

Minutes

Blackstone Valley Prep Mayoral Academy

Board Meeting

Monday Mar 24, 2014 @ 5:00 PM at 560 Mineral Spring Ave 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

Casey McIntyre, D. Lauck, D. Waugh, J. Chiappetta, Jeffrey Wright, L. McEwen, Melissa French, Michael DeMatteo, S. Cuello, Susan Moore, T. Afonso

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 24, 2014 @ 5:13 PM at 560 Mineral Spring Ave Pawtucket RI.

Approve Minutes

J. Diossa arrived late. 5:17pm. J. Morton arrived late. 5:18pm.

Approve Minutes

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J. Casimiro made a motion to approve minutes from the Board Meeting on 12-06-13, 12-23=13 and 2-13-14.

J. Diossa seconded the motion.

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

II. Consent Agenda

Executive Director Report

J. Chiappetta stated how the ART event had great feedback and the school was very excited of the outcome. J. Chiappetta also stated that we are committed to raising more money. BVP has had a lot of positive press coverage and we are very proud of that. J. Chiappetta also stated that Jen & Hannah are leading the charge on recruitment and we are on track to fill the vacancies.

Finance Director Report

D. Lauck stated that BVP is on track of the original budget. BVP just received a 50k award letter from the RI Foundation to support a technology specialist at the high school. Expenses continue to track with what we expect. Cash at the end of month is 2.3 months worth of expenses. The UCOA audit will start tomorrow.

J. Almond made a motion to approve the consent agenda which includes the executive director report and the finance report.

J. Casimiro seconded the motion.

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

III. School Update

Special Education Update

Susan Moore (Special Ed Director) explained the process and work of the TLC room (Transition Learning Center)

classroom. Team consists of C. McIntyre, J. Wright, M. French, M. Soch and Occupational Therapists. This room was designed to help kids that need more help and time in transitioning to a regular classroom from a special outside program, 1 on 1 environment or any other type of special program. This classroom will help the scholar prepare themselves and develop the skills to move one. She also stated how the team is producing remarkable results with the scholars. In the classroom they receive special ed help, weekly groups, counseling, and occupational therapy. M. French explained this will get these scholars on the road to success. The behavioral growth so far has been amazing. C. McIntyre explained the growth from January to now has been major because of the more individualized teaching. This will help them learn these skills and apply them in the future.

Lottery Data, Processes, and Policies

J. Chiappetta explained how most people do not win the lottery BVP had 1935 apply for only 489 seats. Every grade level for every community there was a lottery meaning that it does not matter where you live or what grade you applied for we still had to hold a lottery. Unfortunately the lottery has to be run every year and families do get upset if last year they were number 1 on the waiting list and they were never called to attend. So when they apply for the next year they end up being number 42, those families are upset with us but that is a federal law that we follow. This is the lottery report and it shows the need of our families and our concern. We are saying no to 1700 people and it is very hard.

Technology Policy

J. Chiappetta wanted to provide the board with 2 draft technology policy documents for review. We can bring this back to the board on the next meeting for questions, concerns or approval.

High School Design

J. Chiappetta stated the high school design document will be completed by the end of this week, everyone is also aware that we are thrilled to have executed the lease for St. Joan's which will be our founding site. Enrollment celebration for scholars is this week and we are almost complete with the hiring for the high school. There will also be a retreat for that team during April break.

IV. Board Correspondence

Official Correspondence with RIDE Charter Office

D. Lauck stated that the meeting with RIDE occurred on the 26th of February so BVP is now in a position to submit the official letter to RIDE to request the removal of the condition that was placed on our charter renewal.

J. Diossa made a motion to approve letter to RIDE.

J. Morton seconded the motion.

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

Executive Director Contract

J. Casimiro stated that the committee to review and discuss J. Chiappetta's contract will meet on April 9th and will bring recommendation to the board at the next board meeting.

V. Fundraising

Fund Development Update

Refer to Executive Director Report.

VI. Public Comment

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No public comment.

VII. Go Into Executive Session

Go Into Executive Session for 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 under Acquisition or lease of real estate – R.I. Gen. L. § 42-46-5(a)(5).

J. Casimiro seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion. Aye: Casimiro, Almond, Magee, Mckee, Diossa, Waters

and Morton Nay: None.

VIII. Executive Session

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

J. Casimiro left early.

J. Diossa made a motion to exit executive session.

J. Morton seconded the motion.

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

Seal Minutes

J. Morton made a motion to Seal the minutes from executive session.

B. Goodrich seconded the motion.

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

IX. Closing Items

Adjourn Meeting

J. Morton made a motion to adjourn meeting.

J. Diossa seconded the motion.

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

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 06:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

D. McKee