

Boulware Springs Charter School
Governing Board Informational Meeting
Regular Meeting was held via video conference
April 28, 2020
5:00 p.m.
Notification to the public via school's website
MINUTES

I. SESSION: 5:00 p.m.

A. Attendees

Board Members: Audrey Sommer, Steve Bradford, Megan Lane, Dennis Kramer, Chanel Gay, Bruce Carroll

Others: Kay Abbitt, Cecile Wicks

B. Action Items

I. Discussion/Motion to Approve Minutes from Last Minute

Steve Bradford motioned to approve the April 6th board minutes. Megan seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

II. Update on SBA PPP Loan

Boulware received the funds from the loan in the amount of \$184,900. The promissory note was sent to the attorney to review. 75% of the loan has to be spent on salaries and 25% spent on utilities.

III. Update on Distance Learning

Boulware switched to distance learning when the schools were shut down. Teachers are recording teaching demonstrations at least twice a week, holding Zoom meetings with students at least twice a week, contacting parents at least once a week and students are turning in assignments through Google Classroom. Art and PE are still being offered online as optional classes. Fourth and fifth graders are receiving science instruction in addition to reading and math.

IV. Update on 2020-2021 School Year

We will wait for more information from the state, the CDC and the Department of Education to determine when Boulware will open for the 2020-2021 school year.

V. Financials

Kay provided the Board with the budget for the 2020-2021 year via email and discussed the budget.

Kay informed the board of House Bill 641 that states that beginning teacher pay should start \$47,500. The bill has passed through the House and Senate, but DeSantis hasn't signed the bill yet. Sixty million has been designated to go to school districts to help pay for the teacher increases. The law states that teachers have to be paid a minimum of \$47,500 or as close to that as possible based on the funding the school receives from the state. As part of the funding, a formalized instructional pay scale must be created. Kay created three options for salary schedules and shared them with the Board.

Because House Bill 641 hasn't been signed yet and we are not sure of how much funding Boulware will receive if the bill is signed, the Board agreed with the salary schedule with

stipends separate from salaries with a 2% salary increase. If the funding from the bill is received, the budget can be reviewed and salaries can be adjusted if needed.

The board agreed with the 2020-2021 budget that Kay presented to the board with putting in the 2% salary increase, changing the reduction in funding to 10% and adding the stipends in the budget and taking them out of the salaries.

VI. Student Numbers and Teachers for 2020-2021

We have 164 students enrolled for the upcoming school year. There will be two kindergarten classes, one first grade, one second grade, two third grades, one fourth grade, one fifth grade, PE and art. All teachers are returning except one due to a lack of a teaching certificate.

VII. New Members

Cassie Masias and Kathy Franks are interested in joining the Board. They will be invited to a Board meeting to discuss their interest.

The Board discussed having a Boulware teacher on the board as representative. Kay will check with the teachers to see if anyone is interested.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:13 p.m.

The next board meeting is scheduled for 5:00 p.m., May 19th (rescheduled to May 26th).

Respectfully Submitted:

Dennis Kramer, Board Chair

Date

Approved by Governing Board: _____
Date