

Bonneville Academy Board Meeting Minutes
Friday, November 15

Location: Bonneville Academy

4:00 - Call to Order

Board members in attendance: Clint Thomson, Brenda Spearman, Corrie Norman, Billie Maxwell, Justen Hansen, Julie Michaelis, Cory Johnson

Director Search Committee, Laurel:

They've posted the position. Around 20 applicants so far. 5 or 6 really good candidates. Rubric for scoring all applicants. Top 10 will interview. Top 5 will come before the Board. Score the resumes Tuesday. Applicants for interview before the next board meeting hopefully.

Enrollment: 558. A couple students starting next week.
A new CCA teacher to replace starts Mr. Shelley. Starts next week.

Hired a new aid for the all-day kindergarten class.
Corrie: How are they doing? With a new person, readjusting. It is getting better.

Grant for coding has been recommended for award.

Training - Closed Meeting Law, Governance, Board Bylaw Development
Erin Preston

Point of correction from last training.
Can interview board members and directors in a closed session because we are not an elected board.

Q: Corrie: what is a quorum? State minimum is 50%. Our bylaws say 2/3. Why would we want to have something different than state minimum?
Erin: Not sure why you'd want to do that.

Have final decisions made in board meetings, especially on substantive stuff.
Substantive stuff is: Spending tax payer dollars, Complying with law, Overseeing employees, Ensuring safety of students.

One concern: in finance committee meeting, making structural changes.

Can people talk about issues outside a board meeting?
They can, as long as they're not a quorum.

Should we have board elections before the outgoing members leave?

Best practice: not to have a vote from a person on a person replacing them.

Currently 3 consecutive terms.

Best practice: force new members to become current by not letting old board members stay forever, control how everything "is supposed to be."

Appointment vs Elections

Some of the best board members come out of elections. Some of the worst...

Recommendation: policies should come from the relevant committees. Sports committee would make sports policy etc.

Look for model policies put out by the state board.

Notice: best practice that the board has a copy of the agenda; legally it must be publicly disclosed. Our bylaws require it be sent to all board members no less than 24 hours.

What level of detail do we need for items on an agenda that we're voting on?

Everything we're voting on needs to be on the agenda. Not word for word.

Can we all email about topics? Yes.

One thing the state charter school board is doing applying a time frame for each topic. If you go over you table it. Just a guideline, not written in stone.

Emergency meetings: getting sued. Something hitting the press. Also don't have to have a location (everyone can call in). We haven't had any yet.

UPAC: you can fire someone for something: have to report to UPAC within 48 hrs.

If admin doesn't report that fast, then they can lose their license.

Board member? Don't have to report to UPAC unless they have an education license.

Written minutes:

Date times place board members, when people come in. etc.

Don't need a roll call vote if unanimous. Have to have opposed if any. And abstained.

Names and positions of people talking.

Notes on closed meetings. Review from September.

Individual role call vote to go into closed session. Then roll call vote to open closed session.

Note that the meeting is moved to a new room.

Take "closed session" off of standard agenda form.

Can technically have a closed session if it's not on the agenda. Not best practice.

NEW UNDERSTANDING

Discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual:

The exception about midterm vacancies is written for ELECTED boards.

Sharing closed records: Class B Misdemeanor

Talking about something minor/unrelated in a closed session which is then disclosed: not a misdemeanor

Has to be the subject of the meeting in order to be illegal?

Up to the person who was injured to take it to a judge.

Can leave your post-closed-session voting vague. "we vote on what was discussed in closed session"

No straw-polling. Can't say "how many of you." You can share your feelings about who/what you are going to vote for.

Voting on items: say who voted for what? 5

Motion for grumpy gus. Then second. Then discussion. Then move to vote.

Try to have it narrowed down to one so it's not awkward?

No straw polling, unless we have to remove someone from the board?

Motion to close: Cory. Seconded. Julie. Unanimous.