

Minutes

Blackstone Valley Prep Mayoral Academy

Board Meeting

Friday Dec 6, 2013 @ 4:30 PM at 560 Mineral Spring Pawtucket RI

Board Members Present

D. McKee, J. Almond, J. Casimiro, J. Diossa, J. Morton, J. Waters, M. Magee

Board Members Absent

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Guests Present

D. Lauck, D. Waugh, J. Chiappetta, J. LoPiccolo, Jonathan Santos Silva, L. McEwen, Lina Musayev, Michael DeMatteo, S. Cuello

I. Opening Items

Call the Meeting to Order

J. Almond called a meeting of the board of trustees of Blackstone Valley Prep Mayoral Academy to order on Friday Dec 6, 2013 @ 4:40 PM at 560 Mineral Spring Pawtucket RI.

Approve Minutes

J. Diossa made a motion to approve minutes from the Board Meeting on 10-28-13.

J. Casimiro seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion. Aye: Magee, Casimiro, Morton, Almond, Waters, and Diossa Nay: None.

II. Consent Agenda

Executive Director Report

Guest- Colleen Colarusso arrived late @ 4:48pm.

J. Morton made a motion to approve the ED report.

J. Diossa seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion. Aye: Magee, Casimiro, Morton, Almond, Waters, and Diossa Nay: None.

Finance Director Report

D. McKee arrived late. 4:49pm.

J. Casimiro made a motion to approve the finance report.

J. Morton seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion. Aye: Magee, Casimiro, Morton, Almond, Waters, Diossa, and McKee Nay: None.

J. Chiappetta stated that the major highlight was that Ms. Emet at the middle school won the Milken award and we are very excited. He also stated that we are through our first round of trimester report cards. They will be out to families on Monday. Family Engagement continues to be a strong focus for us. The lottery report shows that we have 1119 applicants for what we are projecting to be 189 seats. We anticipate after our outreach methods this coming month we will bring in many more applications.

D. Lauck stated that the reports are the results through the month of October. We have not closed out the month of November yet. Our revenues continue as budgeted through the year. We have received our funding from the State of RI for the first half of the year we have also received payments for the first quarter from all four ascending districts. Expenses are all tracking largely in line with expectations. As of the end of October we are at roughly 2.7 million. When we received our charter renewal this summer the Dept. of Ed had requested that BVP staff meet with representatives from RIDE to review how we are performing against their financial metrics. D. Lauck stated

that BVP staff had their first meeting in November and we have met or approached every standard they have. D. Lauck also stated that before the next meeting with RIDE the board should submit a letter to get that condition removed probably in February.

III. Public Comment

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No Public Comment.

IV. Audit

Final Audit Approval

M. Magee made a motion to approve audit.

D. McKee seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion. Aye: Magee, Casimiro, Morton, Almond, Waters, Diossa, and Mckee Nay: None.

D. Lauck stated that the audit is no finalized and bound. As part of the audit process there were a number of recommendations not findings. We have drafted a letter in response to their recommendations and it is included in the report. We will meet all of the recommendations that auditors have gave us and the finance department will report back to the board on the status of that by the end of the year.

V. School Update

High School Design

J. Santos Silva shared a power point slide with the board giving them a review of what his vision is for the high school and how he is committed to the same academic rigor. Everything from sports to technology, after the presentation the board was able to ask him questions and give him comments. J. Santos Silva also stated that he has 7 sessions planned to meet with current middle school parents to discuss the high school. J. Lopiccolo previewed that in the next couple of months we will be deciding what we want to call ourselves. BVP is growing and we want our scholars at each campus to have their own identity. We will bring a couple of suggestions to the board to vote and pick a couple of names at our next meeting. Then from there we will take those names and involve our families, scholars and maybe even community to pick a name.

VI. Establishing of New Bank Account

New Account

D. Lauck asked the board to vote on opening a new bank account. This bank account is to hold a security deposit for 52 Broad Street site.

D. McKee made a motion to open a new bank account to hold the security deposit as specified.

M. Magee seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion. Aye: Magee, Casimiro, Morton, Almond, Waters, Diossa, and Mckee Nay: None.

VII. Fundraising

Development Committee

J. Chiappetta stated that BVP has received 56,000 grant from the Champlain foundation to fund 1-1 technology at the high school. J. Lopiccolo stated how the holiday appeal is and how we hope that the board will also give. She also stated how we are looking forward to start the spring appeal.

VIII. Executive Session

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

J. Morton made a motion to Go into Executive Session.

J. Casimiro seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion. Aye: Magee, Casimiro, Morton, Almond, Waters, Diossa, and Mckee Nay: None.

Seal Minutes

J. Diossa made a motion to seal the minutes from Executive Session.

M. Magee seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion. Aye: Magee, Casimiro, Morton, Almond, Waters, Diossa, and Mckee Nay: None.

J. Diossa made a motion to seal the minutes from Executive Session.

M. Magee seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion. Aye: Magee, Casimiro, Morton, Almond, Waters, Diossa, and Mckee Nay: None.

IX. Executive Session

Close Executive Session

J. Casimiro made a motion to close executive session.

M. Magee seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion. Aye: Magee, Casimiro, Morton, Almond, Waters, Diossa, and Mckee Nay: None.

X. Closing Items

Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 06:27 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
S. Cuello