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Brighten Academy

Minutes

Brighten Academy Charter School Governing Board Meeting

Date and Time
Monday April 14, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Location
5897 Prestley Mill Rd, Douglasville, GA 30135

The Brighten Academy Governing Board will meet on Monday, April 14th, 2025 at 6:00 pm, in the Media Center.

Directors Present
C. Claiborne, D. Carter, J. Smith, K. Moses, N. Lord, R. Finan, R. Zackery, S. Battle

Directors Absent
C. Burns Falker, M. Vitale

Ex Officio Members Present
D. Davis

Guests Present
K. Bemus, K. Smith, S. Littles

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

J. Smith called a meeting of the board of directors of Brighten Academy to order on Monday Apr 14, 2025 at 7:02 PM.

C. Adoption of Agenda

J. Smith made a motion to adoption of the agenda and amend the following: -Mark Surplus List tabled -Executive Session added for deliberation of personnel -Fundraising updated added.
D. Carter seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

D. Approval of Minutes

J. Smith made a motion to approve the minutes from Brighten Academy Charter School Governing Board Meeting on 03-24-25.
R. Zackery seconded the motion.
- Changed name to L. Dean under public comment in the last meeting minutes.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

II. Executive Director's Report

A. March Surplus List

-57 books are outdated
-Two student chairs are damaged
-One printer was damaged

B. Facilities Report

-Cables on the bball nets were adjusted
-PM on the security systems.

C. Enrollment

total number of students is 818. We will not bring on anymore students until testing. We have openings in various grades.

III. Executive Committee

A. Strategic Teams Updates

Discussed safety and updates on morning/afternoon pickup and drop off.

B. Executive Director Search Update

An Executive Director has been selected. The board will provide additional information and updates in future meetings.

C. Spring Board Assessment

Dr. Carter discussed the results of the Spring Board Assessment. The Whole Board discussed strong points and challenges within the assessment.

D. Strategic Plan Update

Board Chair, Jamilia Smith reminded the board to review the strategic plan as 2025 is the last year for the current strategic plan. 2026 strategic planning process is underway.

IV. Finance Committee

A. Monthly Financials

Monthly financials were not provided. financials will be provided at the next meeting.

B. Fundraising Update

The annual golf tournament raised $5,000. The board's overall fundraising goal is $15,000. The board has currently raised $6,000 over the goal.

Discussion for 2025-2026 fundraisers will be held in future meetings. Encouraged parents to join the fundraising sub-committee.

V. Birdies Fore Brighten Ad Hoc Committee

A. Golf Tournament Update

The Birdies fore Brighten golf tournament was a success! The fundraiser raised $5,000.

VI. Other Business

A. Public Comment

B. Academic Year 25-26 Calendar Planning Process

We'll have the academic year calendar for review on April 28th.

C. Fundraising Calendar Planning for 25-26

We'll have the academic year calendar for review on April 28th.

D. Board Meeting Calendar for 25-26

We'll have the academic year calendar for review on April 28th.

E.

Executive Session

VII. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
J. Smith