

APPROVED

**BEATRICE MAYES
INSTITUTE**
A WONDERLAND INC. SCHOOL

Beatrice Mayes Institute

Minutes

WEEA Board Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday May 17, 2023 at 6:30 PM

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Directors Present

A. Berry, Ed.D., B. Gilbert (remote), G. Thomas, J. Greenberg (remote), J. Keeton, M. Taylor, R. Caine

Directors Absent

None

Ex Officio Members Present

C. Mayes

Non Voting Members Present

C. Mayes

Guests Present

Paul King, S. Shahid

I. Opening Items

A.

Record Attendance and Determine Quorum Present

B. Call the Meeting to Order

J. Greenberg called a meeting of the board of directors of Beatrice Mayes Institute to order on Wednesday May 17, 2023 at 6:33 PM.

C. Reading of the Minutes

A. Berry, Ed.D. made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting on 02-15-23.

B. Gilbert seconded the motion.

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

II. Superintendent Update

A. Organizational Update

New Facility Construction:

- Discussed importance of having a project manager to help make decisions on construction issues.
- Buyer has been found to purchase middle school building. MS building needs to move to complete the road for the new school.
- Overall, construction project is going well.

STAAR Testing:

- Testing days were phenomenal, kids were handling the test very well.
- Couple of internet outages due to internet provider.

Last Days of School:

- May 26, 2023 is graduation...5:00pm K-5th grade, 6th-8th grade 7:00pm at Butler Stadium.
- May 30, 2023 is the last day for teachers.
- May 31, 2023, 12 leaders will go to Chicago for a leadership training. School tour, leadership training and strategic planning is planned for the trip. Return date is June 3, 2023.

Updates:

- Second City will come to Houston and train our faculty and staff on 8/8/23.

- Proposing a board retreat for 8/19/2023. Working with our rep with Board on Track to plan retreat. Possibly planning to have a board meeting along with the retreat.
- University of Houston Tutoring is ending for all charter except BMI. Chevron and U of H came to BMI for a tour and decided to keep working with BMI. The students of U of H are saying they want to be placed at BMI, tutors really enjoyed working with BMI.
- State of Texas is backing off of truancy, leaving it in the hands of the schools. Parents are not complying.
- We plan to have a beginning of the year meeting with parents to explain our expectations and standards.
- Realigned ESSER to add on more teachers for growth. Pressing on hiring now so we can be prepared for new school year. We have 4 openings for teachers.
- Our social media director is doing an amazing job. Managed to meet expectations without spending more money.

III. Academics

A. Academic Excellence

- Discussed consistency of having monthly meetings.
- Vision of Academic excellence has shaped up.
- Currently discussing high school curriculum.
- Looking into student mental health app program for students.
- Researching options of having a Guidance Counselor on campus.
- Students need a way to express themselves so we are looking to create incentives to award good students.

Next Academic Excellence Meeting scheduled for 6/8/2023. Date and time may change.

IV. Finance

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Finance Committee

Put KPI's up front
Sample is for December

Paul King discussed the KPI's with the board.
Updated financials will be provided at the end of June 2023.

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 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
J. Greenberg