

Advocates for Academic Excellence in Education, Inc.
(Benjamin Franklin High School)
Regular Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, September 23, 2010 at 4:00 PM
Benjamin Franklin High School Library

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Agenda

1. **Call to Order:** 4:05 pm
2. **Present:** Duris Holmes, Carl Indest, Patricia Adams, Joia Crear-Perry, Mark Mayer, Susan Weeks, Gary Ostroske, Principal Timothy Rusnak, Larry Baudoin CFO
3. **Reading of the Minutes:** Dispensed with reading of minutes, Put to Motion, Motion 2nd, Motion passed
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Put to Motion, Motion 2nd, Motion passed
5. **Approval of Agenda:** Put to Motion, Motion 2nd, Motion passed
6. **Public Comment:** Mr. Parauka spoke of Homecoming Activities and encouraged all Board Members to attend events that week.

Board Business

1. Request to transfer funds from savings to purchase "Light Board" for the auditorium
 - Mrs. Morris explained that the auditorium is in need of a new light board (8 of 144 circuits are working currently).
 - Estimated cost to repair the board is approximately \$25K-\$50 K and is expected to be reimbursed by FEMA either this academic year or the next-exact timeframe is unknown.
 - Mrs. Morris has asked for the money to be taken out of reserve in order to move forward with the repairs and she has been verbally assured that FEMA will reimburse this expense.
 - Ron Leon with OPSB has met with Mrs. Morris to discuss the \$1.1 million FEMA grant for repairs and he gave her verbal assurance that the project would be reimbursed.
 - Mrs. Morris reiterated the necessity to have the board repaired before receiving the grant dollars in order to have a functioning auditorium for school plays, concerts, and events.
 - Dr. Rusnak has only received a vague chart (passed out to all Board Members) from OPSB regarding what improvements will be made with the \$1.1million grant. Dr. Rusnak and Mrs. Morris are working to get the reimbursement in writing.
 - Motion to approve \$50K max expenditure with the understanding that reimbursement will be provided by FEMA, Put to Motion, Motion 2nd, Motion passed
2. Update from Business Office
 - The school received an unqualified audit opinion and had only two internal control findings:
 - Board should receive monthly financial statements.

- Requests for reimbursement of grants should be submitted in a timely manner.
3. Evaluation Process for CEO/Principal (executive session) pursuant LA revised statute
- Motion to enter executive session at 4:40pm, Put to Motion, Motion 2nd, Motion passed.
 - The Board returned from executive session at 6:35. No final or binding action was taken during the executive session.
 - Motion by Mr. Mayer to approve the response to the Louisiana Audit Compliance questionnaire, seconded by Mr. Indest, Motion passed.
 - Next meeting has been changed to October 19 at 4pm.

Adjournment: Put to Motion, Motion 2nd, Motion passed, Meeting Adjourned at 6:35 pm.