

**BROOKSVILLE ENGINEERING SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ACADEMY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 30, 2023**

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

Stakeholders Present: Principal Jamie Young, Francis Calvert, Jarrod Prater, Dale Watson, Tammy Hinkle, and Michelle Lynch

Meeting brought to order at 4:37

Review of August Minutes: Motion to approve by Marvin Gordon, seconded by Fairella Cook, all in favor, August minutes passed.

Review of August Financials: Motion to approve by Tiffany Hoblit, seconded by Marvin Gordon, all in favor, August financials passed.

Review of September Financials: It was mentioned that Line 5100370-dollar amount FTE Funds increase will not come in until January, therefore there will be a monetary shortfall in student ratio until then. Motion to approve by Marvin Gordon, seconded by Tiffany Hoblit, all in favor, September financials passed.

Teacher Union Negotiations: Hernando County School District voted to increase teacher pay by \$2600. To stay competitive with the district a motion was presented by Fairella Cook to extend this increase to BEST Academy teachers as well. Seconded by Marvin Gordon, all in favor, motion passed. Marvin Gordon motioned to table the exact date of the increase to the January meeting due to FTE funds becoming available, seconded by Fairella Cook, all in favor, motion passed.

Presentation: Dale Watson from Tobacco Intervention Partnership gave a presentation regarding tobacco use in schools. Tobacco Intervention Partnership would like to help combat the use of tobacco in schools in any way they can.

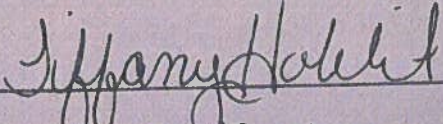
Annual Audit: Bob Walker arrived via phone call to present the Auditor's Report which was provided to board members in a hard copy. Most notable attribute to mention was a decrease in funding of almost \$100,000.00 due to low FTE and student fees. Motion to approve the audit by Tiffany Hoblit, seconded by Marvin Gordon, all in favor, motion passed.

FL Statute regarding academic performance: Language in application needed stating how the charter school plans to remediate students who are failing. Also, to mention that students can lose their seat if student continues to fail after a certain point.

School Board Safety Officer Policy and Policy on Safe Schools: An adoption of district policy for guardian and safe schools for the insurance policy review. Motion to approve by Tiffany Hoblit, seconded by Marvin Gordon, all in favor, motion passed.

Principal Report: Current enrollment is at 97 students, still have applications coming in and already receiving applications for next school year. Halloween party was a huge success.

Meeting adjourned at 6:28



BEST Academy Board Secretary