Board Meeting

Bonnie Cone Schools Board Meeting MINUTES

16105 Poplar Tent Road Huntersville, NC 28078

BCLA Upper School 4-16-2024 at 5:30 p.m.

Board of Directors' Access:

Video link: https://meet.google.com/wsj-ybme-ydc

Or dial: 224-900-6823 PIN: 768 395 576#

I. **Call to Order** by Chairman Marty McCarthy at 530PM
(Start Recording)

II. **Pledge of Allegiance IMAGE** by Chairman Marty McCarthy

III. **Reading of the Mission Statement (Assign or Ask for Volunteer):** by Director Judy Russo

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** Roll call with attendance recorded below.
(Secretary perform roll call)

Board Member	Title	Term Expires	Attendance
Marty McCarthy	Chair	May 2025	Present
Brian Puckett	Vice Chair/Treasurer	May 2025	Present
Kyle King	Secretary	May 2025	Present
William Mills, III Esq	Director	May 2025	Present
Stephanie Newbrough	Director	May 2025	-
Judy Russo	Director	May 2025	Present

V. **Approval of the agenda** (**Motion** by Secretary Kyle King, Second by Director Judy Russo. Voice vote 5-0-1)

VI. **Management Updates**

A. **Charter One Campus Update LINK** Introduced by Matt Throckmorton

1. **Director's Update**

a) **Director - BCCA** by Pamela Franklin, sharing information noted in the presentation. An open house was held with over 100 present. Discuss about various activities on campus.
b) **Director - BCLA Lower School** provided by Natalie Legra. Enrollment is above 960, with an expectation of reaching maximum capacity. Only four current teachers are not returning next year, for family reasons.
c) **Director - BCLA Upper School** by Jennifer Mognett. Current enrollment for next year is 667-770 range, with enrollment information pending. The goal is 850, which is on track. She noted the 10th and 11th grades took the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery). The national average is 50, with the average BCLA score being 65.5.

2. **Finance Update** by Michael Dixon. **Motion** to accept the report by Secretary Kyle King, second by Director Judy Russo. Voice vote, 5-0-1
   a) **BCCA** LINK
   b) **BCLA** LINK
3. **School House Development** by Jim Way. Discussed playground equipment and final steps for Certificate of Occupancy. .

VII. Board Training - Exceptional Students by Sarah Gamble LINK Provided by Charter One Exceptional Student Director Saray Gamble, per the linked presentation. schools.

VIII. Public Comment Two parents spoke
(Limit 2 minutes. The board will not respond during the meeting.)

IX. Approval of the Consent Agenda (**Motion** by Secretary Kyle King, Second by Director Judy Russo, Voice vote, 5-0-1)
A. Meeting Minutes from **March 19, 2024** - LINK
B. No new HIRES

X. Discussion/New Business/Action Items
A. FY23 BCCA Audit LINK Chairman Marty McCarthy noted that he has interviewed three auditors. Will present to the Board for approval.
B. Board action to increase enrollment for FY25:
"*Motion was made by --- and seconded by --- to approve the request to amend the school's enrollment as presented in the revisions to the charter*

application and submit same to Office of Charter Schools for review and approval.". **Motion** by Director William Mills (verbatim), second by Director Judy Russo. Voice vote 5-0-1

Director Kyle King brough four items as 'new business':

1. The Board should consider the idea of nominated a StakeHolder as an influence.
2. Rolling out an apprenticeship program.
3. How often are Chromebooks audited?
4. Expressing the desire for Assistant Directors and Instructional coaches to receive higher pay.

C. Academic Integrity Policy LINK **Motion** to both approve, as well place this on the agenda for next month by Director William Mills, second by Director Judy Russo. Voice vote 4-0-2

D. Discussion: Cell Phone Policy and parents Chairman Marty McCarthey noted the concern of cell phone use being disruptive to the classroom. It is noted the importance and usefulness for staff to know how determined the Board is, which empowers them to be more consistent in enforcing Board Policy.

E. Bond financing - Chairman Marty McCarthy had a conversation with attorneys at Zeigler about bonding, and a desire to consider this as soon as possible.

XI. Announcements

A. The next regular scheduled Board meeting is May 21, 2024.

XII. Closed session

Pursuant to § 143-318.11.(a)(5) To establish, or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating (i) the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease; or (ii) the amount of compensation and other material terms of an employment contract or proposed employment contract. Discussion of moving into closed session began at 717PM, with parents and guests invited to leave the room.

Motion into closed session by Secretary Kyle King at 725PM, second by Director William Mills, Voice vote 5-0-1

Motion out of closed session by Secretary Kyle King at 751PM, second by Director William Mills, Voice Vote 5-0-1

XIII. Adjournment by Chairman Marty McCarthy at 751PM