

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Calvary Christian Academy

Regular Meeting **6:00 pm**

October 7, 2024

Conference Room 5245 Northland Ave. NE

Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 52402

AGENDA

1. Prayer
 - a. Pastor Jeremy opened the meeting with prayer.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Call to Order - School Board President Higgins - 6:03
4. Call the Roll - Director Terese Jurgensen, called the roll and took minutes in place of Board Secretary Folk who was absent due to injury. Board members Tom Law, Peg Walters, Matt Rollinger, Jeremy Higgins and Brooke Higgins were present. Board member Jim Campbelle was also absent.
5. Approve Meeting Agenda
 - a. Director Terese Jurgensen, read the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting that was held on September 9, 2024
 - b. Matt Rollinger made the motion to approve the September 9th board meeting and Peg Walters seconded. School Board President, Higgins, called for a vote. All present members voted, "Aye." Motion carried 5-0.
6. Receive Visitors/Public Forum
 - a. During this portion of the meeting, no one present wanted to speak.
7. School Finances
 - a. Peg Walters gave a financial report. In the report it was stated that 84 students were enrolled at CCA. Four of those students enrolled after the official count date of October 1st, where 80 students were counted.
 - b. Rollinger made the motion to approve the financial report, Jeremy Higgins seconded, all present members voted, "Aye." Motion carried 5-0.
8. Discuss/Act on Expectations/Discipline Handbook.
 - a. Terese Jurgensen displayed the handbook on the screen and went over the critical pieces of the handbook. The current Family/Student Handbook of 2024-2025 had many of these points, however, sections of the 700 series of board policy were added and referenced. Walters made the motion to approve the agenda and Rollinger seconded the motion. Higgins called for the vote, all members present voted, "Aye." Motion carried 5-0.

9. Discuss/Act on updating the Grading Scale in the Student Handbook.
 - a. Terese shared that mistakes had been made and needed to be corrected prior to report cards being completed on October 21st.
 - b. Board member Law made the motion to approve the updates and Brooke Higgins seconded the motion. The School Board President called for a vote. All members present voted, "Aye." Motion carried, 5-0.
10. Discuss/Act on the purchase of NWEA/Map testing for CCA.
 - a. Jurgensen outlined the benefits of this to provide data for the academy students. NWEA provides skills testing for grades K-2, Entry data for new students as well as intervention data.
 - b. The school board discussed this item. Jeremy Higgins offered to have the church pay half of the cost for the academy students. The school board members agreed.
11. Terese Jurgensen shared the Director's Report.
12. Audience members asked several questions and the board agreed to allow this even though it was not during the Visitors/Public Forum. There were a variety of questions asked:
 - a. (Pace) Playground Mulch is needed - wondered if there was a plan to get more mulch. Jeremy Higgins explained that would not be happening until spring and the cost is approximately \$20,000.
 - b. (Sanford) Asked about the number of students the academy was planning on adding. Higgins explained that each classroom could have 25 students. Sanford wanted to be sure and protect the teachers and not have too many students.
 - c. (Hall and Sanford) Asked about the dress code: socks, sweatshirts, coats as well as the issue of the color of hair students were allowed to have. This became a lengthy discussion. Jurgensen clarified some of the questions about the dress code. Both Brooke and Jeremy Higgins expressed that CCA does not want to become legalistic in its approach, but would manage each student on a case-by-case basis. These issues first go through the Director.
 - d. (Cagley) Asked about the plans to have a gymnasium and about the growth of the academy. Higgins outlined the plans that CCA has going forward including a gymnasium, additional classrooms as well as adding on a high school.
13. Prayer to close the meeting
14. Adjournment

- a. Rollinger made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Higgins seconded the motion. All members vote, “Aye.” Motion carried, 5-0.

