

Minutes – For BCCS Board of Directors Meeting, December 20, 2023, held virtually via Zoom

Meeting called to order at 5:38 pm by Annie Scott

In Attendance:

Board: Olivia DeGennaro, Anthony Gay, Subira Gordon, Dr. Joe Johnson, Ana Rosa, Annie Scott, Maria Vega

Staff: Nancy Landona, Dr. Barbara Ruggiero, Kristin White

Guest: None at this time.

Absent: Lauren Stumpf (EX) Don Thompson (EX)

Public comments: None at this time.

Consent items:

- Financials from October 2023 were distributed via email
- Minutes from the November 15, 2023, meeting were distributed via email

Motion to remove the Financials from the consent items- Olivia DeGennaro; 2nd - Ana Rosa.
Motion carries with 6 votes in Favor, 0 votes Against, 0 votes Abstain. Approved

Motion to approve the consent item – Ana Rosa; 2nd – Olivia DeGennaro.
Motion carries with 6 votes in Favor, 0 votes Against, 0 votes Abstain. Approved

Nancy discussed the financial reports from October 2023.
The secondary mortgage from BlueHub increased about \$4k
Motion to approve the financial statements from October 2023 as presented – Ana Rosa; 2nd – Olivia DeGennaro.
Motion carries with 7 votes in Favor, 0 votes Against, 0 votes Abstain. Approved

Board Candidate Update:

Ashlyn Vicencio from M&T Bank was referred to BCCS by former State Representative Stephanie Cummings. Ms. Vicencio's bio was sent to the board for review prior to the meeting and the candidate met with the board chair in November.
Motion to approve Ashlyn Vicencio as a Board Member – Ana Rosa; 2nd – Olivia DeGennaro.
Motion carries with 7 votes in Favor, 0 votes Against, 0 votes Abstain. Approved

If there are any other recommendations for Board candidates, forward the contact information to Chair Annie Scott.

Parent/Student Handbook – reviewed updates made to the handbook based on state mandates and recommendations from lawyers.
Motion to accept the recommended changes to the Parent/Student Handbook – Subira Gordon; 2nd – Ana Rosa.
Motion carries with 6 votes in Favor, 0 votes Against, 0 votes Abstain. Approved

Director's Report:

- Annual report went out to the state for the 22-23 school year, also posted online. The annual report was also sent to the board via email.
- The First Term ended, and Parent/Teacher conferences had a wonderful turnout. For those families that were not able to make it, teachers reached out to meet virtually.
- BCCS submitted a required interim report on the corrective action plan to the State. BCCS will review the responses with a state designee. More details will follow once the meeting with the state takes place before the next board meeting.
- Ultra short throw projectors will be installed during the holiday vacation in almost every classroom. Training will be provided to staff. This was made possible with a grant from the Leavenworth Foundation.
- Started a conversation with The Waterbury Symphony recently. They will meet with BCCS music teacher and provide support along with musicians to bring more “Arts” opportunities for students.
- BCCS Teacher and Board member Jonathan Gotterer welcomed a healthy baby girl.
- New legislative session opened, and it is a short session. The priorities for the CT Charter Schools Network are:
 - Protecting current funding.
 - Including Charter Schools in Air Quality Grant.
 - Promote the importance of reliable facilities funding.
 - Improve the authorization process when charters apply for charters and funding.

New business:

- Apply for some Funding for ESSER Title Reimbursement which has helped tremendously.

Motion to adjourn the meeting. Ana Rosa; 2nd – Olivia DeGennaro.

Meeting adjourned at 6:54 pm.

Next meeting: Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Ana Rosa