

Warren stated that he is willing to continue on in his role as Chair and Zia had agreed earlier to continue serving as Secretary for the short term and Nick is willing to continue on as Vice-Chair and Treasurer.

Motion: A motion was made by Stewart to re-elect the officers. Laura seconded –Vote was unanimous. --**Motion carried.**

- [Warren presented the name of Ms. Ashleigh Dalton as a potential Board Member. She has two children at Brevard Academy and has a business in Brevard. She has years of education experience. Ms. Dalton was not present due to being on vacation but she has attended the last three board meetings.

Motion: A motion was made by Nick to approve her as our 7th board member and Amy seconded. Vote was unanimous. – **Motion carried**

Committee Reports:*Fund development/Marketing & Outreach – Nick Iosue*

- [Committee is working on a marketing strategy to have a clear message about what Brevard Academy is about – Free public school, great education, natural surroundings, etc.
- [Warren - Projections from CF Properties do not include playgrounds and a soccer field. We need a fundraiser to help with initial costs.

Facilities: Amy

- [Amy – Facilities committee members need to meet soon.
- [Warren – impressed with the latest facilities presentation.
- [A request was made to send all board members electronic copies of the presentation. Warren said the Board will need to vote in a special called meeting next week. A 72 hr. prior notification is required to be posted and the date at this point is to be determined.

Long Range Planning and Visioning:

- [No report

Personnel:

- [No report

Board Development, Policies and Procedures:

- [No report

Old Business:

- [None

New Business:

- [None

Next Meeting:

A called Board meeting in early July is necessary. The Board will hold a retreat on July 24th. Warren said that we will continue to meet each month on the 3rd Monday: however, in August, we will be meeting on the 4th Monday since Warren will be out of town. Meetings will be at 5:45 in Searcy Hall each month. The meeting dates for the remainder of 2015:

August 24, Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 16, Dec. 14

2016 dates are forthcoming

Short Break (approximately 5 minutes)

Closed Session:

Motion: Nick made a motion from the floor to enter into a closed session to prevent the disclosure of privileged or confidential information under the NC general Statutes 143.318.11 (a) (1) to discuss items related to personnel matters. Amy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Motion carried. The Board entered into Closed Session at 7:26 p.m.

Motion: Nick made a motion to come out of Closed Session. Amy seconded. Vote was unanimous. **Motion carried.** Time: 8:01 p.m.

Adjourn:

Motion: Nick made a motion to adjourn. Amy seconded. Vote was unanimous.
Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.