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# BEATRICE MAYES INSTITUTE

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A WONDERLAND INC. SCHOOL

## Beatrice Mayes Institute

### Minutes

#### Board Meeting

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##### **Date and Time**

Wednesday February 15, 2023 at 6:30 PM

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##### **Directors Present**

G. Thomas, J. Keeton, M. Taylor, R. Caine

##### **Directors Absent**

A. Berry, Ed.D., B. Gilbert, J. Greenberg

##### **Ex Officio Members Present**

C. Mayes

##### **Non Voting Members Present**

C. Mayes

##### **Guests Present**

S. Shahid

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#### **I. Opening Items**

##### **A. Record Attendance and Determine Quorum Present**

## **B. Call the Meeting to Order**

R. Caine called a meeting of the board of directors of Beatrice Mayes Institute to order on Wednesday Feb 15, 2023 at 6:37 PM.

## **C. Reading of the Minutes**

G. Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes from WEEA Board Meeting on 01-26-23.

M. Taylor seconded the motion.

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

## **II. Superintendent Update**

### **A. Organizational Update**

#### **Black History Month**

- Students, faculty and staff had Royalty day.....Kings and Queens for a day.
- Plan for Black History video about Wonderland is black history throughout the years on 2/24/23
- Early dismissal on 2/24/23, using day as mental health day for teachers since we did not have a Black History Program.
- The plan is to get back to performing a black history program when new school is built.

#### **State Board of Education**

- State Board of Education Representative Stacy Childs wants to visit BMI - an African American school with STEAM program.

#### **Donations**

- Positive movement towards funding.
- Greater Houston Community Foundation will tour campus next month - March 28, 2023.
- Second gift for \$10,000 without visiting campus from Greater Houston Community Foundation.
- Mark Gregg gave \$125,000.
- The plan is to have additional tours upcoming in the future.

#### **Summer Program**

- Hype Freedom Schools - Reading Literacy Program -wants to use BMI Campus.
- 50 slots at BMI available for Summer 2023.
- Be a Bridge Foundation - meals for students after school - using for summer program for breakfast and lunch.

- Hype Schools raises own funds for program with K-12 age range.
- Paid internships for college students.
- Restoration Community Center - would like to partner with BMI to work on Community Garden, work with Dads, parent involvement.

### **Children at Risk**

- Children at Risk - highlights under served kids - well known with data - BMI ranked at #8
- in the city of Houston.
- Houston Chronicle reporter reached out to BMI to interview us for an article.

### **School Tours**

- For growth, BMI Administration started touring schools.
- Toured Cristo Rey Jesuit, met with Administration.
- BMI Administration attended the tour.
- Discussed academics, enrollment, fund raising, etc.
- March 21,2023 - will travel to Austin Achieve Academy in Austin for another tour.

### **Mr. Mayes in new weekly schedule:**

- Monday - Academic meeting
- Tuesday - Operations meetings
- Wednesday - Thursday - Finance meeting
- 3rd Wednesday - All Hands Meeting
- Thursdays - Senior Leadership Meeting

### **EFF Closing Dinner**

- EFF closing dinner scheduled for Feb. 21, 2023 - Joe and Medina are requested to be present.
- EFF Team will present a picture of the school as a gift.

### **Executive Session**

- The Board adjourned to executive session to discuss confidential matters regarding a student.

## **III. Finance**

### **A. Finance Committee**

- No current updates. Committee will provide update on financials for next board meeting.

- First Bond payment was successful and finalized by bank today.
- Audit is complete, confirmations were sent.
- Beginning due diligence for new auditors. Plan to start process now.
- Charter School Growth Fund is providing referrals for auditors.
- Remy will provide update on fundraising plan at next Financial Committee Meeting.

#### **IV. Miscellaneous Items**

##### **A. Miscellaneous Items**

- Organizational websites need to be updated for compliance. Last updates were in 2019.
- Certain links on website do not work.
- Per C. Mayes, website will be updated soon.

#### **V. 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 8:12 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
R. Caine