

EDGE for Educational Excellence, Inc.
Board Minutes
For
October 22, 2015 at 3:30 PM
Location: Putnam Edge High School
951 Moseley Avenue, Palatka, FL 32177

Call to Order: Chairperson Pat Freeman called the meeting to order at 3:40 PM.

Attendance: All board members present

Public Comments: Sherry White made comment about safety at the current and proposed new site.

Consent Agenda: Nothing was pulled from agenda. Dr. Thomas made motion to accept the agenda, Mr. Hadaway making the second and all members voting Yes.

Presentations: Kevin Callahan and Tyler Newman of Premier Development Partners, LLC made a presentation on their property for potential use as new EDGE High School. The information on the handouts was reviewed. The audience had questions and concerns about part of the facility being used by tenants not suitable for EDGE High School students. Another parent concern was that the purchase of the College Road property has money already dedicated to it. Several students did state that the Premier Development Partners property looked like a school they would be proud to attend. Due to so many unanswered questions, Mr. Hadaway asked that a motion be made for a time and date to schedule a workshop to investigate the details about the property. Mr. Hadaway made the motion, second made by Mrs. Batinger, and all Yes except Mr. Nelson opposed.

Old Business: Capital Resources and USDA financing renovation of College Road property was presented by Steve Small. Mr. Small review the information in the loan packet.

The Board took a 10 minute break.

Chairperson Freeman reconvened the meeting.

Ms. Freeman stated no response from Stacey on the annual audit. She will check with Stacey.

Follow-up on letter from parent, Cindy Wells dealing with enhanced communication between parents and board members/matters was discussed.

Suggestions presented during the discussion were: more parent meetings, get more parents involved, have parents contact board members, Ms. Batinger will meet with parents after each meeting to discuss the details of the meetings, more email blasts, to parents with the agenda before meetings.

New Business: Discussion on employee health plan with United Health Care (UHC) provided the information that Corey recommends UHC. Mr. Nelson made the motion to accept UHC as provider with Mr. Hadaway making the second. All members voted Yes.

Director Parsons presented the information on School Accreditation process and associated fees. A motion was made by Mr. Hardaway, seconded by Mr. Nelson and all members voting Yes, to approve the initial application process and associated fees be paid.

Director Parsons states FTE enrollment status at 116.5 students with 120 actual students present. Ninth grade class is full and 4 students waiting to attend. Director Parsons will send an email with campus activities. The American Sign Language Club is planning a visit to Gallaudet University. Archery team is initiating start-up. Volleyball and soccer will challenge Cambridge School and Peniel School in the future.

Mr. Nelson stated no new news on College Road property.

The board members made comments about owning College Road property vs. leasing from Premier Development Properties. Mr. Nelson also mentioned that as the industrial park is developed, it might not always be compatible with a school. Mr. Nelson also mentioned that the governing body of the industrial park might not allow the school in the park.

The next meeting will be announced at a later date after Ms. Freeman checks with Mr. Callahan for a possible date.

At 6:00 PM, Mr. Hadaway made the motion to adjourn, a second from Dr. Thomas. With all members voting Yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace Thomas
Secretary