

BROOKSVILLE ENGINEERING SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ACADEMY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 27, 2023

Board Members Present: Patricia Laird, Marvin Gordon, Fairella Cook

Stake Holders Present: Principal Jamie Young

Meeting brought to order at 4:32 pm.

Moment of Silence observed.

Approval of January minutes with motion to add a line regarding Mrs. Youngs statement for the need to increase student fees. Motion made by Fairella Cook. Seconded by Marvin Gordon. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Review of January Financials. Mrs. Young mentioned her research into student fees. The EBC program is costing more than the fees collected. We will be increasing student fees for the next school year but will also include a yearbook for all students. Student fees have only increased a marginal amount since the school opened 10 years ago and have not kept pace with inflation and the rising costs of activities. There was a question as to which categories on the Profit and Loss Statement included the EBC fees. We will check with Michelle Wexler for clarity.

ESSER grant reimbursements are owed to us for the past 3 months which total around \$20,000. We should see those funds in our account soon.

Motion to accept the financials by Marvin Gordon, seconded by Fairella Cook. All in Favor. Motion carried.

Annual Audit. Mrs. Young attended the district school board meeting to answer any questions regarding our annual audit. She was given praise from Hernando county School members and they are excited about the future of BEST.

Charter Renewal. Mrs. Young and Mrs. Laird will attend the Hernando county School Board meeting tomorrow night. Our 15 year charter renewal is on the consent agenda.

Bus Update. The turbo in the bus was repaired but the bill may come back slightly higher than anticipated. The bus is performing beautifully.

Principal Report. Mr. Gordon questioned the schools use of 121 devices. Students currently carry their laptops with them but do not take them home. One has already been damaged. We need a technology agreement for families before they can go home.

Mrs. Young will be distributing end of year surveys to students with intents to return for current students and their siblings. Two new family orientations have been held, one per month. February was standing room only with 14 applications completed that night. The 5th grade student list was received from the district. Mailers and banners are in the process of being printed. We are losing 29 8th graders but we have already received almost that many applications. Intents to Return will also be provided to teachers soon.

Mrs. Young is looking to replace the ELA curriculum with ESSER grant money and wants to have that in place for next school year.

No citizen input.

Meeting adjourned at 5:54 pm

BEST Academy Board Secretary