

**Quality Education Academy (QEA)
(K-12)**
Board Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2019

Members Present:

Jefferson Caruthers, Jr
Tonya Bellanger
James Gadson
James Covington (via Phone)
Walter Weathers
Adolphus Coplin
Roy Oliphant
Nikki Hall

Simon Johnson

Absent Members:

John Foxworth

Welcome

The meeting was called to order at **6:08 pm**. The Chairman asked if there were any additions to tonight's agenda. There were no additions made.

Reading and approval of the June 10, 2019 Minutes

After allowing all Board Members the opportunity to read over the minutes from the previous June 10, 2019 board meeting, the Chairman called for a motion to receive the minutes. Mr. Coplin made a motion to approve the minutes with proper corrections, if any. Mrs. Hall seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. There were no noted corrections to be made.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

From the Chair

The Chairman stated he would like to commend Mrs. Bellanger and the staff on getting off to a solid start this year. He added he is very hopeful things continue to go well.

Old Business

None

New Business

The Chairman stated he is working with Mrs. Roebuck on scheduling the event where the High Building will be named after our former CEO, Mr. Simon S. Johnson.

Chief Executive Officer's Report

The CEO addressed the board in the following areas:

Academic

Mrs. Bellanger informed Board Members during the summer we had our annual staff retreat. This year's retreat took place August 5th-7th in Portsmouth, VA. At the retreat, staff members had a chance to bond and form new relationships. During the retreat, there were 3 break-out sessions that involved our school's foundational principles: Mission, Vision, and Core Value; Accountability Model (The Oz Principle), The Science of Love, and A Talk with the CEO. A lot of valuable information was passed along and a great time was had by all.

Once we returned to campus on August 8th-16th we continued with our In-house TLAC (Teach Like a Champion) training. On September 12th -13th six of our staff members will be attending a training entitled "Reading Reconsidered" (this is a component of the TLAC training). September 13th Dr. Jawanza Kunjufu will be speaking to both our QEA staff and members of our sister school, The Point about "Raising Expectations and Educating Black and Brown Children".

Mrs. Bellanger concluded this section by stating the preliminary testing results from last year have been received from NCDPI (North Carolina Department of Public Instruction). She notified Board Members QEA received a School grade of 59 which is a C (this is a 2-point increase from the previous year's score). Mrs. Bellanger went on to say while a C is an average grade, she is not satisfied with just being average, therefore, we will continue to work hard, improve, and move toward that B we have been striving for.

This year's Benchmark testing for math and reading begin on September 3rd and ended September 5th. These tests will allow teachers to target instruction and group students according to their specific need.

Operational

- We had a very successful and well attended Open House on Friday, August 16th.
- Currently we are still enrolling scholars for the 2019-2020 school year and we have hired several additional staff to accommodate our growing number of scholars. Included in this year's new staff is High School Principal, Mr. Tony Howard.
- Forsyth Technical Community College is also allowing us to utilize 3 classrooms in their facility until construction has been complete on our new High School building.
- Our Fall athletics season has begun (Football, Soccer, Volleyball and Cheerleading).

New Construction

Mr. Simon Johnson informed Board Members the skins have been put on the new building and we are looking for it to be completed in late October to early November. The new building will house 8 classrooms, a multi-purpose room and two restrooms.

Financial

The CEO distributed the financial report and all accounts balance. The CEO informed the board the State has not passed the budget for the current school year. After a brief explanation of the financial report, the CEO presented the budget for the 2019-2020 school year. After some discussion regarding line items, the Chairman called for a motion to accept the CEO's report with the exception of the budget. The Chairman stated he would like to take a little more time to focus on the budget and get an understanding of all accounts.

Mr. Oliphant made a motion to accept the CEO's report and Mr. Coplin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Chairman asked the CEO if it is possible for the Board to get all of the information pertaining to all leases and rentals, which banks we currently hold accounts with, who all signatories are, and the names of all contracted services. CEO agreed to provide this information at the next board meeting. The CEO asked that the Chairman make the Executive Board meeting minutes available as well. The Chairman stated the minutes will be available within the month.

Announcement

The next Quality Education Academy Board meeting is scheduled for **Monday, October 14, 2019 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.

Adjournment

The Chairman called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Weathers made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Coplin seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The adjournment was recorded at **7:05 pm**.

Upcoming Board Meetings:

Monday, November 11, 2019

Monday, February 10, 2020

Monday, March 9, 2020

Monday, April 13, 2020

Monday, May 11, 2020

Minutes recorded by **S. Adams**