

Minutes – For BCCS Board of Directors Meeting, April 27, 2022, held virtually via Zoom

Meeting called to order at 5:35 pm by Annie Scott

In Attendance:

Board: Anthony Gay, Jonathan Gotterer, Charles Heaven, Ana Rosa, Annie Scott, Olivia Tangredi, Don Thompson, Maria Vega, Kristin White

Staff: Nancy Landona,

Guest: None

Absent: Noreen Buckley, Katie Parente, Jeanine Pocoski, Barbara Ruggiero, Lauren Stumpf, Lily Zhao

Public comments: None at this time.

Minutes from March 16, 2022, meeting were distributed via email.

Motion to approve the meeting minutes – Anthony Gay; 2nd – Kristin White. Approved

Financials from February 2022, were distributed via email.

Motion to approve – Ana Rosa; 2nd – Olivia Tangredi. Approved

Financials dated February 2022 were presented by Charles Heaven:

- Titled grants money taking time to come in
- Child nutrition costs are up due to pandemic guidelines
- Sped services for the first half of the academic year billed in March

CFO's Report:

- PreK intro to new parents taking place tonight
- Give local almost at the goal of \$10,000. Phonathon possible for next year.
- Building roof finished today, gutters still need to be replaced.
- Rectory's roof will be replaced in June after academic year ends due to difficult angle and space needed for materials.
- Bonding for the elevator has been approved and waiting on the formal letter from the State of CT.
- SBAC assessments will take place May 9th.
- Payment demand letter has been sent via certified mail to Dr. Ruffin, Waterbury Board of Ed for the outstanding bill.
- Current enrollment stands at 355 students.
- Equal funding appropriations is moving forward and if it passes it could mean more funding for BCCS.

- Discuss video made by CT Charter Schools of BCCS and its students may be used as a recruiting tool.
- Healthy food certification:

1) Motion for healthy food option: Move to certify that Brass City Charter is offering Healthy Food Options as outlined in the Connecticut General Statute -

Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, the board of education or governing authority certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, culinary programs, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or non-school organizations and groups.

Motion to vote yes to implement the Healthy food options as indicated above:
Donald Thompson; 2nd – Ana Rosa. Approved.

2) Motion for combined food and beverage exemptions: Move to certify that Brass City Charter is in compliance with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards for combined food and beverage exemptions.

The board of education or governing authority will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards and beverages not listed in Section 10-221q of the Connecticut General Statutes provided that the following conditions are met:

1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the food and beverage items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An "event" is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The "regular school day" is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. "Location" means where the event is being held and must be the same place as the food and beverage sales.

Motion to vote yes to allow food and beverage consumption as indicated above:
Ana Rosa; 2nd – Don Thompson Approved.

Other business:

- Mr. Gotterer raised the concern about the quality of food given to students.
- Discuss the possibility of revisiting the policy allowing families to send in a healthy lunch for their students.
- Students are supportive to eating their healthy lunch offerings if they see an adult such as their teacher eating the same foods.

Meeting adjourned at 6:27 pm.

Motion to approve– Don Thompson; 2nd – Charles Heaven. Approved.

Next meeting Wednesday, May 18, 2022, 5:30pm

Respectfully submitted by: Ana Rosa