

BREAKTHROUGH **CHARTER SCHOOL**

MINUTES **Regular Board Meeting** **November 9, 2020 @ 12:00pm**

The Breakthrough Charter School Board met in a regular meeting on Monday, November 9, 2020 in the Marion Military Institute Board Room at 1101 Washington Street, Marion, AL 36756.

Brittany Crawford motioned to call the meeting to order. Motion was seconded by Kalen Early. A quorum was established, having all board members present except Mrs. Larissa Clachar.

A motion by Suzanne McKee to approve the agenda as presented, with the second coming from Mrs. Painter. Motion carried.

A motion by Suzanne McKee to approve last meeting minutes as presented, with the second coming from Mrs. Painter. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve New Schools for Alabama as back office support for accounting, federal reporting and outsourcing services was presented by Mr. Kalen Early. Motion was seconded by Mr. Dempsey. Motion carried.

Mrs. Eva Painter motioned to accept D & O Insurance as BCH's liability insurance provider. Motion was seconded by Mr. Kalen Early. Motion carried.

Mrs. Suzanne McKee motioned to officially accept the bylaws. Motion was seconded by Eva Painter. Motion carried.

Mrs. Suzanne McKee motioned to nominate Kalen Early as the Treasurer of the board. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Painter. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairwoman Brittany Crawford appoints Matt Dempsey to be chair of the Academic Oversight Committee.

Chairwoman Brittany Crawford appoints Kalen Early to be chair of the Finance Committee.

Chairwoman Brittany Crawford appoints Suzanne McKee to be chair of the Board Governance Committee.

Mrs. Larissa Clachar joins the meeting via Zoom.

Chairwoman Brittany Crawford appoints Wendell Crews to be chair of the Community Engagement Committee.

Chairwoman Brittany Crawford provides facility updates.

Darren Ramalho, school leader, provided updates:

- Website is continuing to be updated. Pre-enrollment link is available on the site.
- We need to push for parents to sign up via the pre-enrollment link
- Discuss automated response after pre-enrollment submission
- Discuss community engagement methods
- Will meet with Breakthrough Birmingham in the Spring to discuss partnerships
- Will have Charter School Contract signed by tomorrow's deadline
- Many applicants have applied for Assistant Head of School
- Diverse Charter School application will be submitted this week
- Black Alabamians for Education has given us a proposal, will discuss possible partnership after reviewing budget
- Met with MainStreet Marion & Donald Bennett and are looking into ways to partner with them
- Was unable to get in touch with Sowing Seeds of Hope
- Possible meeting with BDA farms
- Narrow mascot decision to Bengals, Broncos, and Badgers
- Set up online fundraising platform
- All of us must continue to be recruiters
- Personnel recruitment should begin soon. Teacher recruitment will begin in Spring. Darren will make an effort to connect with Teacher for America alumni.
- I3 Academy extended invite to board to view their school

With there being no further business, a motion by Brittany Crawford to close the meeting was seconded by Mrs. Eva Painter, and the meeting was adjourned.

The next regular meeting of the Board will Monday January 9, 2021 at 12 noon.