

BEAVER COUNTY EDUCATIONAL TRUST
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
Friday, November 10, 2023

President Michael Jones called the meeting to order at 11:51 am

Trustees Present: Michael Jones, Dennis Nichols, David Wytiaz, Yvonne Connor, Victor Raskovsky, Daniel Rossi-Keen, Joe Rubino, Roger Davis and Executive Director Jamie Connelly

Trustees Absent: Lincoln Kretchmar, Joe Guarino and Dan Donnelly

Guest Speaker: Jennifer Sharek. Jennifer is a teacher at Blackhawk. She presented information about a new program, Right to Read, that will be used in all of the schools to help children learn to read. There is training for all teaches and Jennifer is hoping to get funding from the Educational Trust to help pay for some of the training.

Procedural Actions:

President Michael Jones presented the minutes of the August 18, 2023 Board meeting for approval.

Motion to approve made by Victor Raskovsky, seconded by Daniel Rossi-Keen. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's report. Will be presented at the next Board meeting for review and approval.

Committee Reports:

Nominating Committee: Yvonne Connor presented the officers for the Executive Committee for 2024 to the Board for a vote and approval.

Chairman: Michael Jones

Vice Chairman: Victor Raskovsky

Secretary: Yvonne Connor

Treasurer: Lincoln Kretchmar

Executive Director: Jamie Connelly

Motion to approve the offices for 2024 was made by David Wytiaz, Seconded by Joe Rubino. Motion carried.

The class list was presented. Motion to approve the 2022-2024, 2023-2025 and 2024-2026 list was made by Roger Davis and seconded by Daniel Rossi-Keen. Motion Carried.

President Michael Jones reviewed the committee assignments. And few changes were made.

Executive Committee:

Chair: Michael Jones

Vice Chair: Victor Raskovsky

Secretary: Yvonne Connor

Treasurer: Lincoln Kretchmar

Past Chair: Dennis Nichols

Executive Director: Jamie Connelly

Audit Committee: (at least 3 members, odd number)

Chair: Vice Chair, Victor Raskovsky

Dan Donnelly

Finance Committee: (at least 3 members)

Chair: Treasurer Lincoln Kretchmar

Michael Jones

Dennis Nichols

Yvonne Connor

Vic Raskovsky

Events and Fundraising Committee:

Chair: Dan Donnelly

Dennis Nichols

Roger Davis

Hall of Fame Subcommittee:

Joe Rubino

David Wytiaz

Governance Committee:

Chair: David Wytiaz

Michael Jones

Victor Raskovsky

Marketing Committee:

Chair: Lincoln Kretchmar

Dennis Nichols

Dan Donnelly

Programs Committee:

Chair: Executive Director Jamie Connelly

Joe Rubino

Joe Guarino

Growing with Books: Kristen Janci

Nominating Committee

Chair: Yvonne Connor

Roger Davis

Beth Dewhurst

Strategic Planning Committee:

Chair: _____

Roger Davis

Michael Jones

Events and Fundraising Committee:

Dennis Nichols reviewed the plans for the Hall of Fame event to be held on May 7th, 2024 at Seven Oaks. Request for nominations for the Hall of Fame will be requested and selected by the next board meeting.

Strategic Planning Committee:

President Michael Jones Reviewed the strategic plan and the recommendation made by this committee.

Programs Committee:

Jamie Connelly reviewed the selected Grant recipients for 2023 for the Mini Grants, Story Walks and Steam Walks.

New Business:

Jamie Connelly meet with the Teachers Union, hoping to find additional ways to reach teachers about our programs.

Acknowledge \$1,000.00 Donation from Tusca Ridge Club

Acknowledge \$45,000.00 Donation from Lincoln Learning Solutions (\$15,000 for GWB and \$30,000.00 for Mini-Grants

Acknowledge \$900.00 from Teneris for GWB

Other Items:

President Michael and the rest of the Board Thanked Daniel Rossi-Keen for his many years of service on the Board.

A Motion was made during the December Executive Committee meeting to draw down \$15,000.00 from the investment account to ensure adequate funds in the checking account until we receive the EITC funds which should arrive in January. The funds will then be returned to the investment account. Motion to move the funds to the checking account was made by Lincoln Kretchmar and seconded by Victor Raskovsky, motion carried.

Suggested 2024 Meeting Dates for the Board of Directors:

February 16, 2024
May 17, 2024
August 16, 2024
November 22, 2024

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

Executive Committee, December 7, 2023. First Thursday of the month. Zoom

Board of Trustees, February 16, 2024. Wooden Angel. 11:45

Adjournment of Business Meeting:

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm. Motion to adjourn was made by Daniel Rossi-Keen, seconded by Michael Jones. Motion carried.