Board Meeting

Bonnie Cone Schools Board Meeting MINUTES

16105 Poplar Tent Road Huntersville, NC 28078

BCLA Upper School 6-26-2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Board of Directors' Access:

Video call link: https://meet.google.com/rrc-tznt-hgu
Or dial: (US) +1 779-456-6764 PIN: 899 287 895#

I. **Call to Order** by Chairman Marty McCarthy at 6:34 PM
(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** by Chairman Marty McCarthy, quorum present
(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	NP
Judy Russo	Director	May 2025	Present

Chairman Marty McCarthy introduces the new BCLA Upper School Leader Raymond. A former Teach For America teacher, who has also received his law degree, as well served in other charter school leadership positions. He is also very familiar with Classical Education.

V. **Approval of the agenda** (**Motion** Vice Chairman Brian Puckett, Second Director Judy Russo. Voice vote 5-0-1)

VI. Management Updates

A. Charter One Campus Update LINK Chris Elliott, Pamela Franklin

1. Director's Update

a) Director - BCCA

b) Director - BCLA Lower School

c) Director - BCLA Upper School

Secretary Kyle King updates the board on the activities of his new position.

Chairman Marty McCarthy asks about revenue from Little Leaders

2. Finance Update Michael Dixon, Jeff Patterson

a) BCCA LINK

b) BCLA LINK

Discussion regarding grants, the new funding formula from the State, adding specific line items into the FY25 reporting. It is noted that BCS will meet all debt coverage ratios for bonding.

3. **School House Development** Chris Elliott. Final activities to obtain a permanent certificate of occupancy. This includes Comcast finishing some items, which will then allow sidewalks.

VII. Board Training - Charter School History LINK For sake of time this training will be emailed to board members by Matt Thrckmorton

VIII. Public Comment No Comments
(Limit 2 minutes. The board will not respond during the meeting.)

IX. Approval of the Consent Agenda (Motion Vice Chairman Brian Puckett, Second Director Judy Russo. Voice vote 5-0-1)

A. Meeting Minutes from **May 16, 2024** - LINK
B. Meeting Minutes from **June 3, 2024** LINK
C. No new HIRES

X. Discussion/New Business/Action Items

A. FY25 Budget BCCA LINK BCLA LINK
BCCA enrollment is 647 students. Factored in 1% increase in local funding, 2% state funding. Discussion about handling costs for teacher workshops, and variance across campuses and fiscal years.
Motion to approve BCCA FY25 budget by Director William Mills III, seconded by Vice Chairman Brian Puckett. Voice vote 4-0-2

Motion to approve BCLA FY25 budget by Director William Mills III, seconded by Vice Chairman Brian Puckett. Voice vote 4-0-2

B. Bonding discussion - Chairman Marty McCarthy moves this item to after Closed Session.

XI. Announcements

A. The next regular scheduled Board meeting is July 16, 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.

Motion into closed session at 8:01 PM, adding Purpose (a)(3) “to consult with attorney” by Vice Chairman Brian Puckett, seconded by William Mills III. Voice vote 5-0-1

Motion out of closed session at 8:43 PM by Director Judy Russo, seconded by Director William Mills III. Voce vote, 5-0-1

Motion to authorize Chairman Marty McCarthy to sign on behalf ot the BCS Board of Directors, engaging:

1. Choice Advisors
2. Ice Miller
3. UMB

By William Mills III, Seconded by Director Judy Russo. Voice vote 5-0-1

Matt Throckmorton recommends that Director Judy Russo be allowed to take Leave of the Body to record her votes on the FY25 budgets for both BCCA and BCLA. Chairman Marty McCarthy notes that without objection, she is allowed to register her votes.

Final recorded vote for BCCA FY25 Budget is 5-0-1

Final recorded vote for BCLA FY25 budget is 5-0-1.

XIII. Adjournment **Motion** by Vice Chairman Brian Puckett, seconded by Director Judy Russo. Voice vote, 5-0-1 at 8:48 PM