

Minutes – For BCCS Board of Directors Meeting, November 17, 2021, held virtually via Zoom

Meeting called to order at 5:43pm by Annie Scott

In Attendance:

Board: Charles Heaven, Jeanine Pocoski, Ana Rosa, Annie Scott, Lauren Stumpf, Don Thompson, Maria Vega

Staff: Nancy Landona, Katie Parente, Barbara Ruggiero, Lily Zhao

Guest: Laura Callahan

Absent: Anthony Gay

Public comments: None at this time.

Motion to pull out of the agenda the October 20, 2021 meeting minutes and September 2021 financials from the Consent Items –

Motion to approve – Jeanine Pocoski; 2nd – Ana Rosa. Approved

Minutes from October 20, 2021, meeting were distributed via email.

Motion to approve the meeting minutes - Charles Heaven; 2nd – Don Thompson. Approved

Financials dated September 2021 were presented by Charles Heaven and Nancy Landona:

- Forgiveness of payroll protection loan.
- Nutrition income from the State of CT - received unexpected monies to make up for some of the nutrition losses from last year.
- Payroll and benefits have increased vs the previous year.
- Researching utility suppliers to keep costs down.
- Overall, in good shape.
- Worries sped bill continues to grow without a change in sight from Waterbury BOE providing equitable payment for services.

Motion to approve the financial statements – Lauren Stumpf; 2nd – Jeanine Pocoski. Approved

Governance:

- Faculty board members recommendations:
 - Jonathan Gotterer – 7th & 8th grade history teacher. Been with BCCS for a few years now. Have worked with Teach for America.
 - Olivia Tangredi – 2nd grade teacher. Relatively new teacher, spend time in Alaska.
 - Kristin White – 7th grade teacher, new to BCCS since September. Was with Westover for over twenty years in various roles. Substitute for the city for 4 years before joining BCCS.

- Waterbury Board of Education designated Assistant Superintendent Noreen Buckley as their designee to represent them in BCCS Board.

Director's Report:

- Remove the Handbook Addendum from the agenda.
- Covid updates:
 - Increase of covid cases are expected in the city, especially with holiday gatherings.
 - Offering students vaccination clinics.
- Personnel updates:
 - Three new staff members have been hired, 1 decline offer.
 - Have two music teachers scheduled to come in to do demos.
 - Still in need of a substitute and a paraprofessional.
- Reached out to the State Board of Education regarding staff certifications and compliance.
- Facility Issues:
 - During last week's storm, roof shingles blew off.
 - Some leaks due to old window frames.
 - Clogged leaves in the gutters also caused leakage.
 - Water tank on old boiler had some issues and an old control valve/pressure valved were replace but eventually will need to be replaced overall.
 - Obtaining quotes for roof replacement.
- Discussed delegating work to Nancy's assistant, credit card usage, and reimbursement.

Other business:

- Updates from Laura Callahan from CTCSA:
 - Availability of virtual meeting open to all families of charter school students in CT regarding vaccine information.
 - UnitedWay meeting taking place tomorrow to discuss youth engagement and reengage BCCS students.
 - Pastor Reed wants to help with BCCS families.
 - Special Education reimbursement, advocacy, looking for solutions for improvement, staff shortages.

Meeting adjourned at 6:48pm

Motion to approve: Don Thompson; 2nd – Maria Vega. Approved.

Next meeting Wednesday, December 15, 2021, 5:30pm

Respectfully submitted by: Ana Rosa