

Knowledge Quest Academy (KQA)

Regular Session Minutes

Date and Time:

Thursday, July 15, 2021 @ 6:30pm

Location:

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

Leadership in attendance:

Tauna Esslinger, Chair

Douglas Chinn, Secretary

Sheree Baker, Director

Julie Maslowski, Director

Gabe Thexton, Co-Chair

Malyka Korgan, Director

Linda Spreitzer, Principal

Leadership absent:

Leadership late arrival:

Guests: Bart Skidmore, Brenda Chinn

- I. Call to order at 6:31 p.m.
- II. Roll Call
- III. Pledge of allegiance/KQA code of honor
- IV. Approval of the agenda
Motion made by: Tauna, Motion 2nd by: Doug, to approve the agenda as presented, with unanimous approval.
- V. Approval of previous minutes: Tauna, Motion made by: Malyka, Motion 2nd by: to approve the minutes for the Regular Session for June 3, 2021, Regular Session for June 17, 2021 and the Work session for July 10, 2021, as amended with unanimous approval.
- VI. Public comments: None
- VII. Items for Discussion:
 - A. Financial Services Presentation & Discussion
Bart Skidmore w/ Bart A. Skidmore, CPA, Inc. presentation and dialog. Board member questions and answers.
Motion made by: Tauna, Motion 2nd by: Gabe: Pending any negative reviews currently underway by Malyka, that KQA approve hiring Bart A. Skidmore, CPA, Inc. for Financial Services for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year, with unanimous approval.
 - B. Board Treasurer resignation / replacement
Mike Bailey resigned his position effective July 9, 2021. Mike's term (3 years) just began. KQA needs a Treasurer, which Mike was seated in that position.
Discussion regarding the treasurer's replacement. Tauna initiated dialog regarding approaching Sheree Baker, which she has agreed.
Motion made by: Tauna, Motion 2nd by: Malyka to appoint Sheree Baker as the KQA Board Treasurer, with unanimous approval.
 - C. Facility Improvement & planning
Tauna sent the framework spreadsheet with the Facility Improvement Plan to the board and the Capital Construction Committee.
Discussed the purchase of water bottle filling fountains. CCC to research plumbing providers for the equipment and installation.

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Motion made by: Gabe, Motion 2nd by: Julie to approve the allocation of not more than \$3000 for a flexible divider, with unanimous approval.

D. Rural Schools

Tauna initiated discussion regarding charting the monies being spent from the Rural Schools funds. Discussed developing a wish list of expenditures that fit within the Rural Schools conditions. Reviewed the conditions/restrictions for how funds can be spent.

Motion made by: Tauna, Motion 2nd by: Sheree to approve \$5000 for staff development budget to be deducted from the Rural Schools Funds, with unanimous approval.

Motion made by: Gabe, Motion 2nd by: Malyka to fund the Sunshine Committee for the 2021-2022 School Year in the amount of \$1000 to be deducted from the Rural Schools Fund, with unanimous approval.

E. Student fees

Recent changes at the State level, reduced the amount a school can charge for student fees. Discussion regarding volunteer ideas.

F. Community event planning

Linda's team is spearheading the Unite to Ignite event with the YMCA in Johnstown. Working on ideas for KQA promotional material to hand out during the event.

Beef & Bean day, searching for ideas and volunteers.

Hosting the RE5J District Board Meeting: Tauna to email Michael Wailes for details.

Back to school night: Thursday, August 12, 2021 before school starts from 4-7, host an open house event. Tossed out the idea of inviting food trucks to come and be running by 4pm.

G. Principal's report

Wellness committee is going well. Planning various events throughout the school year

Hiring 2-3 Para professionals, searching for School Counselor (1/2 time) and 2nd Grade.

Enrollment: 398 currently

Team budget question: Can furniture be purchased? Team budgets are intended to be spent for that years students.

District Board Meeting update: The RE5J District Board has suggested that KQA host a District Meeting as an outreach to their "district schools".

H. Chair & committee reports

New interim district superintendent: Karen Trusler

Bus zoning map changes

VIII. Adjournment:

Motion made by: Tauna, Motion 2nd by: Gabe with unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm. Approved with one dissenting vote.

Action Items/Directives	Responsible Person	Expected Completion
Need to pull the lease with the KQA Building Corp.	Linda	TBD

Submitted by Board Secretary; Douglas W. Chinn