

APPROVED



BELIEVE SCHOOLS, INC

Minutes

September Board Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday September 15, 2021 at 5:00 PM

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

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

A. Bennin Aye

M. Whitmire Aye

L. Turner Aye

Roll Call

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

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

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