

**Quality Education Academy (QEA)**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**June 14, 2021**  
**Meeting took place via Zoom**

**Members Present:**

Chairman - Dr. Jefferson Caruthers, Jr  
CEO - Tonya Bellanger  
James Covington  
James Gadson  
Walter Weathers  
Adolphus Coplin  
Roy Oliphant  
Ronald Jessup

**Absent Members:**

John Foxworth  
Dr. Kendra March

**Staff (S) / Parents (P)/Visitors (V):**

D. Evans (S)	N. Brabham (S)	T. Turner (S)	A. Booth-Horton (S)
B. Roberts (S)	M. Ross (S)	M. Gomez (P)	K. McEachern (P)
H. Carter (P)	S. Johnson (V)	Attorney S. Bowens (V)	

**Welcome**

The QEA meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm. It was determined a quorum of Board Members was present thus the meeting continued. The Chairman proceeded by asking if there was anything in tonight's agenda that would present a conflict of interest to any of the attending Board Members. There was no conflict of interest stated by any of the attending Board Members. He also asked Board Members if there would be any additions to tonight's agenda. There were no stated additions to the agenda. The Chairman called for the reading of our mission, vision, and core values statements and these statements were read by CEO Mrs. Bellanger.

**Reading and approval of the May 10, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes**

After allowing Board Members an opportunity to read over the minutes from the previous May 10, 2021 Board Meeting, the Chairman called for a motion to receive and record the minutes into public record. Mr. Gadson made a motion to receive the minutes into public record with proper correction, if any and Mr. Jessup seconded the motion. The motion was put through using the roll call method. The motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comment**

Ms. Meagan Gomez, one of our QEA Parents, stated she would like to thank the school for partnering with the Forsyth County Department of Public Health to offer free Covid Vaccinations to the public for anyone ages 12 years and older. She was also grateful and very complimentary of the Elementary School teachers and Administration for the outstanding year her daughter has had.

**From the Chairman**

The Chairman said he would like to thank all of our visitors for attending tonight's meeting. He continued by expressing his appreciation for the efficient manner in which the CEO and staff have completed the second half of this school year. He went on to

speak on the level of commitment both the CEO and staff have shown by getting the students back on task and preparing them for EOG/EOC tests and graduation in the course of these unusual circumstances. He closed his statement by saying he trusts that QEA will continue to excel and progress throughout the coming years.

### **Old Business**

Mr. Coplin reported on the Expansion Committee Meeting which took place on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 4:00 PM. The purpose of the committee meeting was to discuss the Expansion plans for the upcoming school year. This committee was comprised of CEO Mrs. Bellanger, Chairman Dr. Caruthers, and Board Member Mr. Coplin.

### **New Business**

The full Board continued discussion regarding the expansion recommendations. When asked why so many families are applying to QEA, Ms. Bellanger noted several reasons:

- Word of mouth referrals by current families
- Special events (Culture Day, Annual Legacy Banquet, Bestowal of Blessings)
- Zero tolerance for bullying
- 100% High School Graduation rate & college acceptance rate

Ms. Bellanger also noted that additional staff would have to be hired to accommodate the enrollment growth. The increase in enrollment would provide funding for new positions.

Board members inquired of an alternative plan if the space requested for the overflow of students is not approved. Ms. Bellanger stated we would not be able to enroll all of the students who have applied for the upcoming school year. Administration will work with the current facilities to accommodate as many scholars as possible.

The chairman suggested that the committee meet again within the next 8 to 10 days to determine the placement of students. Board Member Gadson asked to be added to the Committee. The Chairman called for a motion for the committee to meet within the next 8 days to determine the placement of students. Mr. Weathers made the motion for the committee to meet within the next 8 days to determine the placement of students. Mr. Jessup seconded the motion. The vote was put through using the roll call method. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Chief Executive Officer's Report**

The CEO addressed the Board in the following areas:

#### **Academic**

Mrs. Bellanger notified Board Members of the following:

- QEA started its Summer Learning Program today Monday, June 14, 2021. This program will run through Friday, July 9<sup>th</sup>.
- End-of-Grade Testing and End-of-Course Testing are complete and we are waiting on the preliminary results.
- The NC request to waive accountability, school identification and related reporting requirements was approved by the US Department of Education.
- The Beginning Teacher Support Plan that the Board approved in the May 10<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting has received final approval from NCDPI and is now on file with the Licensure Division

- On May 29<sup>th</sup> we celebrated our 12<sup>th</sup> graduating class. We had 24 seniors to graduate. QEA still maintains a 100% graduation and college acceptance rate.

### **Operations**

- Our 2020 – 2021 School year close out was successful. Once the Summer Learning Program closes in July, the buildings will undergo deep cleaning and refreshing for the next school year.
- QEA partnered with the Forsyth County Health Department to offer free Covid Vaccinations to the public for anyone ages 12 years and older. The Clinic was held on Wednesday, June 16, 2021 in our High School gymnasium.
- This year we were unable to celebrate our annual Cultural Day because of the pandemic however, Friday, June 18, 2021 we will celebrate Juneteenth. This will be an amazing event so be sure to come out and enjoy, there will be lots of vendors and plenty of great food.
- Our School Nutrition Department will continue to serve breakfast and lunch through the Summer Food Service Program.

### **Enrollment**

As of June 8, 2021 we have a net loss of 43 scholars. We have 11 new enrollees and 54 withdrawals. Currently we have a total of 653 scholars.

### **Financial**

CEO, Mrs. Bellanger, reviewed the Financial Report for April 2021. She said we are on track for the end of the year. She informed Board Members that the financial audit will take place on July 13, 2021. She asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.

The Chairman called for a motion to receive the CEO's report and the financial report. Mr. Coplin made a motion to receive the CEO's report and the financial report. Mr. Oliphant seconded the motion. The vote was put through using the roll call method. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Closed Session**

The Board went into Closed Session at 7:15 pm to discuss a personnel matter. At the conclusion of the closed session, the meeting was adjourned.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

### **Announcement**

The next Quality Education Academy Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 13, 2021 at 6:00 PM. A notification to all Board Members will be sent prior to the scheduled meeting. A copy of the previous meeting minutes will be emailed to all Board Members in addition to the meeting notification.

Minutes recorded by **S. Adams**