Board Meeting Minutes

Bonnie Cone Schools Board Meeting Agenda

16105 Poplar Tent Road Huntersville, NC 28078

BCLA Upper School | 3-25-2025 at 4:45 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 Marty McCarthy, Chair at 4:49pm

II. **Pledge of Allegiance IMAGE**

III. **Reading of the Mission Statement** read by William Mills, Director
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** *(Secretary perform roll call)*

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	Present
William Mills, III Esq	Director	May 2025	Present
Judy Russo	Director	May 2025	Present

V. **Approval of the agenda**
Marty McCarthy amended the agenda to move items, IX and XI and to present a Board nomination for the Board of Directors membership first on the Meeting Agenda.

VI. **Bonnie Cone Board Member Nomination**
Brian Puckett, Vice Chairman, introduces George Gately and nominates him for Bonnie Cone Schools Board Membership to make a **motion** to add him to

the Bonnie Cone Board of Directors starting in April, 2025. The nomination was seconded by Marty McCarthy, Chair. Marty commented that George spends a lot of his time working with children to give them an understanding of college readiness and career development. There was no discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.

VII. Presentation/Action Item

A. Kenesia Wells, Charter One, Federal Programs Coordinator

Dispute Policy: **McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act** for Bonnie Cone Leadership Academy to approve.

Kenesia presented the Dispute Policy, and explained to the Board that this policy has been put in place as procedures to follow in case a dispute happens. There hasn't been any changes to the policy. She has only brought it up to date for compliance purposes.

A **Motion** to adopt the policy for **BCLA** was made by William Mills, Director. Second by Brian Puckett, Vice Chair and Treasurer. There was no discussion, and the vote passed unanimously.

VIII. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

IX. Management Reports

A. Charter One

Jaime Davis, VP PreK-12 Operations

- **Campus Report and Director Updates and Academics Update**
  Enrollment Report: Jaime shared the total confirmed enrollments for the 2025-2026 school year at 813 students for BCCA, BCLA lower sits at 826 students, and BCLA upper total confirmed is 691 students. For all three campuses enrollment will increase significantly.
  What is the percentage of kids returning and are we seeing a lot of siblings coming in? Jaime shared directors are reaching out to all current families, and are shooting for a deadline from these responses to come back is April 30. Jaime will know more in May to share this data with the Board. She can also reach out to SIS to see how many siblings are coming to the lower and upper schools. All three directors responded by sharing yes, they are seeing siblings come in and becoming the first choice for families in the area.

Great Hearts update for March 11, 2025 the directors and Latin teachers from all three campuses had a training day to learn more on the fundamentals of classical education and how it aligns with goals/vision for the Latin program at Bonnie Cone schools. The next in-person training is April 8 at Great Hearts.

Director Ramon Richardson of BCLA Upper school, Director Natalie Legra, BCLA Lower and Director Pamela Franklin, BCCA highlighted school events and announcements for the Board. Details are in the Campus Report.

Academics - Kristina Oliverson, Charter One, Director of Student Achievement shared with the Board how the Academic Team collaborates and supports each school in academics in these specific areas:

- College & Career Readiness
- Student Achievement
  Kristina shared graphs with growth data for each school in areas of literacy, math and ELA.
- Teacher Effectiveness
- Academic Policy
- Curriculum
- IX Personalized Learning Implementation
  - When this tool was introduced, how it works to assist aligning curriculum and identifies learning gaps.
- The Academic Team:
  - Amaris Lewis - Chief Academic Officer
  - Brenda Plowman - Director of Academic Policy
  - Laura Richins - Director of Curriculum
  - Keegan Bassett - Director of Teacher Effectiveness
  - Kristina Oliverson - Director of Student Achievement
  - Salina Jones - Director of College & Career Readiness

B. BCLA/BCCA Kyle King, Dir of School Culture & Student Advancement, BCLA/BCCA

- **Culture and Advancement Monthly Report**
  Kyle shared the community impact the school has had this month in community service, projects and the community impact overview chart with specific organizations students are involved in, the volunteer hours achieved and the impact of these

services. He shared that this coming year they will shift their approach on service learning from showcasing their service in the community to be more skill- based, empathy is a key skill the academic team want to improve on in the students, and are building this model.

C. Charter One Financial Update

Michael Dixon, Director of Finance

Presented the Financial Report all Balances as of February 28, 2025. The Principal's Monthly Report (PMR) 5 ended on February 21. We invoiced five LEAs for BCCA and 11 for BCLA. both schools have been awarded a safety equipment grant in in the amount of $25,000 each. He is paying specific attention to BCLA because enrollment hadn't reached the enrollment anticipated, and are analyzing line item expenditures.

a) Financial Report

b) BCCA

Budget Remaining
Year to Date
Balance Sheet

c) BCLA

Budget Remaining
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Balance Sheet

Marty McCarthy, asked about the lights on the field.
Jaime Davis spoke to this after receiving Kyle King's information, and then Michael's review to share that BC Schools may have overpaid for this expenditure because there was no line of formal agreement made and would like to sit down with the vendor to determine if we can reconcile some of this cost.

C. School House Development Update

Jim Way had a few updates regarding DOT's road work and to release a final inspection soon. The Town of Huntersville required some additional work to be done on the sidewalk. The survey work has been completed and sent back for resubmittal. A purchase order for the fence on the Poplar side is coming in soon.

X. Approval of the Consent Agenda Brian Puckett, Vice Chair/Treasurer made a **Motion** to approve the Consent Agenda. Second Stephanie Newborough. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

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B. New Hires:

BCCA - None

BCLA

- **Crystal Karam - Recess/Lunch Aide, K-6 grades**
- **Qiana Daniels - History Teacher, 7-12 grades**
- **Closed session:**

XI. Closed Session: Pursuant to § 143-318.11(a)(3) Closed Sessions.

A **Motion** to go into Closed Session at 6:00pm by the Chair, Marty McCarthy. Second by Brian Puckett, Vice Chair and Treasurer. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

A **Motion** to come out of Closed Session was made by William Mills, Director. Second by Judy Russo, Director. There was no discussion, and the motion passed unanimously with a voice vote 5-0 at 7:28pm

XII. Discussion/New Business/Action Items

Prior to the Closed Session, and the introduction of Mr. Gil Middlebrooks, Attorney at Middlebrooks Law, the Bonnie Cone Board of Directors discussed the desire to have an attorney on record. A **Motion** to have Gil Middlebrooks on record was made by Judy Russo, Director. Second by Brian Puckett, Vice Chair and Treasurer. No discussion was made and the vote passed unanimously.

XIII. Announcements

A. The next regular scheduled Board meeting is April 15, 2025.

XIV. Adjournment of the meeting was made at 7:29pm.