



# Blackstone Valley Prep Mayoral Academy

## Minutes

### Board Meeting

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#### **Date and Time**

Monday May 23, 2016 at 5:30 PM

#### **Location**

BVP ES2, 52 Broad St. Cumberland

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#### **Board Members Present**

J. Almond, J. Diossa, J. Giraldo, J. Morton, J. Waters, M. Gwynn

#### **Board Members Absent**

D. McKee, M. Magee, W. Murray

#### **Guests Present**

A. Afonso, Alexandra Perras, Andrew D'Avanzo, Andrew Domenico, B. Dowd, C. Colarusso, C. Losea, D. Madden, D. Waugh, Dillon Falk, Erin Donahue, Hannah Colestock, J. Chiappetta, Jessica Grant, Jonathan Acosta, Joy Souza, Karla Vigil, Kelly Domenico, M. DeMatteo, Neethu Putta, Osvaldo Marti, Rebecca Lessard, Rebekah Thibeault, Sabrina Salores-Hand, Sara Tucker, Sarah Manning

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### **I. Opening Items**

#### **A. Record Attendance and Guests**

#### **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 May 23, 2016 @ 5:48 PM at BVP ES2, 52 Broad St. Cumberland.

### **II. Public Comment**

### **A.Public Comment**

K. and A. Domenico addressed the Board regarding recent lessons at ES2 around the meaning of "LGBT." They mentioned that the school had addressed their concerns, but sought confirmation from the Board that the school would be more proactive in the future when they plan to address sensitive or controversial topics in class.

### **III. Board Comment**

#### **A.Board Comment**

No Board comment.

### **IV. Consent Agenda**

#### **A.Approve minutes**

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

J. Almond seconded the motion.

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

#### **B.Executive Director's Report**

J. Chiappetta presented the following highlights from the full Executive Directors report that was included in the Board packet:

- Talent team is continuing to interview and extend offers for next year
- PARCC testing has concluded and we look forward to getting results in June
- A BVP High School scholar and teacher recently participated in a panel on blended learning at Harvard University

J. Almond made a motion to Accept the Executive Director's report.

J. Giraldo seconded the motion.

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

#### **C.Finance Director's Report**

C. Losea presented the following highlights from the Finance Director's report as included in Board packet:

- BVP is currently running under budget, though some expenses are still expected to hit by the end of the year
- We do not have any projected cash flow problems at the end of the year
- Some line items varied between budget and spending, and have been examined and considered in developing next year's budget (see below)

J. Almond made a motion to accept the Finance Director's report as presented.

J. Giraldo seconded the motion.

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

#### **D.Finance Committee Report**

Finance Committee met on 4/25 and 5/19. They reviewed BVP's current financial position, budgets, and developed a budget for the 2016-17 year. The committee unanimously agreed that the organization should prioritize the creation of a reserve fund.

J. Morton made a motion to accept the Finance Committee report.

J. Giraldo seconded the motion.

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

## **V. Previous Agenda Items**

### **A. Staff and Family Retention Initiatives**

J. Chiappetta updated the Board on scholar Intent to Return forms. Most families are returning next year without any expressed reservation or concern. Of those leaving, many are moving out of our sending districts. A more comprehensive report will be presented to the Board in June.

## **VI. New Business**

### **A. Board Governance Committee**

J. Chiappetta proposed the creation of a Board Governance Committee to help identify potential Board Members, as terms expire and/or we decide to expand. M. Gwynn and J. Waters volunteered to be part of the committee.

J. Giraldo made a motion to approve the creation of a Board Governance Committee.

J. Morton seconded the motion.

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

### **B. 16-17 Budget Review and Approval**

C. Losea presented the proposed budget for the 16-17 school year. Costs are generally in line with the 15-16 budget; some line items and budget areas were adjusted based on this year's actual expenditures. Adjustments to income were also made based on \$355 per pupil funding cut. The budget for next year looks tight, but manageable.

J. Almond made a motion to approve the 16-17 budget as presented.

J. Morton seconded the motion.

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

### **C. Diversity Committee Report and Planning for 16-17**

J. Acosta presented updates on BVP's intentional diversity efforts, including the diversity committee and the pilot year of PR10 (BVP's evaluation rubric on cultural competency). Among his recommendations were a shift to a Culturally Responsive Teaching (CRT) model, and opening up participation in the Diversity Committee to parents and families.

J. Almond made a motion to accept the report and included recommendations as presented.

J. Morton seconded the motion.

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

## **VII. Executive Session**

### **A. Real Estate**

J. Almond made a motion to enter Executive Session per R.I. Gen. L. § 42-46-5(a) (5) (Real Estate).

J. Morton seconded the motion.

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

J. Morton made a motion to exit executive session.

J. Waters seconded the motion.

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

J. Waters made a motion to maintain seal on confidential minutes from Executive Session.

J. Morton seconded the motion.

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

### **VIII. Closing Items**

#### **A.Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:46 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

B. Dowd

J. Almond made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

M. Gwynn seconded the motion.

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