Board Meeting Meeting Minutes
BONNIE CONE SCHOOLS
16105 Poplar Tent Road Huntersville, NC 28078
BCLA Upper School | 3-24-2026 at 4:45 p.m.

Board of Directors' Access:
Video call link: https://meet.google.com/wsj-ybme-ydc
Or dial: (US) +1 224-900-6823 PIN: 768 395 576#

I. **Call to Order:** Chair, Marty McCarthy at 4:46pm

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

III. **Reading of the Mission Statement:** Read by Director, Judy Russo
The Bonnie Cone Schools 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. **Spoken Invocation:** Spoken by Director William Mills

V. **Roll Call:**

Board Member	Title	Term	Attendance
Marty McCarthy	Chair	June 2028	Present
Brian Puckett	Vice Chair/Treasurer	June 2028	Not Present
Stephanie Newbrough	Secretary	June 2028	Present
William Mills, III Esq	Director	June 2028	Present
Judy Russo	Director	June 2028	Present
George Gately	Director	April 2028	Present
Jeffrey Sich	Director	August 2028	Present

VI. **Approval of the agenda:** A **Motion** to move the February Draft Minutes from the consent agenda to its own item on the agenda was made by Director William Mills. Second to transfer these minutes to the agenda by Director Judy Russo. There was no discussion and the passed unanimously. A **Motion** to approve the agenda made by

Director William Mills. Second by Director Judy Russo. There was no discussion, and the motion was passed unanimously.

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VIII. **Public Comment:** There was no Public Comment shared with the Board of Directors.

VIII. **Management Reports:**

- **Charter One Leadership**
  Abigail Strait, VP of Pre K-12 Operations
  Updated the Board on the Registration Record Audit a culmination of registration records is being audited by the Charter One Arrow Team. The school has non-compliant documentation, the Charter One Arrow Team has stepped in to clean it up, and there are still outstanding student files that need to be corrected. They are working to correct these files. Ms. Strait also shared this information via email to the Board, should they need to reference this as written information.

  Intent-to-Return surveys have been sent out to all parents/families to complete no later than April 13th. Once this data has been received they will be able to determine from enrollment projections for the next school year.

- **Great Hearts Administrative Leadership:**
  Jason Doughty, Executive Director of Partnership
  There were no updates from Great Hearts for the Board of Directors

- **Campus Report**
  BCLA Upper - Ramon Richardson, Upper School Director
  BCLA Lower - Christy Williamsen, Lower School Director
  BCCA - Pamela Franklin, Lower School Director

  The school directors shared academic events and announcements with the Board of Directors. The Campus Report link has the full details.

- **Charter One Financial Update:**
  Trevor Denham, Head of Finance, Charter One America
  Jeff Patterson, Chief Financial Advisor, Charter One
  Mr. Denham asked the Board of Directors to reference the Finance Reports unless they had questions on the material shared. There were no questions from the Board of Directors..

  - **BCS Financial Report**
  - **BCCA**
    - **Budget Remaining**

- Statement of Cash Flows
- Year to Date
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IX. **Approval of the Consent Agenda:** Director William Mills made a **Motion** to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Director Judy Russo. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

1. **March New Hires:**
   - **BCLA**
     - **a)** Candice Bennett - Bus Driver, Grades 7-12

X. **Discussion/New Business/Action Items:** There were no items to discuss by the Board of Directors or Charter One.

XI. **Closed Session:** A **Motion** was made by Director William Mills to discuss the litigation settlement and contracts with legal council. Second by Director Jeffrey Sich. All were in favor and the motion was approved unanimously at 5:15pm to go into the Closed Session.

Pursuant to **§ 143-318.11(a)(1)(3)Closed Sessions** To prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential pursuant to the law of this State or of the United States, or not considered a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes.

A **Motion** was made by Director William Mills for the Board of Directors to come out of Closed Session. Second by Director Judy Russo The motion passed unanimously at 6:57pm to come out of Closed Session.

XII. **Announcements:**

The next regular scheduled Board meeting is Tuesday, April 21, 2026

XIII. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:57pm