

BREAKTHROUGH **CHARTER SCHOOL**

MINUTES **Regular Board Meeting** **September 30, 2020 @ 12:00pm**

The Breakthrough Charter School Board met in a regular meeting on Wednesday, September 30, 2020 in the Marion Military Institute Board Room at 1101 Washington Street, Marion, Al 36756.

Brittany Crawford called the meeting to order. A quorum was established, having all board members present.

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

Darren Ramalho officially submitted his resignation letter as Chairman of the Board. Brittany Crawford made a motion to accept the resignation with a second coming from Eva Painter. The resignation was accepted unanimously.

A motion by Suzanne McKee to elect Brittany Crawford chairman. Larissa Clachar seconded; Motion carried unanimously.

Larissa Clachar made a motion to name Eva Painter vice-chairman of the board with a second coming from Wendell Crews. The motion was carried.

Eva Painter made a motion to name Wendell Crews secretary of the board with a second coming from Kalen Early. The motion was carried.

A motion by Eva Painter to extend board member invitation to Matt Dempsey. Mr. Crews seconded. Motion carried.


Darren Ramalho, school leader, provided updates:

- Website is continuing to be updated. Pre-enrollment form is available on the site.
- Personnel recruitment should begin soon. Teacher recruitment will begin in Spring. Darren will make an effort to connect with Teacher for America alumni.
- Diverse Charter coalition is interested in BCS joining their organization.
- Breakthrough Birmingham and Birmingham Talks are organizations that have reached out with interest in working in the Blackbelt.
- Black Alabamians For Education is interested in supporting us for recruiting. Asking about an amount to contract their services.

- NewSchools Venture Fund professional learning around school implementation and SEL is going well. We meet at least 1-2 times a month.
- Citizens of the World School Leaders Institute began last week. Incredible PD around storytelling and inclusive leadership development.
- ALSDE has started reaching out about having us officially recognized as an organization.
 - I will receive communications from State Supt. Mackey effective immediately.
 - Received paperwork about participating in TRS and PEEHIP. (TBD)
 - Meeting with Logan Searcy next week to discuss charter contract.
 - Set up with PowerSchool professional learning – signed up for PD around schedule building with PowerSchool
- LBMC will do our payroll. This is the company that will do part of our back-office support with New Schools for Alabama.
- Marion Bank and Trust meeting is happening this Thursday to introduce Guy Davis, Bank President, to Breakthrough.
- Meetings to Schedule: Main Street Marion, Judson College, CHOICE, Sowing Seeds of Hope
- We should be receiving the rest of the NewSchools Venture Fund money sometime this semester – verified with Miho from NewSchools – need money out of MMI Foundation
- Remaining fellowship grant money will be deposited into our account tomorrow
- Chatted with Carol Butler from the Goodrich Foundation – she recommended applying during the February cycle
- Letter of Interest to Daniel Foundation due at the beginning of October – working on this
- Attempting to connect with the Caulder Foundation
- Finalizing CSP budget with CSP team – all line items have to be approved before the disbursement of funds

With there being no further business, a motion by Brittany Crawford was seconded by Mr. Kalen Early, and the meeting was adjourned.

The next regular meeting of the Board will Wednesday, October 15th at 12 noon.


Brittany Crawford, President


Wendell Crews, Secretary