



Quest Academy

Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 9, 2010

Location: Quest Academy, 4862 West 4000 South, West Haven, UT 84401

In Attendance: Natalie Williams, Heidi Jex, Penn Bradshaw, Ken Bradshaw, Brandy Beckman, Lani Rounds (Principal), Vicky Barlow (Asst. Principal), Dawn Kawaguchi (AW), and Trent Brown (AW)

Excused: Michele Kersey Smith and Beckie Eastman

The mission of Quest Academy is to provide students a challenging, technology rich environment, enabling young citizens to become leaders prepared for the challenges of an evolving global community.

Minutes

6:03 p.m. – CALL TO ORDER – Brandy Beckman

Ken Bradshaw made a motion to convene as the Quest Academy Board. Penn Bradshaw seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT ITEMS – Ken Bradshaw made a motion to adopt and approve the consent agenda. Penn Bradshaw seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- Approve Board Meeting Minutes from January 12, 2010
- Accept Closed Board Meeting Affidavit from January 12, 2010
- Approve Electronic Board Meeting Minutes from February 2, 2010
- Ratify the Corporate Resolution authorizing Zions Bank accounts

BUSINESS ITEMS (To Be Discussed and/or Voted Upon)

- Discuss and vote on POQA Clubs – Natalie reported to the Board that all school clubs now have at least one volunteer teacher in the classroom. Ken Bradshaw made a motion to approve the POQA clubs as presently constituted with the supervisory responsibility outlined by Ms. Williams. Heidi Jex seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- Discuss and vote on the LEA Parental Involvement Policy – Lani explained to the board that this is a policy that is required in order to receive some of the school's title funds. She reported that Vicky and the POQA have reviewed this policy as well. Lani briefly explained that the policy states how the school and parents will be involved as a shared responsibility. Ken Bradshaw made a motion to approve the LEA Parent Involvement Policy. Penn Bradshaw seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- Discuss and vote on the Parent Compact – Lani briefly explained the Parent Compact. She stated that this is what the parents, teacher and student go through together at Parent/Teacher conference. It outlines everyone's responsibilities and all involve sign it as

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well. Ken Bradshaw made a motion to table the Parent Compact until POQA Board has a chance to review it. Heidi Jex seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- Discuss and vote on the Special Ed Policy and Procedures Manual – Lani reported to the Board that this has been approved by the State Board of Education. She stated that Catherine Montgomery, Kim Dohrer with Academica and herself worked on this manual together last year. Dawn stated that the Board can make changes but it has to go back to the State Board to be re-approved and also must be adopted by the school board. Penn Bradshaw made a motion to accept the Special Ed Policy and Procedures Manual. Natalie Williams seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- Discuss and vote on the 2010-2011 School Calendar – Lani reported to the Board that they posted the calendar on the website and received a ton of feedback. They did make some minor changes due to the parent feedback which included Parent Teacher conference dates and the last day of school to be changed to a minimum day. Lani stated that there were minimal requests that weren't accommodated. Penn Bradshaw made a motion to approve the 2010-2011 school calendar as presented. Natalie Williams seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- Discuss and vote on the purchase of Fastt Math – Lani reported to the Board that this purchase comes from part of title money that the school received. She went on to explain that they currently have 15 copies and were planning on purchasing 16 more copies to fill an entire COW (Computers on Wheel aka mobile computer lab). Justin Clark (SpEd teacher) suggested that maybe Fastt Math would take back the 15 copies that have already been purchased and then have the school purchase a network license. This way any teacher can access Fastt Math from any computer or laptop at any time. Dawn Wright has been negotiating with the Fastt Math reps and as of today has negotiated for them to take back the 15 copies and give them an unlimited site license at the cost of \$2,266 instead of the \$5,088. Since the amount is now below the purchasing amount that requires Board approval, Lani does not need to bring this to the Board for approval according to the Purchasing Policy.

REPORTS

➤ **Academica Report**

- Trent gave a brief report regarding Academica's dealings with Lani and Vicky. He gave a glowing report. He stated that the lines of communications have been open and both Lani and Vicky have been asking a lot of questions.
- Trent also brought the final paperwork to be signed to open the new Zions Bank account.

Ken reported to the Board that he has spoken with Jed Stevenson at Academica and they are in the process of setting up a time to get together for a budget review meeting. Ken or Jed will be contacting all involved within the next 48 hrs for that meeting.

➤ **Board Report**

- Update Annual Open Meetings Act training – Brandy reminded all Board members who haven't watched the video online to do it and report back to her.
- Review and accept 2009-2010 Budget (as of January 31, 2010) – Heidi reported that she doesn't see anything significantly different than last month. Since they will be meeting at the end of the week to make some changes, there wasn't much to report.

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- **Parent Organization Report** *by Natalie Williams*
 - Art and Dinner Auction – Next Thursday (Feb. 18th). All classes did art projects that were made by technology. There will be a catered Spaghetti dinner. They are still looking for some judges – any Board members without children at the school.
- **Principal Report** *by Lani Rounds*
 - Lottery is looking very good

PUBLIC COMMENT (Comments will be limited to items not on the agenda- 3 min. each)
There was no public comment.

Ken stated that he asked to have a Closed Session but at this time would like to ask not go into a Closed Session. He asked if he could speak publicly regarding what the Closed Session was for. Brandy Beckman gave him the okay to do so. Ken then explained that the idea for the Closed Session was to talk about recruiting for a new Principal. He briefly explained that there has been talk about whether or not the recruiting should be done or should they just offer the job to Lani on a permanent basis. Ken's view is that makes sense in terms of solidifying the position of the school including (assuming for the moment that Lani would to be the successful applicant) to be able to demonstrate that they went through the exercise, that she emerged as the top candidate of the pile and by doing it that way the Board would demonstrate to the staff, faculty and to the public that we had exactly the right person for the job. That having been said having been really intimately involved over the last several month with what's been going on with the school personally as well as a Board member, Ken is absolutely convinced that at this point there is no good purpose to be had by going through with that exercise. Ken made a recommendation to the Board to unanimously announce that fact that Lani is to be the permanent Principal of the school and forgo the application process.

Ken Bradshaw made a motion that we do not seek for someone else that we implore Lani to stay with us in that capacity with Vicky at her side. We are going where we want to go and we want to see that happen so he moved that we announce that she is in fact as the permanent appointment as our Principal. Penn Bradshaw seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Ken publically thanked Academica specifically Crista for all her help in this.

Heidi Jex made a motion to keep Vicky Barlow as the Assistant Principal. Penn Bradshaw seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN – 6:30 p.m. Ken Bradshaw made a motion to adjourn the Board Meeting. Penn Bradshaw seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. (*Duration 26:59*)

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