



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2023

5:30 PM – Middle School Commons – Ben Franklin Academy

Join Zoom Meeting:

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MISSION

The mission of Ben Franklin Academy is to develop young adults with character like America's founding Renaissance man, Benjamin Franklin: well-read, scientifically curious, and civically engaged.

VISION

Our students will excel academically through a challenging, sequenced curriculum that emphasizes math, science, the arts, and literacy. We will be a data-driven institution, focusing on individual students. Our students, teachers, parents, staff, and leaders will be held accountable for the success of our school. Finally, we recognize that an education is incomplete without fostering social emotional development, character, sports, and nature.

STRATEGIC GOALS

- 1) Improve educational experience with positive school culture and a focus on enhancement of Middle School Electives
- 2) Maintain financial stability and transparency with a focus on facility management and improvement
- 3) Increase parent satisfaction and engagement and demand for enrollment
- 4) Retain and recruit high quality staff
- 5) Accountability of all stakeholders for the success of BFA
- 6) High functioning Board and quality governance
- 7) Renew Charter Contract by June 30, 2024

Board Attendees: Haley Maglieri, Adam Lucero, Mette Castor, Melody Matthews, Sarah Nisbet, Keri Street,

Other Attendees: Diana Simpson

Zoom Attendees: Halsley Hoff, Hawkins, Janelle Nichols, Kara's iphone, David W, Judy Silva, Heather Kimball, Lisa T, Hanni McNellis, Lindsay, Danielle, Becky Archunde, Lyndelle Dunn, Kirsten Brown

Haley calls the meeting to order at 5:42 PM

- **Opening – Haley Maglieri**
 - Welcome/Announcements/Intros
 - Mission/Vision
 - Pledge of Allegiance
 - Amend/Approve Agenda
 - Haley motions to approve the Agenda
 - Adam seconds the motion
 - The Agenda is unanimously approved

- **Consent Agenda – Haley Maglieri**
 - Approve Minutes of the November 14, 2023 Board Meeting
 - Haley motions to approve the Consent Agenda
 - Mette seconds the motion
 - The Consent Agenda is unanimously approved

- **Open Comments – Mette Castor**
 - Remarks are limited to three minutes per person. See guidelines below.
 - Open comments received before noon on Tuesday, December 19, 2023 were read at the meeting.
 - Two open comments were submitted/read

- **Good News From BFA – Haley Maglieri**
 - After school choir sang at Windcrest
 - DCSD is finishing up major security upgrade project in the school
 - 2nd and 3rd Grades had their musicals
 - Middle school students have taken spelling bee tests and grade level contestants have been identified
 - Middle School will hold Honor Roll celebration on 12/21
 - DCSD Board presentation went great!
 - Girls Basketball try-outs are this week
 - Student Council holding mini spirit week next week
 - Admin will have fun games and activities next week

- **Board BOLTS – Haley Maglieri**
 - Recognize December 2023 Board BOLTS

- **Treasurer’s Report – Sarah Nisbet and Halsley Hoff**
 - Review November 2023 Financials. The Finance Committee has reviewed and recommends approval of the November Financials.
 - Vote to approve the November Financials.
 - Sarah motions to approve the November Financials
 - Keri seconds the motion
 - The November Financials are unanimously approved
 - Review 2023-2024 Revised Budget
 - Total Revenues: \$12,160,219
 - Total Expenditures: \$12,349,501
 - Vote to approve 2023-2024 Revised Budget
 - Sarah motions to approve the 2023-2024 Revised Budget
 - Adam seconds the motion
 - The 2023-2024 Revised Budget is unanimously approved
 - Vote to approve 2023-2024 Revised Budget Resolution
 - Sarah motions to approve the 2023-2024 Revised Budget Resolution
 - Adam seconds the motion
 - The 2023-2024 Revised Budget Resolution is unanimously approved

- **Principal’s Report – Diana Simpson**
 - Principal Simpson discussed her report (written report submitted)

- **Board Succession Planning – Adam Lucero and Keri Street**
- **SAC Amended Bylaws – Melody Matthews**
- **SAC Spring Survey Discussion – Melody Matthews**
- **PTO Report – Keri Street** ○ Written report submitted
- **Board Committee Reports** ○ Facility Committee – Adam Lucero ○ Community Events Committee – Mette Castor ○ Curriculum Committee – Haley Maglieri ○ School Accountability Committee – Melody Matthews ○ STEM Committee – Haley Maglieri
- **Convene into executive session (C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(h) to discuss individual students (a closed session – Diana Simpson invited to attend)**
 - Haley convenes executive session at 7:41 PM ○ In attendance: Haley Maglieri, Adam Lucero, Mette Castor, Melody Matthews, Sarah Nisbet, Keri Street, Diana Simpson ○ No votes were taken
 - Haley motions to adjourn executive session
 - Sarah seconds the motion
 - Haley adjourns executive session at 8:34 PM
- **Summary with Calendar**

Winter Break	December 25-January 5
CEC Meeting	January 9
PTO Meeting	January 10
No School/MLK Day	January 15
January Board Meeting	January 16
Ben Franklin’s Birthday	January 17

- **Closing** ○ Review Action Items ○ Review Votes
 - Future Agenda Items
- **Adjourn**
 - Haley motions to adjourn the meeting ○ Sarah seconds the motion
 - Haley adjourns the meeting at 8:34 PM

All Ben Franklin Academy (BFA) Board of Directors (Board) meetings are open to the public and are conducted in compliance with Colorado Open Meetings Requirements.

The BFA Board works for the students, parents, and patrons of BFA in promoting the Vision and Mission of the school. Community input that can help the Board meet the challenge of educating children to BFA's high standards is always welcome. Thus, the Board welcomes comments from members of the public during the public comment time set aside on the agenda on any topic.

The Board may choose to respond to public comments during this open forum but is not required to do so. The Board will only take action on items listed on the agenda. For other matters, the Board will receive comments only, and may, at its discretion, refer the matter or calendar the issue for future discussion. This is our opportunity to hear from students, parents, and patrons for deliberation and discussion.

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