



# Blackstone Valley Prep Mayoral Academy

## Minutes

### Board Meeting

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#### **Date and Time**

Wednesday June 22, 2016 at 8:00 AM

#### **Location**

7 Fatima Drive, Cumberland, RI

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#### **Board Members Present**

J. Almond, J. Diosa, J. Giraldo, J. Waters, M. Gwynn, M. Magee, W. Murray

#### **Board Members Absent**

#### **Guests Present**

A. Afonso, B. Dowd, C. Heng, C. Losea, D. Madden, D. Waugh, J. Chiappetta, J. LoPiccolo, S. Anderson, Sabrina Salores-Hand

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### **I. Opening Items**

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

#### **B. Call the Meeting to Order**

J. Diosa called a meeting of the board of trustees of Blackstone Valley Prep Mayoral Academy to order on Wednesday Jun 22, 2016 @ 8:04 AM at 7 Fatima Drive, Cumberland, RI.

### **II. Public Comment**

#### **A. Public Comment**

No public comment.

### **III. Consent Agenda**

### **A.Motion to proceed out of order**

D. McKee made a motion to skip to item V on the agenda, and to proceed out of order.

J. Almond seconded the motion.

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

Board discussion proceeded to Item V, new business.

### **B.Approve minutes**

W. Murray made a motion to approve minutes from the Board Meeting on 05-23-16.

M. Magee seconded the motion.

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

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

In anticipation of year-end data that was not yet available, the Executive Director did not submit a formal report. Instead, the Board was apprised of and discussed the current issues at BVP High School regarding inappropriate staff discussions on BVP-sponsored communication platforms. The Board backed J. Chiappetta's efforts and investigations so far and determined that the Board would issue a statement, which Mayor Diossa would work on following the meeting.

J. Almond made a motion to accept the Executive Director's report as discussed.

M. Gwynn seconded the motion.

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

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

C. Losea discussed the Finance Director's report as presented in the Board packet. BVP was projected to finish the year strong.

M. Magee made a motion to accept the Finance Director's report.

M. Gwynn seconded the motion.

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

### **E.Governance/Board Committee Report**

The Governance committee met two weeks ago to make suggestions for potential new Board members. Members of the committee subsequently had coffee meetings with a small number of prospects. There is also one current Board member (Joe Almond) whose term is set to expire at the end of this year.

W. Murray made a motion to preliminarily approve Joe Almond for a new term on the Board once his current term expires.

M. Gwynn seconded the motion.

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

#### **Roll Call**

J. Waters Aye

J. Casimiro Absent

J. Giraldo Aye

D. McKee Aye

W. Murray Aye

M. Magee Aye

J. Almond Abstain

J. Diossa Aye

J. Morton Absent

M. Gwynn Aye

J. Almond abstained from the vote.

## **IV. Previous Agenda Items**

### **A.16-17 Budget Review**

C. Losea expressed a need to reopen the previously approved 2016-17 budget, due to changes in state and local funding policy. She and J. Chiappetta presented a proposed budget amendment to make up for decreased reimbursement from sending districts. Among the options discussed but not favored by Board or administrators was joining the pension system for teachers. J. Almond went on the record to say that the pension system is not good for our teachers, and while joining it may make for short-term financial gains, it would risk long-term stability.

M. Magee made a motion to accept the proposed budget amendments as presented by C. Losea and J. Chiappetta.

M. Gwynn seconded the motion.

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

## **V. New Business**

### **A.Minor Amendment to BVP Charter - enrollment**

J. Chiappetta proposed a minor change to BVP's Charter that would allow schools to enroll international/exchange students on a temporary basis outside of the lottery system. This is considered a minor amendment and will not be a major undertaking to gain RIDE approval.

M. Magee made a motion to pursue a minor amendment to the BVP charter that would allow schools to enroll international exchange students outside the lottery system.

M. Gwynn seconded the motion.

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

J. Almond made a motion to return to consent agenda.

W. Murray seconded the motion.

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

The board resumed discussion in the order laid out in the agenda, returning to item III.

## **VI. Executive Session**

### **A.Real Estate**

J. Almond made a motion to enter Executive Session per RIGL 42-65-5(a)(5) - Real Estate.

W. Murray seconded the motion.

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

J. Almond made a motion to leave executive session.

W. Murray seconded the motion.

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

W. Murray made a motion to seal the minutes of the Executive Session.

M. Magee seconded the motion.

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

## **VII. Closing Items**

### **A.Report out from Executive Session**

In Executive Session, the Board took a vote relative to lease negotiations for a particular property.

W. Murray made a motion to Accept the report from Executive Session as summarized by A. Afonso.

J. Almond seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**B.Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
B. Dowd