

FRANKLIN ACADEMY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: January 7, 2019

TIME: 5:00

LOCATION: Board meeting via “ZOOM”

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bob Luddy Rick Eddins Al Merritt
Bill Francis Judy Nunnenkamp

Call to order

The Meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm. The board reviewed the minutes and there were no questions. Al Merritt motioned that they be approved and Judy Nunnenkamp seconded the motion. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Agenda items

School Building Challenges (due to roof damages) – Brandon Hafner

Most of the water damage has now been repaired. Insulation near the roof will be replaced during the spring track-out. We are currently working on pricing and logistics along with replacing all ceiling tiles along the length of the building to access and replace the insulation. Based on the analysis done on the roof, it was found that the installation of the roof was not done correctly. We have received a quote to make permanent repairs needed on the roof. There may be long-term items to consider that could include replacement of a majority of the existing roof. Repairs will commence with insurance approvals. This should not affect or disrupt classes in the building. Currently, the insurance is pricing out options on the gym floor and they will contact us shortly. The gym floor will take twelve to fourteen weeks to remove and replace. The extended length of time is due in part to insuring the concrete floors below the gym are thoroughly dried, which will take a couple of weeks. Painting in the building will be completed within the week. All the damaged baseboards, drywall, ceiling tiles, and electrical components have been replaced. We had a remediation company do a complete analysis of the building and have no danger of mold or moisture at all.

Questions: Judy Nunnenkamp – Is it possible that the same roof issues on one roof are the same on all of them?

Brandon Hafner – Yes, it is possible. We had similar issues with many of the buildings. This spring will be “roof repair spring.” We will be making repairs were needed on many of the school rooves.

Bill Francis – Do you have an estimate on what the total price will be?

Brandon Hafner – Currently, we do not. The insurance company has been handling it completely. They have not shared any of those numbers with us.

Judy Nunnenkamp – Was this damage all due to leaks on the roof?

Brandon Hafner – The damage was caused by an ice dam, which is a buildup of snow and ice that pushed the rainwater up the roof causing it to go through the seams and ultimately flooding many parts of the building. The small pitch of the metal roof is less than ideal. To avoid additional water leaking into the building we had a crew shovel the snow off the roof to prevent further flooding. The insurance company will not pay for the faulty roof, however, they will pay for all the damages incurred by the leaks.

Bill Francis – How are we preparing to hold classes with the inability to use spaces damaged by the water leaks?

MaryJo Sullivan – We have been able to relocate the majority of our classes. This was certainly a challenge with P.E. classes in particular. Generally we are able to use our outdoor spaces too. However, this time of year poses some additional challenges in the weather that prevent us from conducting classes outside. Currently, all of our classes have been moved successfully for the remainder of the school year if needed.

Enrollment Updates – Denise Kent

Our Open Enrollment for new students is currently going on. It started December 1st and will run through January 31st. This is a time for parents to come and get information about the school, get a tour of the school and pick up and/or drop off applications. Applications are currently available on our website or in our offices and may be submitted by mail, email, fax,

or dropped off in person, per charter school law. We are encouraging parents to confirm with us, the receipt of their applications. Our lottery will be held the second week of February. Once we get all our numbers, we will report back to the Board on the number of applications we received this year in comparison to past years. So far, it looks as though we will be inline with the applications we have received in previous years.

Questions: Judy Nunnenkamp – Have the caps been lifted in North Carolina for new charter schools?

Denise Kent – The caps were lifted several years ago. However, they revoke almost as many charters as they give every year. Many of the revocations are due to financial mishandling and poor performance; all things of that nature. Protocols by the Office of Charter Schools have become more scrutinized due to the fact that so many were opening charter schools without the appropriate knowledge of how to run them effectively.

Adjournment

No further questions – Meeting adjourned at 5:17pm