

Blackstone Valley Prep Mayoral Academy

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time

Monday January 25, 2016 at 5:30 PM

Location

BVP ES3, 3 Fairlawn Way, Lincoln

Board Members Present

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

Board Members Absent

M. Magee

Guests Present

A. Afonso, B. Dowd, C. Colarusso, C. Heng, D. Grebien, D. Madden, J. Chiappetta, J. LoPiccolo, Jonathan Santos Silva, M. DeMatteo, Nicole Delanos, Sabrina Salores-Hand, Sarah Tucker, Stephanie Gonzalez

I. Opening Items

A.Record Attendance and Guests

Additional guests for public comment:

D. Varone (BVPHS Parent); C. McKee (BVPHS Scholar) E. Pineda (BVPHS Scholar)
D. Guzman (BVPHS Scholar) J.R. Stager (BVPHS Scholar) Lucy Pereira (BVPMS1 Parent), E. Gomes (BVPHS Scholar)

B.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 Jan 25, 2016 @ 5:40 PM at BVP ES3, 3 Fairlawn Way, Lincoln.

C.Approve Minutes from 11.30.15 meeting

J. Casimiro made a motion to approve minutes from the Board Meeting on 11-30-15.

J. Giraldo seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

D.Approve minutes from 1.4.16 meeting

J. Casimiro made a motion to approve minutes from the Board Meeting on 01-04-16.

J. Giraldo seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Executive Session

A. Enter Executive Session

J. Morton made a motion to enter executive session per R.I. Gen. L. § 42-46-5(a) (5) (Real Estate).

J. Giraldo seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Exit executive session

J. Morton made a motion to exit executive session.

J. Giraldo seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

III. Report out from executive session

A. Seal Minutes

W. Murray made a motion to seal the minutes of the executive session.

M. Gwynn seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Report out

Two votes were taken during executive session to take action relative to potential high school facilities.

IV. Ratify sequence of agenda items

A. Ratify decision to rearrange agenda items

J. Morton made a motion to ratify the decision to take agenda items out of order, going into executive session before consent and new business agendas were addressed.

J. Giraldo seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

V. Consent Agenda

A. Executive and Finance Directors Reports

D. McKee made a motion to accept the Executive and Finance Directors' reports as presented in Board Packet.

M. Gwynn seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

VI. New Items

A. Enrollment Policy

D. McKee made a motion to adopt the recommendation made by J. Chiappetta to give choice to families who might otherwise have scholars enrolled in two middle schools.

J. Morton seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

J. Chiappetta presented to the board that next year, and potentially over the next couple of years as MS2 grows, we may have families who would have scholars enrolled at two different middle schools. This would happen as ES2 scholars with siblings in upper middle school grades step up to MS2 while their siblings are enrolled in MS1. J. Chiappetta recommended giving families the choice to either keep their scholars with their cohort at MS2 or switch into MS1. This choice would be made prior to filling any open spots from the 2016-17 waitlist.

B.16-17 School Calendar

The calendar as presented for the 2016-17 year follows the same structure as the 15-16 and prior years' calendars. In the future we may try to restructure winter/spring breaks, having a week off in March rather than a week in February and April.

D. McKee made a motion to approve the calendar as presented and give J. Chiappetta authority over any necessary changes for the 16-17 year.

J. Giraldo seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

C. Staff and Family Retention Initiatives

Based on data collected from the trimester 1 family survey, J. Chiappetta noted that for family and staff retention purposes, the school would like to consider interest in, and feasibility of, changing the structure and/or length of the school day for scholars and/or staff.

The Board recommends to survey families, staff, and scholars about the possible shifts to determine concrete recommendations for further Board consideration.

VII. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

J. Casimiro made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

J. Giraldo seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
B. Dowd