

**Quality Education Academy (QEA)**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**March 13, 2023**  
**Meeting took place via Zoom**

**Members Present:**

Chairman Dr. Jefferson Caruthers  
John Foxworth  
James Gadson  
Adolphus Coplin  
Walter Weathers  
Dr. Kendra March  
Ronald Jessup  
James Covington  
CEO Dr. Tamara Turner

**Absent Members:**

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

**D. Evans (s)**

**Welcome**

The QEA Board Meeting was called to order at 6:01pm. It was determined a quorum of Board Members was present, thus, the meeting continued.

The Chairman confirmed no changes were needed in the agenda. He also confirmed there were no conflicts of interest regarding any items on the agenda. We had the reading of our Mission, Vision, and Core Values by CEO, Dr. Turner.

**Public Comment**

There were no public comments in tonight's meeting.

**Review and approval of February 13, Board Minutes**

Board Meeting Minutes from February 13, 2023 Board Meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Coplin to receive the minutes into public record. Mr. Covington seconded the motion. The vote was put through using the roll call method. The motion carried unanimously. There were no noted corrections to be made to the minutes.

**From the Chair**

The Chairman said he would like to thank CEO, Dr. Turner and the staff for the diligence they have shown towards the school's goals and mission. He also thanked Dr. Turner for the timely manner in which she notifies and keeps the Board informed of anything that involves or affects the school directly.

**CEO'S Report**

CEO, Dr. Turner addressed the following:

**I. Academics**

Dr. Turner announced that the 3<sup>rd</sup> set of Benchmark and Check-ins begin on March 9, 2023 and will continue through March 22, 2023. She ensured Board Members that she will share testing data as soon as the results are made available.

### **Operations**

Initiatives and Events for the month of March and April are as follows:

- The BTPS Audit was completed today (March 13, 2023). It appeared to go well.
- Ghana trip fundraising deadline for March was on March 18, 2023
- Arts Showcase field trip in Goldsboro is on March 21, 2023 (The Band will be performing in front of 1,500 students in Wake County)
- We are expecting a decision on our bid for the Kimberly Park Hydroponic farm on March 21, 2023
- Girl's Mentoring etiquette field trip in Greensboro (Lasers) March 22, 2023
- Spring Showcase and SOS Dance March 23, 2023
- Host State Superintendent for bond public hearing March 29, 2023
- Spring Break April 3 – April 10
- QEA Lottery will be held on April 13, 2023

### **Athletics:**

The girls' basketball team placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the NCA4SC Conference and also placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the USA National Prep Tournament. The National Boys placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the NCA4SC Conference and 1<sup>st</sup> in the USA National Prep Tournament.

Now we have launched our Spring Sports which consists of:

- Women's soccer
- Boy's and Girl's track
- Flag football

## **II. Enrollment**

Dr. Turner informed Board members that QEA has a total enrollment of 647 students at present. Two students have existed since January. As of March 13, 2023, we have 102 students on the waitlist for the 2023 – 2024 School Year and we are projecting a total of 782 for the upcoming school year.

## **III. Staffing**

QEA currently has 111 staff members. There have been two additions to our staff. Mr. Antwon Steele was hired to fill the High School TA position and Mrs. Ruth-Ann Barnette-Clarke was hired to fill the 8<sup>th</sup> grade ELA position.

## **IV. Financial**

CEO, Dr. Turner briefly reported on the Financial Report for January 2023. She also let Board Members know that we have received the audit review from our School Nutrition audit that took place in December.

Also, the School Financial audit was received on March 10, 2023, there were no findings on the Financial audit report.

The Chairman called for a motion to schedule a Called Meeting for Monday, March 20, 2023 @ 6:00 to approve the Financial Audit and discuss the bond Due Diligence issue. Mr. Coplin made a motion to schedule a Called Meeting Monday, March 20, 2023 to discuss the Due Diligence Issue and approve the Financial Audit. Mr. Covington seconded the motion. The vote was put through using the roll call method. The motion carried unanimously.

#### VI Governance/Policies/Compliance

Dr. Turner informed Board Members that the BTPS audit took place today (Monday, March 13, 2023). The audit appeared to go very well.

The Chairman called for a motion to add the approval of the 2023 -2024 School Calendar, to ratify the two new employees Mr. Antwon Steele and Mrs. Ruth-Ann Barnette-Clarke, and the approval of the Summer School plan at the Called Board Meeting on Monday, March 20, 2023. Mr. Coplin made a motion to add the approval of the 2023 -2024 School Calendar, the ratification of the two new employees, Mr. Antwon Steele, and Mrs. Ruth-Ann Barnette-Clarke, and the approval of the Summer School plan at the Called Board Meeting on Monday, March 20, 2023. Mr. Jessup seconded the motion. The vote was put through using the roll call method. The motion carried unanimously.

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

#### **Adjournment**

The Chairman called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Coplin made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Foxworth seconded. The vote was put through using the roll call method. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:53 pm.

#### **Announcement**

The next Quality Education Academy Board Meeting will be a Called Meeting and it is scheduled for Monday, March 20, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

Minutes recorded by S. Adams

#### **QEA Board Meeting Schedule:**

August 22, 2022  
September 12, 2022  
October 10, 2022  
November 14, 2022  
January 9, 2023  
February 13, 2023  
March 13, 2022  
Called Board Meeting March 20, 2023  
May 15, 2023