



6:00 pm

Governing Board Agenda

November 28, 2011

Call to order - Doug Bailey

Motion to accept minutes from the 10-24-2011 Board Meeting

Motion to accept the minutes Jeff Helms, Kelly Cadman seconds the motion. The motion passed.

Motion to accept the agenda

Motion to amend the agenda to add the school calendar for 2012 - 2013 and to approve the addition of a special education position by Jeff Grogan. Kelly Cadman seconds the motion. The motion to amend the agenda is passed.

Motion to accept the agenda by Jeff Grogan. Greg Newton seconds the motion to accept the agenda. The motion was passed.

Executive Committee

Update on funding situation discussion on how to proceed

Funding will be corrected using the state provided template and will be retroactive to the beginning of the school year. We have requested a meeting to address payment of funding due from previous school years.

Progress on template from the state

Reviewed and discussed by the board

Progress on scheduling a discussion of past funds due, including estimated amount

Next steps

Discussion on the next steps to be taken as we strive to reach resolution on the amount due to Brighten from the Douglas County School System. This discussion included the appropriate calculation of the amount owed, the factors to consider in that determination and the methods that could be acceptable in reaching a solution.

Finance

Financials Report

Carmin, Angi and our accountants will work together to update the categories for recording expenses for internal use to better reflect where money is spent.

A policy for capital itemization is under development.

Fundraising

Gala update

Will be on 4-27-2012 at the Center from 6 to 10 or 7 to 11. We are targeting 250 people at \$75.00 per person. Each board member will be responsible for having 10 people attend and getting 5

items for the silent auction. Names are need by 1-27-2012.

Brighten Blizzard - Board donated cakes to be at the school by 6:00 pm.
Tree of life update

Planning and Organization/Instruction Committee

Final 1st semester survey results - Lisa McDonald lead a discussion of the results of the survey.
Board communication is an area for improvement at 92% - discuss action plan
Review the calendar for the 2012 -2013 school year. The calendar will be voted on at the next voting meeting

Motion to amend the budget by adding \$10,000.00 to employ add an Instruction Staff Specialist. This will bring the salary to \$25,000.00. It will be from the 1000-110 category. Motion to amend the budget as discussed by Scott Powers and seconded by Kelly Cadman. The motion passed.

Facilities/Technology Committee

Update on facility options and discussion on how to proceed:

Church property - Walk through of the church property will be scheduled.

Factory Shoals Elementary School - We will submit a letter requesting that Brighten be considered for use of the school and that the vote on use of the facility be delayed until we can do a feasibility study on the property . Jeff Grogan made a motion that a letter be drafted an submitted to the Douglas County Board of Education making this request. The motion was seconded by Jeff Helms. The motion passed.

Bill Arp

Bathroom update

Other

We have 421 enrolled with 3 openings. Calls have been placed to families to fill the openings.

The insurance claim on the lightening strike has been approved.

The bond will be renewed.

The door to cottage 2 is in and will be installed.

We had a failed back flow test in the new bathroom.

PTO Updates

Discussion of appropriate use of \$5000.00 in donated money for the playground.

Board Comments

Scott Powers - Expressed concerns for the coat policy that will go into effect after the holiday break. Mr. Powers cited the difficulty in finding solid color coats at reasonable prices.

Doug Bailey - Mr. Bailey suggested that on account of the upcoming holiday we should have a committee meeting session followed by a special called voting session, if needed .

Greg Newton - Detailed the difficulties in finding certain information on the Brighten website and the need for easier navigation in order to improve communication.

Jeff Grogan - Thank you to the board members and staff that drove the efforts to clear up our funding issues with the Douglas County School System

Carmin Takeuchi - Thanks to those involved in working to correct the funding issues with the county.

Dee Proeller - Would like to start thinking of qualities we are looking for in potential board members.

Jeff Helms - Mr. Helms also voiced his appreciation to those who took the lead in attempting resolve the issues with our funding.

Kelly Cadmen - Commented on the thoughtfulness and commitment of the board.