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## BELIEVE SCHOOLS, INC

### Minutes

#### September Board Meeting

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##### Date and Time

Wednesday September 15, 2021 at 5:00 PM

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##### Directors Present

A. Bennin (remote), C. Crawley (remote), C. Glier (remote), H. Harshman (remote), J. Fulk (remote), L. Turner (remote), M. Whitmire (remote), T. Hughes (remote)

##### Directors Absent

D. Bouie, M. Canada

##### Guests Present

K. Neal-Brannum, T. Vonderheit

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#### I. Opening Items

##### A. Call the Meeting to Order

##### B. Welcome and Attendance

##### C. Approve Minutes

L. Turner made a motion to approve the minutes from July Board Meeting on 07-21-21.

M. Whitmire seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

##### Roll Call

M. Whitmire Aye

C. Crawley Aye

H. Harshman Aye

**Roll Call**

C. Glier	Aye
T. Hughes	Aye
J. Fulk	Aye
D. Bouie	Absent
A. Bennin	Aye
L. Turner	Aye
M. Canada	Absent

C. Glier made a motion to approve the minutes from August Board Meeting on 08-18-21.

M. Whitmire seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

T. Hughes	Aye
D. Bouie	Absent
A. Bennin	Aye
H. Harshman	Aye
M. Canada	Absent
C. Glier	Aye
J. Fulk	Aye
C. Crawley	Aye
M. Whitmire	Aye

**II. Executive Director Report**

**A. Facilities Update**

**B. Printer Purchase**

C. Glier made a motion to Approve purchase of printer.

T. Hughes seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

T. Hughes	Aye
C. Crawley	Aye
L. Turner	Aye
H. Harshman	Aye
C. Glier	Aye
J. Fulk	Aye
M. Whitmire	Aye
A. Bennin	Aye
D. Bouie	Absent
M. Canada	Absent

**C. Other School Updates**

**COVID UPDATES**

KN started by sharing the August board report. Attendance is 91%. Once we saw a rise in cases, KN promptly sent a notification out to families that outlined new details -- masks, sanitization, eliminate group settings, eating outdoors, and breakfast in villages. The highest number of cases during a week time span was 4. Over the past week, we've only had one active case. We have not had to quarantine due to restrictions and space

We took kids over to Ivy Tech for vaccines. We are hosting a vaccine clinic on October 28th. Batch testing through state program will start next week on-site. We lost confidence in the Binax Now.

### **Attendance and Enrollment**

MW questioned the virtual option for kids. KN explained about that we went back to 100% virtual option for scholars. KN did share BCCHS did not report positive cases.

Enrollment landed at 130 for count date. KN reviewed scholar demographic. Only 12 SPED scholars. We're launching SPED programming full force because we think we have some misidentified scholars.

### **GPA**

GPAs have been a lot stronger this year. We have a strong mix of male/female academic strength. We had a lot of scholars, specifically males, who have come in very strong and are enrolled in their first college courses. Proud of the reputation that our school has built and created in the community.

### **Lexile Data**

This data shows where kids are coming in where they need to be -- at or below grade level. Reading groups are launching to support below basic scholars during acceleration block. All scholars receive double block ELA currently.

A few scholars are struggling with expectations and doing work because they are not use to being held accountable by previous schools/communities.

Went into partnership with SPEDActs and being paid through Part B funds.

26% of current scholars are taking college courses. We have several kids who will end the school year with 12 credits by the end of the 9th grade. Grade report was received from Ivy Tech for summer courses.

PD: Focusing on building and student culture.

First open house is scheduled for October 23rd 2021 @ 10AM. Open to the public.

American Exchange Program: Kids are able to travel to other states with scholars etc. Still exploring the program.

Parent Surveys: 94% 1st month, 85% 2nd month

KNB is currently the dean of culture and principal while AJA is out and BT transitioned out.

**School Culture:**

Drug incident with scholars -- two scholars are being drug tested weekly. Other scholar transferred before we could process paperwork.

***\*Moved into Executive Session\****

Discussed staff and HR issues

**Transportation**

One bus is up and running. Other bus has been purchased and in possession -- it is in the shop now.

**Security**

KN shared updates around building issues overnight. Cleaning company left the door open. Everything ended fine -- nothing was stolen.

**Facilities:**

Lawyer Crystal has done a great job. PA is in Kim's inbox. We think we may be ready to purchase in January. HVAC is working now -- April is trying to get Ivy Tech to cover the cost.

**911 Attempts**

Three ambulance calls were made in one week.

**III. Closing Items**

**A. Next meeting**

**B. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
C. Glier