

Minutes – For BCCS Board of Directors Meeting, October 19, 2022, held virtually via Zoom

Meeting called to order at 5:36 pm by Annie Scott

In Attendance:

Board: Jonathan Gotterer, Jeanine Pocoski, Ana Rosa, Annie Scott, Lauren Stumpf, Olivia DeGennaro, Don Thompson, Maria Vega, Dr Joe Johnson (WTBY Public Schools)

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

Guest: Ruben Felipe (CTCSA), Claudia Phillips (CTCSA), Cassandra Gallion (CTCSA)

Absent: Anthony Gay

Public comments: None at this time.

September 21, 2022 minutes were removed from the agenda items since they were just notes.

Consent items:

Minutes from the August 17, 2022, meeting were distributed via email.

Motion to approve the consent item – Ana Rosa; 2nd – Jeanine Pocoski. Approved. 1 Abstain

Financials from August 2022 were distributed via email.

- Sped services are listed as large receivables, with costs rising
- Discussed allowance on receivables and billing on sped services

Motion to approve – Ana Rosa; 2nd – Olivia DeGennaro. Approved. 1 Abstain

Welcome new board member:

- Dr Joe Johnson, Asst Superintendent and appointed designee by the superintendent of Waterbury BOE to replace Noreen Buckley. 8 months with Waterbury Public Schools. Former New Haven PS principal. Also worked in DC. Researcher by trade. Worked with SERC. Adjunct Professor at Sacred Heart University and SCSU.

6:12 pm Motion to move to Executive Session: Don Thompson; 2nd – Lauren Stumpf.

6:17 pm Motion to return to the regular meeting: Ana Rosa; 2nd – Don Thompson.

Employee Handbook and Board policy manual review:

Motion to approve the handbook/manual revisions – Don Thompson; 2nd – Olivia DeGennaro. Approved. 1 Abstain

Charter Renewal:

- Charter Renewal site visit is scheduled for Tuesday, October 25, 2022.
- Public Hearing scheduled for November 17, 2022 from 6:00pm-8:00pm at BCCS.

CTCSA Presentation:

Ruben Felipe, Executive Director for CTCSA

Claudia Phillips, Community Engagement Manager

Cassandra Gallion, Director of Policy and Research

- CT has 21 Charter Schools serving over 11,000 students
- SBAC decrease by 6.6% statewide for 2021-22 compared to 2018-19.
- BCCS ranks in the top 10 out of 29 schools participating in SBAC for both ELA & Math
- Per pupil funding increased from \$11,250 to \$11,525 per pupil
- Charter schools now received weighted funding, previously only available to traditional public schools.
- CT Charters' challenges: District-provided services (transportation/Special Education), opposition to charter schools, lack of facilities funding.

Motion to adjourn the meeting. Don Thompson; 2nd – Ana Rosa.

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm

Next meeting: Wednesday, November 16, 2022, 5:30pm

Respectfully submitted by: Ana Rosa