Baxter Academy June Board of Directors Meeting

June 20, 2023. 6pm

Present: Thorn Dickinson, Ruth Dean, Jana Lapoint, Dan Mickool

**Called to order by chair Thorn Dickinson at 6:07pm**

Minutes/Agenda

1. Welcome remarks by chair Thorn Dickinson
2. Approval of Minutes. **Thorn Dickinson motioned to approve the April 25 and May 16 board meeting minutes as presented, Ruth Dean seconded, all in favor.** (Dan Mickool had not arrived yet.)
3. Executive Director Report. Given by Anna Klein-Christie. Enrollment update – next school year budget of 365 students, stretch goal of 380. There was a discussion about student council and increased student involvement in board meetings. Charter Commission reporting in July discussed. July meeting could include framework review.
4. Election of new board member. Justin Richard’s background and the value he could bring to our school was discussed. **Chair Thorn Dickinson motioned that Justin be elected to the board. Ruth Dean seconded, all in favor.**
5. Public Comment. Opening statements given by Thorn Dickinson. Safety, the board process for consideration and the Charter Commission survey were discussed.
6. Executive Session 1 (Readmission): **Chair Thorn Dickinson moved that the Board enter executive session to consider readmission of a student, pursuant to Sections 405(6)(B) and 405(6)(F) of the Maine Revised Statutes. Ruth Dean seconded, all in favor.**

The Board exited Executive Session at 7:16pm.

**Thorn Dickinson made a motion following discussion in Executive Session, as**

**follows: That Student X be readmitted to Baxter Academy for purposes of receiving a diploma.**

**Ruth Dean seconded, all in favor.**

1. Executive Session 2 (Expulsion): **Chair Thorn Dickinson moved that the Board enter executive session to consider discipline of a student, pursuant to Section 405(6)(B) of the Maine Revised Statutes. Ruth Dean seconded, all in favor.**

The Board exited Executive Session at 10:05pm.

**Thorn Dickinson made a motion to approve a resolution following discussion in Executive Session, as**

**follows:**

**After consideration of all evidence presented at the June 20, 2023 disciplinary hearing, the Board finds that Student Y is expelled from school indefinitely based on the following findings:**

**1. In or about May, 2023, Student Y possessed marijuana, a scheduled drug, at school.**

**2. Student Y possessed and distributed illegal substances, specifically nicotine vape pods, to minor students at school.**

**3. Student Y’s conduct was deliberately disobedient and deliberately disorderly.,**

**4. It is necessary for the peace and usefulness of the school to expel Student Y and to authorize the Executive Director and Head of School to provide Student Y with a reentry plan specifying the conditions that must be met in order for Student Y to be readmitted to school.**

**5. The intent of the Board is that the reentry plan, if it is complied with, allow an opportunity for the student to appear before the Board in August, 2023, for consideration of readmission before the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year.**

**Dan Mickool seconded. Three votes in favor, one opposed. Motion passes.**

1. **Thorn Dickinson motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:10pm, Dan Mickool seconded, all in favor.**