

TWENTY FIRST CENTURY CHARTER SCHOOLS, INC
Corporate Board Meeting
Bennett Academy– 2930 W Bethany Home Rd, Phoenix AZ 85017
January 18, 2023 – 3:00 p.m.

Board Members:

(P=present, E=excused, A=absent)

Fred Bennett (P) Dian Bentinck (E) Jamie Leija (P)
Nancy Bennett (P by phone)) Erick Miller (P)

Guests: Sandra Richmond, Peggy Fender

AGENDA:

Fred Bennett called the meeting to order at 3:04 pm; Nancy Bennett was called in order to join the meeting by phone. Dian Bentinck was not able to attend and gave her proxy to Fred Bennett. A quorum was present.

Minutes of October 14, 2022 Meeting –

The Minutes of the October 14, 2022 meeting had been emailed to the Board Members and printed copies were available. No one requested that the minutes be read. Fred Bennett made a motion to adopt the minutes as written. Jamie Leija seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item # 1: Approve Adding Terry (Terry) Fender to the Corporate Board

Terry Fender had been invited to attend the Board meeting but he is currently out of state. Peggy Fender reported that he is excited to be joining the Board. She also shared that he has provided Science demonstrations for her students in the past as they prepared for State testing. Nancy Bennett had recommended him as a potential Board member; she thinks very highly of him and admires his willingness to help in the classroom. Motion: Jamie Leija made a motion to approve adding Terry (Terry) Fender to the Corporate Board of Twenty First Century Charter Schools, Inc.; Nancy Bennett seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

Item #2: Announcement Regarding ASBCS (Arizona State Board of Charter Schools) Action toward TFCCS Inc. – Fred Bennett

Fred Bennett announced to the TFCCS Inc Board that ASBCS has placed Twenty First Century Charter Schools Inc on “Risk Level Three Probation” due to fiscal year 2022 report showing minimum financial performance expectations and declining enrollment. This report was based on information that was corrected at the State level but not updated with ASBCS. Our 2022 Audit had no write-ups against us.

Item #3: Board Resignation

The following statement was received from Dian Bentinck on January 12, 2023: *“Please accept this as my formal resignation from the TFCCS Board. Work and other demands have exceeded my capacity to be able to serve. I have greatly enjoyed the opportunity to serve and appreciate your support throughout the years. I will miss being a part of the team. Best of luck with the schools.”* Motion: Fred Bennett made a motion to release Dian Bentinck as a Corporate Board member with written thanks for her years of service to TFCCS Inc.; Erick Miller seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

Item #4: Approval to Rent Property

The Bennetts own the vacant property on 30th Avenue, west side of the soccer field. They have offered to rent the field to Bennett Academy for \$1 annually. After some discussion on how the school would use the property, Erick Miller made the motion to accept the offer of renting the described property from the Fred and Nancy Bennett for \$1 annually; Jamie Leija seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

Item #5: Board Consideration of a Formal Parent Complaint

Fred Bennett read a formal report regarding two incidents that occurred at Bennett Academy involving a new 5th grade student with 1) a classmate and 2) his 5th grade teacher, along with the accusations from the student’s mother. The formal report is attached to these minutes.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:53 pm by Fred Bennett.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra Richmond, Secretary