

# FRANKLIN ACADEMY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**DATE: December 4, 2017**

**TIME: 5:00**

**LOCATION: Held as a conference call through “ZOOM”**

## **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Bob Luddy      Al Merritt      Rick Eddins  
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. Bob Luddy motioned that they be approved, Judy Nunnenkamp and Rick Eddins seconded the motion. Minutes were approved unanimously.

## **Agenda items**

### **Math Report: Coordinating 6-12 Curriculum and Mastery – MaryJo Sullivan**

The vision for grades 6 through 12 is to have a Math program that insures student mastery and exemplary mathematical skills. As a result of this goal, our teachers in the 6-12 grades will be working collectively to address the following items:

1. Define placement criteria for Honors and AP courses
2. Alignment of practices with the goal of creating a balanced program, both vertical and horizontal alignments.
3. Alignments in grading will be adjusted to create an equitable program where grades hold the same qualitative and quantitative value across the board.

The Goal with this vision is to put us in a good position as we transition to the MCSS program, which is a requirement of the State for all schools by 2020. This puts Franklin Academy in a great position to execute these expectations without compromising what we do with our curriculum and the rigor of our program. I had the opportunity to go into the math classes at the high school and meet with a stellar team of teachers that are on board with the alignments going forward.

### **Facilities Upgrades and Maintenance – Brandon Hafner**

Quite a few upgrades at the FA5 have been completed. Upgrades to the main entrance and maintenance issues have been fixed. We are currently working on the FA3 and FA4 campus. Water heaters will be replaced during the winter track out, along with any outstanding maintenance issues resolved. FA 1/2 campus will need extensive interior and exterior renovations planed for spring track out.

Questions:

Judy Nunnenkamp – Does this include upgrades to the playground? Brandon Hafner – That includes playground upgrades and the entire sight upgrade, similar to upgrades completed at buildings 3 and 4.

Bill Frances – Is the goal to conduct preventative maintenance on the electrical and maintenance systems going forward? Brandon Hafner – Yes. We are currently working on immediate issues taken care of first and during winter track out we will do an analysis of every unit to get ahead of the curve of these maintenance issues.

### **Charter Renewal Status – Denise Kent**

On December 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> the North Carolina Advisory Board will be meeting to discuss the schools that are up for renewal at 8:35am. I will be logged in through the audio stream. This is where they will make their recommendation in regard to our school and whether we get a 10, 7, or a 3 or renewal. Currently, everything is pointing to a 10-year renewal. Results will be shared as soon as I hear. We have also received a Certificate of Recognition from the North

Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI). This was awarded to Franklin Academy for the 2016-2017 school year. This recognition was for exceeding academic growth.

## David Mahaley Recognition – Judy Nunnenkamp

Bob Luddy read David Mahaley's letter of resignation:

*I wanted to let the Board of Directors know that December 31st will be my last day with Franklin Academy. After more than 17 years I have had the honor of helping you build one of the best schools in the state and nation. Without your steadfast support over these years we would not have been able to accomplish the great things this school brings to our students, families and community. I am confident in the future of the school and look towards our leadership team and staff to embody the idea of kaizen to continue the positive path of the school into the future. David Mahaley*

Attached is a statement from the Board of Directors, read by Judy Nunnenkamp to those in attendance:

### STATEMENT OF APPRECIATION Issued by The Franklin Academy Board of Directors

Whereas David Mahaley was hired by Franklin Academy on July 1, 2000 and has diligently served The Academy for 17 years, the Board of Directors acknowledges David's commitment and dedication in fulfilling the vision of Franklin Academy. David was initially hired as a Middle School Science Teacher where his content knowledge and classroom demeanor intrigued and motivated students while parents were impressed by his ability to bring out the very best in their children, academically and socially. The Board and Operations Management clearly recognized that David possessed excellent leadership skills coupled with a genuine desire for student success and was promoted to Head Administer for Grades 4 through the 10<sup>th</sup> Grade. (This was our first group of Grade 10 students). The following year he was assigned Grades 6 through 11, followed by reassignment the next year to Grades 9-12. We learned through experience and classroom expansion that the higher the grade levels, the more challenges we would face. David faced these challenges daily and never veered from his main objective of working for the benefit of the "whole" student, success both in and out of class. It was a challenge of great magnitude...mentoring faculty, enforcing discipline, expanding best curriculum offerings, ensuring student performance, addressing parental concerns while overseeing building and ground. He embraced these challenges with professionalism and excellence. David will always be recognized as a significant contributor to the successful history of Franklin Academy. On this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December 2017, we, the Board of Directors, congratulate David for his professional excellence and for the many contributions he has made in the development of The Franklin Academy.

## **Adjournment**

**No other questions- Meeting adjourned at 5:13 pm**