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

Beatrice Mayes Institute

**Minutes**

WEEA Board Meeting

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**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

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**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**

#### **A.**

### **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