

# Minutes

## Blackstone Valley Prep Mayoral Academy

### Board Meeting

Monday Mar 18, 2013 @ 5:00 PM at 7 Fatima Drive Cumberland, RI

#### **Board Members Present**

K. Vaudreuil, J. Diossa, J. Morton, D. McKee, J. Casimiro

#### **Board Members Absent**

J. Almond, S. Noris

#### **Guests Present**

J. Chiappetta, S. Cuello, J. LoPiccolo, D. Lauck, J. Bates, Kathy Hamel, L. McEwen, M. DeMatteo, P. Parker, D. Waugh

## I. Opening Items

#### **Call the Meeting to Order**

D. McKee called a meeting of the board of trustees of Blackstone Valley Prep Mayoral Academy to order on Monday Mar 18, 2013 @ 5:02 PM at 7 Fatima Drive Cumberland, RI.

#### **Approve Minutes**

J. Casimiro made a motion to approve minutes from the Board Meeting on 02-25-13 & 3-05-13.

J. Diossa seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion. Aye: Vaudreuil, Casimiro, McKee, Diossa Nay: None.

## II. Consent Agenda

#### **Executive Director Report**

J. Morton arrived late.

J. Morton made a motion to accept the executive director report.

J. Casimiro seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion. Aye: Vaudreuil, Casimiro, McKee, Diossa, Morton Nay: None.

J. Chiappetta walked everyone through the dashboard and lottery results. He stated "charter school renewal site visit was done and we are waiting for written draft report of results in mid April".

#### **13-14 Draft School Calendar**

Draft calendar was presented for informational reasons only.

#### **Finance Director Report**

"D. Lauck stated that the school is on track and will probably come in slightly ahead on revenues due to district and Medicaid payments, although some expenditures, such as snow removal, are also higher than budgeted. Cash reserves are down to 1.3 – 1.4 months' expenditures. The expenses for the ongoing expansion of 291 Broad Street are being adequately covered, but expenses of any further facility development is likely to start straining current revenue sources. With regard to the sequester in the federal budget, Arne Duncan has indicated that he expects that there will be 5% cuts across the board; any cuts affecting Blackstone Valley, however, should not affect the current academic year."

K. Vaudreuil made a motion to accept finance report.

J. Morton seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion. Aye: Vaudreuil, Casimiro, McKee, Diossa, Morton Nay: None.

### III. Fundraising

#### **June 22 5K Race**

J. Chiappetta stated how the town of Cumberland has been extremely helpful to D. Madden and H. Colestock who are working on the 5K in June.

#### **Grant Applications**

J. Chiappetta spoke about some of the grants we are working on. He also introduced K. Hamel and J. Bales who are both with Charter School Growth Fund. “He also stated that the CSGF has recommended going ahead with the due diligence phase for Blackstone Valley and that that phase is currently underway. The decision whether the Rhode Island Mayoral Academies—Blackstone Valley will receive an investment proposal should be made on June 4.”.

### IV. Strategic Planning

#### **Short & Long Term Update**

J. Chiappetta stated that copy of strategic planning will be sent out to board members.

### V. Public Comment

#### **Public Comment**

“No members of the public addressed any comments to the Board.”.

### VI. Executive Session

#### **Go Into Executive Session**

J. Morton made a motion to to go into executive session to discuss the acquisition or lease of real estate pursuant to R.I.G.L § 42-46-5(a)(5) and to discuss potential litigation pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 42-26-5(a)(2).

K. Vaudreuil seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion. Aye: Vaudreuil, Casimiro, McKee, Diossa, Morton Nay: None.

### VII. Executive Session - Facilities

#### **Acquisition or lease of real estate – R.I. Gen. L. § 42-46-5(a)(5)**

#### **Pending Litigation- R.I. Gen. L. § 42-46-5(a)(2)**

J. Casimiro left early.

J. Morton made a motion to leave executive session.

J. Diossa seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion. Aye: Vaudreuil, Morton, McKee, Diossa Nay: None.

J. Diossa made a motion to seal minutes from executive session.

J. Morton seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion. Aye: Vaudreuil, Morton, McKee, Diossa Nay: None.

### VIII. Facilities Update

#### **Short & Long Term Facility Planning**

J. Casimiro left early. Left at 5:42pm.

J. Chiappetta also stated that he will communicate plans for next year to families.

**Resolution authorizing Executive Director to enter into facility lease and development negotiations**

**IX. Closing Items**

**Adjourn Meeting**

J. Diossa made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

J. Morton seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion. Aye: Vaudreuil, Morton, McKee, Diossa Nay: None.

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 06:31 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
S. Cuello