

# Knowledge Quest Academy (KQA)

## Regular Session Minutes

### Date and Time:

2/16/2023 at 6:30 pm

### Location:

Knowledge Quest Academy, 705 Schoolhouse Dr., Milliken, CO 80543

### Leadership in attendance:

Tauna Esslinger, Chair

Tish Thompson, Director

Chester Gemaehlich, Co-Chair/Treasurer

Samantha Hise, Director

Sheree Baker, Secretary

### Leadership late arrival:

### Leadership absent:

Carl McCutchen (excused)

### Guests:

Linda Spreitzer, Principal

Isaac Korgan, Assistant Principal

Patti Engel

Libby Eppler

Megan Dominguez

Rod Hise

Sara George

- I. Call to order at 6:33 pm
- II. Roll Call
- III. Pledge of Allegiance/KQA Pledge
- IV. Approval of the Agenda – motion made by Tauna to approve agenda as amended (adding Item D), second by Tish. Motion approved.
- V. Public Comment
  - a. Libby Eppler distributed a document proposing an additional position for a paraprofessional to work with the Interventionist Team and proposing an adjustment to the current salary schedule and extra duties pay.
- VI. Special Education Team Presentation
  - a. Students with IEP from another school, Early Childhood Special Education, or MTSS (multi-tiered systems of support) program
  - b. Determine eligibility and re-evaluate every three years
  - c. Instructors see need for phonics instruction, smart board, additional books for EC Resource room, and sensory items for Sensory room
- VII. Items of Discussion
  - a. 2023-2024 Salary Schedules
    - i. SSA COLA = 8.7%
    - ii. CO Governor's proposed POD 9% increase in funding
    - iii. KQA's starting salary is at lower end of spectrum statewide
    - iv. Possibility to eliminate years of service cap
  - b. 2023-2024 Budget
    - i. Grant applications for health and safety related capital improvements

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- ii. Bart will adjust budget to account for 10% COLA in salary schedule
  - iii. Remaining budget discussion is tabled until 3/2/2023 meeting
  - c. Rural Schools
    - i. Motion made by Tauna to approve staff contract signing bonus to be allocated from Rural Schools, in accordance with letter presented, second by Samantha. Motion approved.
  - d. Marketing
    - i. Intent to Enroll flyer
- VIII. Adjourn – motion made by Tauna to adjourn at 8:35 PM, second by Chester. Motion approved.

Action Items/Directives	Responsible Person	Expected Completion

Submitted by Board Secretary, Sheree Baker

Approved 3/2/2023