

TWENTY FIRST CENTURY CHARTER SCHOOLS, INC
Corporate Board Meeting
Bennett Academy– 2930 W Bethany Home Rd, Phoenix AZ 85017
June 9, 2023 – 3:30 p.m.

Board Members:

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

Fred Bennett (P) Terryl Fender (P by phone) Jamie Leija (P by phone)
Nancy Bennett (P by phone) Erick Miller (P)

Guests: Sandra Richmond, Peggy Fender (by phone)

AGENDA:

Fred Bennett called Jamie Leija, Terryl and Peggy Fender, and Nancy Bennett, adding them to a conference call to attend the meeting. Once they were all on the conference call, Fred Bennett called the meeting to order at 3:37 pm and observed a moment of silence.

Minutes of April 3, 2023 Meeting –

The Minutes of the April 3, 2023, meeting had been emailed to the Board Members and printed copies were available. No one requested the reading of the minutes. Fred Bennett called for a vote to approve the minutes as printed; there was no discussion; the vote passed unanimously..

Item # 1: Adopt 2023-2024 School Calendar

Jamie Leija had prepared the 2023-2024 School Calendar and a copy had been emailed to all Board members. There were a few changes from last year's calendar including making the Thanksgiving Break a full week.

Fred Bennett called for a vote to adopt the 2023-2024 School Calendar as printed; there was no discussion; the vote passed unanimously.

Item #2: Accept Board Member's Resignation

Jamie Leija will not be returning to Bennett Academy next year; therefore, she submitted her resignation from the Twenty First Century Charter Schools' Corporate Board. There were many favorable comments shared between Ms. Leija and the Board members concerning her time of service on the Board and as a teacher at Bennett Academy; she will be deeply missed.

Motion: Terryl Fender made a motion to accept the resignation submitted by Jamie Leija and release her from the TFCCS Corporate Board; Erick Miller seconded the motion. Fred Bennett called for a vote; Jamie was excused from the vote; the motion passed with a quorum of 4 votes.

Item #3: Management of Finances between School and Holding Company – Fred Bennett

Fred Bennett presented a scenario concerning the future financial situation facing Bennett Academy and the Holding Company. Due to rising costs (church not willing to sell but lease payments increasing, etc.), new teachers requesting higher salaries, and possibly lower resources from the State, we need to plan for the future. Ideas were shared. Terryl Fender will type up the suggestions from the discussion. No decisions were made.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:12 pm by Fred Bennett.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra Richmond, Secretary