

Quality Education Academy (QEA)
(K-12) Called
Board Meeting Minutes
October 26, 2020
Meeting took place via Zoom

Members Present:

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

Absent Members:

John Foxworth

Visitors:

Staff

A. Martin	D. Evans	N. Flowers
Sh. Clark	L. Garriga	A. Cromartie
J. Mitchell	C. Jones	K. Poindexter
B. Williams	J. Miller	S. Hyman
J. Greer-Kodja	K. Hamilton	S. Vaird
T. Turner		

Parents

Maegan Gomez

Welcome

The QEA meeting was called to order at **6:00 pm**. Roll was called and it was determined that a quorum of Board Members was present thus the meeting proceeded. Per the Chairman, the purpose of this called meeting is to discuss whether to proceed with the re-entry to In-Person Instruction plan for November 2, 2020 or to postpone re-entry to In-Person Instruction due to the increase in the number of positive cases of the COIVD-19 virus. The Chairman asked if any of the attending Board Members had anything they wish to add to tonight's agenda. There were no additions to the agenda. The Chairman called for Public comments.

Public Comment

We had public comments from Ms. Meagan Gomez, one of our parents/teachers.

From the CEO

CEO Mrs. Bellanger provided data showing Board Members the latest updates on the Corona cases. According to the data, the number of people becoming infected with the virus is rapidly increasing. Mrs. Bellanger added it is because of this increase in positive cases that several surrounding county schools have decided to postpone the returning of In-Person Instruction.

Mrs. Bellanger recapped the current 3 Phase Hybrid Plan for re-entry to In-Person Instruction. Phase I would begin on Monday, November 2nd with the return of Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 6th and 7th grades. Phase II would begin on Monday, November 30th with the return of grades 3rd, 4th, 5th,

8th and High School Small Groups for Tested Subjects. Phase III would consist of High School grades 9th – 12th returning on Monday, January 11, 2021. All procedures approved at the previous Board Meeting would still be implemented.

Mrs. Bellanger then presented a second choice (option 2) in the event the Board decides to postpone the return to in-person due to the increase in positive cases of the virus.

The Option 2 plan suggests that students in Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 6th, 7th, 9th and Tested High School Subjects will return to in-person instruction on Wednesday, January 20, 2021. Students in 3rd, 4th, 5th, 8th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grades will return to in-person instruction on Wednesday, February 3, 2021.

After hearing the two options and reviewing the supporting data presented by Mrs. Bellanger, the Chairman allowed each Board Member an opportunity to express his or her concerns and state whether or not they were for or against the re-entry of in-person instruction on Monday, November 2, 2020. Each Board Member stated they felt like the In-Person Instruction re-entry date should be postponed due to the increasing number of positive cases.

The Chairman called for a motion to postpone the re-entry of In-Person Instruction until January 20, 2021. Mr. Covington made a motion to postpone the re-entry of In-Person Instruction until January 20, 2021 and Dr. March seconded the motion. The vote was put through using the roll call method. The vote carried unanimously.

In other business, the Chairman brought to the floor a discussion regarding usage of the School Facilities during a Pandemic or an Emergency-type situation. CEO Mrs. Bellanger stated she would keep the Board Members informed of usage of the facilities during the pandemic and further discussion regarding policy could take place at future meetings.

Adjournment

The Chairman called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Gadson made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Oliphant seconded the motion. There was a roll call vote and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Announcement

The next Quality Education Academy Board meeting is scheduled for **Monday, November 9, 2020 at 6:00 PM**. A notification to all Board Members will be sent prior to the scheduled meeting. A copy of the previous month's minutes will be emailed to all Board Members in addition to the meeting notification.

Upcoming Board Meetings:

Monday, February 8, 2021

Monday, March 8, 2021

Minutes recorded by **S. Adams**