



BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2024

5:00 PM – Middle School Commons – Ben Franklin Academy

Join Zoom Meeting:

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MISSION

The mission of Ben Franklin Academy is to develop young adults with character like America's founding Renaissance man, Benjamin Franklin: well-read, scientifically curious, and civically engaged.

VISION

Our students will excel academically through a challenging, sequenced curriculum that emphasizes math, science, the arts, and literacy. We will be a data-driven institution, focusing on individual students. Our students, teachers, parents, staff, and leaders will be held accountable for the success of our school. Finally, we recognize that an education is incomplete without fostering social emotional development, character, sports, and nature.

STRATEGIC GOALS

- 1) Improve educational experience with positive school culture and a focus on enhancement of Middle School Electives
- 2) Maintain financial stability and transparency with a focus on facility management and improvement
- 3) Increase parent satisfaction and engagement and demand for enrollment
- 4) Retain and recruit high quality staff
- 5) Accountability of all stakeholders for the success of BFA
- 6) High functioning Board and quality governance
- 7) Renew Charter Contract by June 30, 2024

Board Attendees: Haley Maglieri, Adam Lucero, Stephen Bentley (via Zoom), Mette Castor, Melody Matthews, Sarah Nisbet, Keri Street

Other Attendees: Diana Simpson, Justin Mayhall

Zoom Attendees: Halsley Hoff, Hawkins, Janelle Nichols, Greg Todd, Heather Kimball, Hanni McNellis, Meagan, Rachelle Calahan, Brown, Matt Keillor, Alaina Tinney, Katie Duncan, Abby Jensen, Amanda Trenck

Haley calls the meeting to order at 5:30 PM

- **Opening – Haley Maglieri**
 - Welcome/Announcements/Intros
 - Mission/Vision
 - Pledge of Allegiance
 - Amend/Approve Agenda

- Haley motions to approve the Agenda
 - Adam seconds the motion
 - The Agenda is unanimously approved
- **Consent Agenda – Haley Maglieri**
 - Approve Minutes of the March 26, 2024 Board Meeting
 - Haley motions to approve the March 26, 2024 Minutes
 - Mette seconds the motion
 - March Minutes are unanimously approved
- **Open Comments – Mette Castor**
 - Remarks are limited to three minutes per person. See guidelines below.
 - Open comments received before noon on Tuesday, April 16, 2024 were read at the meeting.
 - No open comments were submitted/read
- **Board Succession Planning – Adam Lucero and Keri Street**
 - Board Election Results
 - Haley Maglieri is elected by the parent voting community to Class A, Seat 1
 - Justin Mayhall is appointed by the Board to Class A, Seat 2
- **Good News From BFA – Stephen Bentley**
 - CMAS testing went smoothly and fewer opt-outs than last year
 - Boys volleyball and girls soccer is underway
 - Middle School Spring Dance is coming up
 - 2nd Grade has their Ellis Island fair on the 19th
 - The eclipse was a big hit
 - 4th and 5th grade musicals were awesome
 - Middle school raised money for charity week with Dodgeball for Dollars
 - Mr. Monty replaced hundreds of tiles throughout the school over Spring Break!
 - Lots of STEM activities throughout the school including frog dissections, drone aerodynamics and the egg drop
 - BFA Ice Hockey Day at Family Sports on April 27th
- **Board BOLTS – Haley Maglieri**
 - Recognize April 2024 Board BOLTS
 - Matthew Rodriguez and Lillian Sutherland
- **Treasurer’s Report – Sarah Nisbet and Halsley Hoff**
 - Review March 2024 Financials. The Finance Committee has reviewed and recommends approval of the March Financials.
 - Vote to approve the March Financials.
 - Sarah motions to approve the March Financials
 - Keri seconds the motion
 - The March Financials are unanimously approved
 - Vote to Approve the 2024-2025 Proposed Budget
 - Sarah motions to approve the 2024-2025 Proposed Budget
 - Haley seconds the motion
 - The 2024-2025 Proposed Budget is unanimously approved

- Review the draft of the 2023-2024 Final Revised Budget
- **Principal’s Report – Diana Simpson**
 - Principal Simpson discussed her report (written report submitted)
- **Charter Contract – Diana Simpson and Haley Maglieri**
 - Vote to Approve Execution of Charter Contract
 - Haley motions to approve Execution of Charter Contract
 - Sarah seconds the motion
 - Execution of Charter Contract is unanimously approved
- **SAC Spring Parent Survey Review – SAC and Melody Matthews**
- **Policy Review – Haley Maglieri**
 - Homework Policy
 - Reviewed and unanimously approved by the Board
 - Student Attendance Policy
 - Reviewed and unanimously approved by the Board
- **PTO Report – Keri Street**
 - Written report submitted
- **Board Committee Reports**
 - Facility Committee – Adam Lucero
 - Community Events Committee – Mette Castor
 - Curriculum Committee – Haley Maglieri/Keri Street
 - School Accountability Committee – Melody Matthews
 - STEM Committee – Stephen Bentley
- **Summary with Calendar**

Donuts with Dad	April 19
Mother/Son Event	April 20
Ben’s Brigade Meeting	April 25
No School	April 26
SAC Meeting	May 1
PTO Meeting	May 5
CEC Meeting	May 7
Board Meeting	May 14

- **Closing**
 - Review Action Items
 - Review Votes
 - Future Agenda Items
- **Executive Session – Board and Diana Simpson**

- **Convene into executive session pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(h) to discuss individual students (a closed session – Diana Simpson invited)**
 - **Convene into executive session pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(f)(I) to discuss personnel matters**
 - Haley convenes executive session at 8:11 PM
 - In attendance: Haley Maglieri, Adam Lucero, Stephen Bentley, Mette Castor, Melody Matthews, Sarah Nisbet, Keri Street, Diana Simpson
 - No votes were taken
 - Haley motions to adjourn executive session
 - Sarah seconds the motion
 - Haley adjourns executive session at 10:15 PM
- **Adjourn**
 - Haley motions to adjourn the meeting
 - Mette seconds the motion
 - Haley adjourns the meeting at 10:15 PM

All Ben Franklin Academy (BFA) Board of Directors (Board) meetings are open to the public and are conducted in compliance with Colorado Open Meetings Requirements.

The BFA Board works for the students, parents, and patrons of BFA in promoting the Vision and Mission of the school. Community input that can help the Board meet the challenge of educating children to BFA’s high standards is always welcome. Thus, the Board welcomes comments from members of the public during the public comment time set aside on the agenda on any topic.

The Board may choose to respond to public comments during this open forum but is not required to do so. The Board will only take action on items listed on the agenda. For other matters, the Board will receive comments only, and may, at its discretion, refer the matter or calendar the issue for future discussion. This is our opportunity to hear from students, parents, and patrons for deliberation and discussion.

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