Board Meeting
Bonnie Cone Schools | BCLA Upper School
Date: January 21, 2025
Time: 4:45pm
Location: 16105 Poplar Tent Road Huntersville, NC 28078

Board of Directors' Access:
Video call link: https://meet.google.com/wsj-ybme-ydc
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I. **Call to Order** by Chairman Marty McCarthy at 4:45pm

II. **Pledge of Allegiance** **IMAGE**

III. **Reading of the Mission Statement** read by Director William Mills

Our mission is to equip students with the tools of learning to think critically, reason effectively, and communicate persuasively through the rigors of a classical education

IV. **Roll Call** taken by Chairman Marty McCarthy

Board Member	Title	Term Expires	Attendance
Marty McCarthy	Chair	May 2025	**Present**
Brian Puckett	Vice Chair/Treasurer	May 2025	**Present**
Stephanie Newbrough	Secretary	May 2025	Not Present
William Mills, III Esq	Director	May 2025	**Present**
Judy Russo	Director	May 2025	**Present**

V. **Approval of the agenda** A **Motion** to approve the Agenda made by Director Judy Russo, Second Director William Mills. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

VI. **Public Comment:** No public comment was made
(Limit 2 minutes. The board will not respond during the meeting).

VII. **Management Reports**

A. **Charter One**

1. **Campus Report**

Jaime Davis, VP PreK-12 Operations

Enrollment:

BCCA total enrollment at 647 students with 483 applications submitted for the 25-26 school year.

BCLA total enrollment at 1,234 students with 573 applications submitted for the 25-26 school year.

Updates: We had a successful open enrollment campaign–have received 1,056 new applications! **A lottery will be held for BCCA** on Friday, January 24th at 10:45am. STAR benchmark data is back, and growth from the fall benchmark looks good across most grade levels. We will have NC Check-in data to share at the February meeting. Great Hearts will be on the Bonnie Cone campuses February 4-6 to meet with Directors and plan for Symposium and spring timeline. Directors will attend the National Classical Symposium in mid-February.

2. **Director's Updates**

a) **Director - BCLA Upper School, Ramon Richardson**

8th Grade Math & Reading Academy begins on Saturday, January 25, 2025, from 8-10:15 am dedicated to support approximately (30) 8th grade students in NC Standards mastery. Curriculum & Assessment Night - February 27th from 5:00-6:30 pm Celebration of Culture Assembly - February 27th during the school day for students.
School leadership, achievements and culture updates are detailed in the **Campus Report.**

b) Director - BCLA Lower School, Natalie Legra

Reported on several events for the lower school and highlighted activities like the 100th Day of School. She shared announcements that included significant growth in reading intervention for students. More details are listed in the **Campus Report.**

c) Director - BCCA, Pamela Franklin

Reported that Parent Teacher Conferences are upcoming in February for all grades and the school has now completed STAR reading benchmark exams showing significant improvement in reading and math. More details are listed in the **Campus Report.**

3. Great Hearts Update

Amaris Lewis, Chief Academic Officer

Reported on current Great Hearts progress. They're on tap to visit in February with their sole focus being to introduce GH to the campus leaders at both schools, Latin Teachers, to share their approach and what that may look like for BC Schools and culture. Amaris and C1 will be meeting with GH tomorrow to ensure the purpose and process is in alignment for BC Schools to avoid any noise of communication stepping into this partnership. Moving forward more frequent discussions with GH on their Classical approach and what that looks like in the classroom and with the leaders will ensue. For now, we are working on the campus visit and symposium scheduled for February 4th and 5th.

4. **Financial Update**

Michael Dixon, Director of Finance shared the Financial Report with updates to the original report, and listed here in the report below. He presented the revenues and expenses through December 21, 2024. The Principal's Monthly Report (PMR) 4 ended on December 9. We invoiced the five LEAs for BCCA and 11 for BCLA. The Summer Reading Camp allocations have been released. BCCA received $22,963.00 and BCLA received $23,853.00.

Financial Report

a) **BCCA**

Budget Remaining USDA grants NSLP reimbursement estimated to be $121,000.00 for the school lunch program for the year. Budget amendments will be done for Teacher Assistant-NCLB and School-Based Specialist line items for next month.

Year to Date

Balance Sheet

c) **BCLA**

Budget Remaining

Year to Date

Balance Sheet

B. Culture and Advancement Report

Kyle King, Dir of School Culture & Student Advancement

1) Monthly Report

Shared service initiatives, events and programs in his report, noting 2,616 total student and teacher service hours have been recorded for the 24-25 school year. Culture spotlight, BCS Influencer Award Presentation is December and January.

C. **School House Development Update**
Jim Way reported on the current water situation with the BCLA Upper School and the progress made to resolve the flooding in order to reopen the school as soon as possible.

VIII. **Closed session** A **Motion** to approve Closed Session at 5:52pm made by Director William Mills, Second by Director Judy Russo. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

A. Pursuant to § 143-318.11(3)(5) Closed Sessions.

A **Motion** to come out of Closed Session at 6:20pm by Director William Mills, Second by Director Judy Russo. There was no discussion and the motion was passed unanimously.

A **Motion** was made to continue the paid membership with NC Association of Public Charter Schools by Director Judy Russo, Second Chairman Marty McCarthy. The discussion was made to continue this the membership renewal through June 30, 2025 and the motion was passed unanimously.

IX. **Approval of the Consent Agenda** A **Motion** to approve the Consent Agenda by Director William Mills, Second by Chairman Marty McCarthy and the motion approved unanimously.

A. **Meeting Minutes**
December 17, 2024
January 6, 2025 - Special BOD Meeting

B. **New Hires:**
BCCA
- Darian Redfearn, 4th Grade Teacher
- Kenzie Chaney, 5th Grade Teacher

X. **Discussion/New Business/Action Items**

A. **Charter One**
Lauren Evancho, HR Director & Carla Way, CTO

1) **Employee Handbook updates** - Proposed additions and revisions were reported. A **Motion** to approve the Employee

Handbook updates as presented for both BCCA and BCLA was made by Director Judy Russo, Second by Vice Chairman, Brian Puckett. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

- **BCCA**
- **BCLA**

B. **Approval of AY 26/27 Academic Calendar** A **Motion** was made to approve the AY 26/27 Academic Calendar as presented was made by Director Judy Russo, Second Vice Chairman, Brian Puckett. There was no discussion and the motion was approved unanimously.

C. **Board of Directors Calendar Meeting Schedule** **-** Rolled over from December's BOD Meeting to review for approval. Discussion to keep the calendar as presented. The **Motion** to approve the Board of Directors Calendar Meeting Schedule for 2025 was made by Vice Chairman, Brian Puckett, Second Director Judy Russo. The motion was approved unanimously.

XI. **Announcements**

A. The next regular scheduled Board meeting is February 18, 2025.

XII. **Adjournment** The meeting was adjourned by Director William Mills at 6:30pm.