



BELIEVE SCHOOLS, INC

Minutes

May Board Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday May 22, 2024 at 5:00 PM

Location

BELIEVE Circle City

Directors Present

A. Bennin (remote), A. Hervey, B. Akintomide, D. Dennis, H. Harshman, J. Fulk, P. Jones

Directors Absent

C. Glier, D. Bouie, L. Turner, M. Whitmire

Guests Present

K. Neal-Brannum (remote), T. Vonderheit (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

H. Harshman called a meeting of the board of directors of BELIEVE SCHOOLS, INC to order on Wednesday May 22, 2024 at 5:17 PM.

B. Student Visit

Two scholars attended the meeting to talk about Puerto Rico Trip.

C. Attendance

D. Approve March Minutes

J. Fulk made a motion to approve the minutes from BELIEVE March Board Meeting on 03-20-24.

B. Akintomide seconded the motion.

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

II. School Updates

A. Principal's Report

Academic Data

- Academic data (SAT) has not yet been released to share out. Updates to come at the next board meeting

Enrollment

- Principal AJA shared updates on 24-25 recruitment and enrollment numbers
- Round 1 scholars attended testing day in April. The next testing day is on June 1st
- Hervey inquired about # of PATH students currently enrolled
- Hervey inquired about how summer school enrollment can help with SY 24-25
- KNB shared Enroll Indy updates

Hiring

- ELA/ELL position filled
- DOO position filled
- Hiring event occurred on 5/21. 3 offers being extended
- Vacant positions: Math, Science, Bus Driver and SPED

Finance

- Principal AJA shared updates on finance/grants and the gaps currently in the space
- AJA highlighted Theo Brannum completing some contract work

B. Budget Approval

B. Akintomide made a motion to approve 24-25 SY Budget.

D. Dennis seconded the motion.

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

C. IPS Board Meeting Update

Executive Director KNB shared that BCCHS presented at the IPS Board Meeting in April. This presentation was focused around BCCHS joining the IPS Innovation School Network.

A draft contract is in the works with a lawyer. This contract will be shared with the board later this year to review.

III. Committee Updates

A. Governance

In the last Governance Committee meeting, the committee reviewed and discussed board member terms. One-on-one meetings will take place this summer to confirm positions.

The committee discussed new board member recruits, board structures, and board onboarding plans.

Board Chair Dr. Jones reviewed the proposed Board Structure and Duties document.

B. Academic Excellence

No major updates to share. Committee Chair will review proposed schedule and map out academic data share outs and dates.

C. Finance

Teagan Vonderheit shared updates from the finance committee.

D. Development

The board talked through different ways to better fundraise for specific student programs (*graduation, Beyond BELIEVE, school trips, etc*)

Action Item: Development Committee to draft a policy around mandatory annual board contributions and giving.

IV. Closing Items

A. Next meeting

Next meeting will be in August. We'll have a board retreat in July. The proposed date for the board retreat is July 17th.

B. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:41 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
A. Hervey