

## I. Call to Order

T. Slocum, B. Bingham, P. Willis, N. Vouvalis, H. Kleiner, A. Odum present at call to order for 5:33 p.m.

## II. Past Minutes

Minutes stand approved.

## III. Public Comment

No one present for public comment.

## IV. Financial Update

Our enrollment decreased in the first month of school. This has given us a fairly negative effect in terms of state level revenues. The effects of the lower enrollment numbers means that our operating margin is at zero. We have a goal of 3%, but BRCS only has \$93 of net income remaining right now.

Some items are not all that concerning yet; lunch program, for example, will look underfunded for a large portion of the year. All in all, we are down just \$83 in revenues for local revenues. State revenues, however, are going to be down quite a bit. The enrollment dip corresponds to \$38,000 of missing revenue compared to what we had budgeted for.

As per the usual, we have received none of our federal dollars yet, so that will help the forecast a bit once those are delivered.

In expenses, we had decided to spend a little more money on professional development with our new DI consultant, so we'll notice that that is up quite a bit. There were also some notable expenditures in Maintenance and Janitorial (680), Textbooks and Curriculum (641), Furniture and Fixtures (733), and Technology (734). The Board discussed approvals for large purchases, and will consult with the Treasurer about what a good approvals threshold would be.

Enrollment has played a large part of what is going awry with the budget; expenditures were made before we knew we were losing so many enrolled students. The Board discussed holding a fall retreat to address the enrollment problem.

## V. SCA Updates

Spirit week is being brought back. The 7<sup>th</sup> graders are organizing Spirit Week – it will take place between November 7 – 11. T-shirts and spirit sleeves will be sold.

The Green Science Fair is coming – October 28 from 5:30 to 8:30. There will be a lot of activities and everyone should stop by, if they are able. Fast Forward High School students recently came and took all of the school pictures. Those students will also be judging the Green Science Fair.

## VI. Fall Public Meeting

The Board thought it would be nice to have a fall public meeting. Something that was just scheduled, and took place, to make ourselves available to parents. It does not need to

center around an issue, but is just there for more open communication and outreach to the parents.

A winter board retreat was also discussed to workshop some enrollment issues.

Finally, the Board should begin meeting with teachers on a more regular basis. Again, open communication and availability that does not center around an issue, but simply being available to communicate.

#### VII. Building Update

An appraisal has been scheduled. Jeremy did a great job finding the different appraisals and costs. The appraisals cost \$2400.

There are two routes for moving forward: we will see what the appraisals show, which corresponds with the building purchase for this existing building. The other is to buy an existing building. We are investigating both approaches.

#### VIII. School Lunch Support

BRCS has 10 children who are consistently not coming to school with lunch. One of the children likes the cup of noodles so sort of prefers that outcome – it's not that they do not otherwise have lunch available. The budget does not allow for continuing to fund this so we need to work out a proposal. [Update: the budget apparently does allow for the school to absorb this cost. BRCS strives to be the kind of school that supports our community in any way we can, so for now, it will cover the costs of these lunches.]

P. Willis indicated that there might also be some need to address whether the children are receiving the appropriate level of care.

School staff will spend some time researching whether we are eligible for the national school lunch program, and when other authorities must be alerted to the issue. We will also research different ways of figuring out how to support these families.

#### IX. Volunteer Background Screening

The Board discussed background checks. The administrative rule became active on October 1, and BRCS is working toward coming into compliance.

#### X. Updates

Library staffing, teacher retention, and other business will be pushed to the next meeting. Ability grouping seems to be going well. Parent teacher conferences were last week, and the teachers reported positive meetings with parents. Slocum asked how the groups were operating, especially given that there are additional groups since the beginning of the year. J. Adams reported that some efforts are ongoing, but for the most part, things seem to have settled nicely. Teachers feel that their groups are placed well, and parents seem satisfied.

The DI coach is coming November 7 and 8. J. Adams has worked to get things prepped for her visit in terms of making sure that those are structured well. Her plan is to do some side-by-side structured coaching, which is a unique approach but very in line with direct

instruction. There is some apprehension among the teachers, but the coach is confident that this will be the best for the school.

Adjournment 7:19 p.m.