

# BEEHIVE SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY ACADEMY

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

September 17, 2011

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**Board Members Present:** Murat Citir, Marie Jess, Alper Genc, Randy Ross, Murat Biyik (by phone)

**Executive Officer:** Murat Citir

**Staff Members Present:** Hanifi Oguz, Yavuz Durmus, Carrol Firmage

**Call to Order:** Murat Citir called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of Minutes:** The August 1 and August 11, 2011 minutes were read. Murat Citir motioned to approve the minutes, Marie Jess seconded motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

### **1 – Online Course Offerings Policy (action item):**

Mr. Oguz talked about the option for students to take online courses in addition to the classes they take at the school. This would help with courses that the school is too small to offer and to help students get their full amount of credits should they need to repeat a class. Aventa is a fully accredited company that offers such courses and it was Mr. Oguz's opinion that the school could take advantage of their services. He said the payment schedule was complicated, but it would cost around \$200-\$250. Summer school was supposed to help with these issues but had to be cancelled this last summer due to lack of enrollment. The online high school that is available to Utah students is currently free, but it won't be after this year. The state will allow students to take 2 classes online without cutting funding from the school. Each student must get approval from Dean of Academics to take an online course if they want the credits to count at Beehive. Marie Jess motioned to use Aventa as a resource. Alper Genc seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **2 – School Land Trust Budget Approval (action item):**

The school land trust money from the state was updated to \$9758. This figure will be updated again in Oct. and will go down to just under \$9000. The amount depends on enrollment. We are okay for this year, but we need to increase enrollment for next year. Mr. Durmus said approval is needed to spend this amount on salaries and benefits. Murat Citir motioned to approve the budget. Randy Ross seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

### **3 – Principal Report (informational item):**

Our current enrollment is 142 students. They seem to be a good group of students and more focused on their studies than last year. The faculty is good and has a good morale. They are involved and dedicated having already organized four picnics. The focus now must be on academics so that we can increase enrollment for next year.

The first of the MAP tests have already taken place. These are done in math, science and language arts. They give the teachers an understanding of where their students are and the areas in which they need to improve.

Karlene is in the bidding process for a new lunch program.

Mr. Durmus gave a financial update. The summer salary figures were unusual since there were so many new staff coming on in Aug. The monthly budget is about \$110,000 a month. The rent is now at full price, but the school will receive a 2% discount next year. We have a good relationship with the landlord and are paying much less per square foot than other tenants. At the end of Jan, the school will receive less money from the state due to lower enrollment, so we will need to set aside \$10,000-15,000 a month from this fall to meet the budget needs next year. Oct. 3 is the day of enrollment count. We should make the end of the year about \$15,000-\$20,000 in the black.

Some small maintenance items on the building were completed during the summer and so they should be done for the year.

Randy Ross asked how the transition of principals was going. Mr. Oguz said it was good.

There is a new charter school association in Utah. That means there are two and the state recognizes both. Mr. Durmus suggested that the school keep a relationship open with both at the moment, but perhaps can decide better after the director's meeting.

Mr. Citir suggested that at the next board meeting they consider someone else to chair the board. He will be travelling a lot throughout the year and will be unable to continue his responsibilities. He has also been chair of the board for two years, so it is time that someone else take over.

**Public Comments:**

There were no public comments.

**Adjournment:** Murat Citir motioned to adjourn the meeting and Terry Smith seconded. The motion was carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:13 am.