

# Minutes

## Blackstone Valley Prep Mayoral Academy

### Board Meeting

Monday Mar 23, 2015 @ 5:30 PM at 52 Broad Street Cumberland, RI

#### Board Members Present

D. McKee, J. Almond, J. Casimiro, J. Diossa, J. Giraldo, J. Waters, M. Gwynn, W. Murray

#### Board Members Absent

D. Grebien, J. Morton, M. Magee

#### Guests Present

D. Lauck, D. Waugh, J. Chiappetta, Jonathan Santos-Silva, K. Crowe, M. DeMatteo, S. Cuello, Tim Heavey

### I. Opening Items

#### Call the Meeting to Order

J. Diossa called a meeting of the board of trustees of Blackstone Valley Prep Mayoral Academy to order on Monday Mar 23, 2015 @ 5:33 PM at 52 Broad Street Cumberland, RI . M. Magee arrived late.

#### Approve Minutes

J. Almond made a motion to approve minutes from the Board Meeting on 02-23-15.

D. McKee seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion. AYE: Magee, Almond, Casimiro, Giraldo, Morton, Waters, Murray, Mckee, Diossa NAY: None.

### II. Board Comments & Discussion

#### Board Chair Remarks

None.

#### Board Elections

D. McKee made a motion to vote in Michael Gwynn as a Board Member.

J. Almond seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion. AYE: Magee, Almond, Casimiro, Giraldo, Morton, Waters, Murray, Mckee, Diossa NAY: None.

### III. Consent Agenda

#### Executive Director Report

Jeremy Chiappetta pointed out how BVP had 2,200 applications and was only able to offer enrollment to approximately 250 scholars. Nearly 80 of those applicants were siblings of currently enrolled scholars. The 2nd For Arts Sake show took place at ES2, at ES1 the scholars also held a dress down day to help a high school scholar raise money to attend summer camp at UCLA they were able to raise \$500. Jeremy explained how they had so many different and exciting things going on at the different campuses from scholars at the high school even traveling to Harvard to speak about diversity and our middle school scholar winning the prestigious Carson Award. We are all so proud of them all.

#### Finance Director Report

David Lauck went through the finances step by step explaining and answering questions. David went on to say the the financial performance through the first eight months of the fiscal year is consistent with expectations for BVP. David explained that the BVP finance staff continues to regularly monitor the organization's cash position and currently do not anticipate any working capital issues.

D. McKee made a motion to to approve the consent agenda.

J. Casimiro seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion. AYE: Magee, Almond, Gwynn, Casimiro, Giraldo, Morton, Waters, Murray, Mckee, Diossa NAY: None.

## IV. Public Comment

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No Public Comment.

## V. New Business

### Resolution: Support Growth of High Quality School Choices for Families

M. Magee made a motion to table until new meeting to be scheduled for Friday at 8:30am.

J. Almond seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion. AYE: Magee, Almond, Gwynn, Casimiro, Giraldo, Morton, Waters, Murray, Mckee, Diossa NAY: None.

### BVP HS: Personalized Learning, Potential Partnerships

Jeremy Chiappetta and Jonathan Santos Silva described to the board a new and unique curricular and personalized learning partnership that BVP HS is evaluating with Summit Public Schools of California. Messrs. Chiappetta and Santos Silva responded to a variety of board questions regarding advantages (leveraging successful programming, further personalization), cost (none), and potential challenges of the program.

J. Almond made a motion to support and the pursuit of this partnership.

W. Murray seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion. AYE: Magee, Almond, Gwynn, Casimiro, Giraldo, Morton, Waters, Murray, Mckee, Diossa NAY: None.

### Elementary School Update 3

Jeremy updated the board on how the school is moving forward with interviews for staff and enrollment processes for the new scholars.

### Budget Discussion

David Lauck described to the board a variety of scenario planning analyses that staff have undertaken. This work has been to prepare the organization to respond to any potential negative funding events.

### PARCC Update

### Annual Ethics Filing

The Board was reminded that the deadline to file is April 24th.

## VI. Go Into Executive Session

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

D. McKee made a motion to enter executive session.

J. Almond seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion. AYE: Magee, Almond, Gwynn, Casimiro, Giraldo, Morton, Waters, Murray, Mckee, Diossa NAY: None. M. Magee left early.

## VII. Executive Session

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D. McKee made a motion to leave executive session.

J. Diossa seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion. AYE: Almond, Gwynn, Casimiro, Giraldo, Morton, Waters, Murray, Mckee, Diossa NAY: None.

### Seal Minutes

D. McKee made a motion to seal the minutes.

J. Diossa seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion. AYE: Almond, Gwynn, Casimiro, Giraldo, Morton, Waters, Murray, Mckee, Diossa NAY: None.

## VIII. Closing Items

### **Adjourn Meeting**

J. Almond made a motion to adjourn meeting.

D. McKee seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion. AYE: Magee, Almond, Gwynn, Casimiro, Giraldo, Morton, Waters, Murray, 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 06:59 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

S. Cuello