BONNIE CONE SCHOOLS

**Board Meeting MINUTES**

**Bonnie Cone Schools Board Meeting Agenda**

16105 Poplar Tent Road Huntersville, NC 28078

**BCLA Upper School 11-19-2024 at 5:30 p.m.**

**Board of Directors' Access:**

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

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I. **Call to Order** by Vice Chairman/Treasurer, Brian Puckett at 5:30pm

II. **Pledge of Allegiance IMAGE**

III. **Reading of the Mission Statement:** read by Secretary, Stephanie Newbrough

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:** Attendance taken by Secretary Stephanie Newbrough. A quorum was represented.

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

V. **Approval of the agenda** A **Motion** to approve the agenda was made by Brian Puckett, and was seconded by Stephanie Newbrough. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

## VI. Public Comment

Vice Chairman, Brian Puckett noted that all comments will be limited to 2 minutes. The board will not respond during the meeting. One parent spoke.

## VII. Management Reports

### A. Charter One

1. Campus Update

   **Jaime Davis, Vice President, PreK-12 Operations**

   Current Enrollment for BCCA is 645 students, BCLA Lower School is at 710 students and BCLA Upper School has 542 students. Open Enrollment started November 15 and will continue until January 15, 2025 and the lottery will follow. Teacher observations are underway on all three campuses and Mid-year benchmarks start after Thanksgiving break.

2. **Amaris Lewis, Chief Academic Officer, Charter One** reported that Great Hearts will complete Latin curriculum map and overview as one piece of the Classical approach. Charter One and Academics will work in partnership with Great Hearts to move forward with what they have for this year and continuing curriculum discussions for the 25/26 school year. They will continue to update the Board of Directors with this progress going into the New Year.

3. **Director's Updates**

   a) **Director - BCCA, Pamela Franklin** introduced the new Student Council President, Cameron Estes to present the student council election and campaign process for the Board of Directors. Teachers will administer STAR Benchmarks during the month of December. This enables them to analyze data during the winter break, and regroup students accordingly. Pamela reported 77 kindergarten applications to kick-off open enrollment!

   b) **Director - BCLA Lower School, Natalie Legra** shared events and announcements, highlighting the Battle of the Books initiative, Blue Folders, CogAT testing completion with 18 newly identified AIG students. She was glad to report they are now fully staffed.

c) **Director - BCLA Upper School, Ramon Richardson** reported on events this month to be very active and successful. Highlighting Pre-ACT & PSAT test administered to all students in 10th grade during the last week of October. NC Check-Ins & Benchmark Testing for students 7th-10th grades will begin soon on various subject areas.
JH Volleyball won their simi-final playoff match and participated in the Championship game November 15 to conclude their season.

4. Financial Report **Michael Dixon, Director of Finance** reported
   a) **BCCA**
      **(1) Budget Remaining**
      **(2)** Year to Date
      **(3)** Balance Sheet
   b) **BCLA**
      **(1) Budget Remaining**
      **(2)** Year to Date
      **(3)** Balance Sheet

B. **Schoolhouse Development, Jim Way** updated the Board of Directors on current progress:
   1. The BCLA Upper School sidewalk along Poplar Tent Road is now completed and a guard rail will be installed within this year. A request for DOT for a final inspection will follow and Huntersville will make their inspection to complete this item.
   2. Schoolhouse is now soliciting proposals for new fencing between the Upper School and Poplar Tent Road. Safety Grant funds for this expenditure were set aside for this school year.

C. **Culture and Advancement Report** **Kyle King,** Director of School Culture and Achievement shared several Service Initiatives with the Board. The Service Learning Program Impact Tracker recorded 1,762 service hours by Students and Teachers to date. Two students from the Upper School gave their testimony of the impact serving their school and community has made in their lives.

**VIII. Closed Session - 6:41pm Motion** into Closed Session by Director, William Mills III Esq, Second Brian Puckett, there was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

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.

An educational management software was presented. No action was taken.

**7:23pm Motion** to come out of Closed Session by William Mills III Esq, Second Brian Puckett, no action taken,and the motion passed unanimously.

**IX. Approval of the Consent Agenda** A **Motion** to approve the agenda was made by Stephanie Newbrough was seconded by Brian Puckett. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

**A.** **Meeting Minutes from October 15, 2024**

**B.** New Hires:

Blanca Susana Guerra Najarro - Lunch-Recess Aide

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

**A.** Discussion regarding BCLA Bond - **no discussion was made on this topic.**

**B.** **No Motion for Approval** of the School Improvement Plan was made, this will roll over to the December Board Meeting for approval.
Jaime Davis presented to the Board that this is a strategic plan to increase student performance and utilizes the vast resources of Charter One, the academic team, and campus leadership to support rigorous instruction and high achievement practices to raise the overall performance grade. A short presentation was given by the directors for BCLA.

1. BCLA Upper Plan
2. BCLA Lower Plan

**XI. Announcements**

The next regular scheduled Board meeting is December 17, 2024.

**XII. Adjournment**

A **Motion** to adjourn was made by William Mills III Esq, Second by Director, Judy Russo and the motion passed unanimously at 7:45pm.