

Minutes – For BCCS Board of Directors Meeting, September 17, 2025, held virtually via Zoom

Meeting called to order at 5:41 pm by Annie Scott

In Attendance:

Board: Olivia DeGennaro, Anthony Gay, Bryan Lewis, Ana Rosa, Kristian Rose, Carrie Scalzo, Annie Scott,

Staff: Nancy Landona, Laura Main, Orla Mokriski-Schley, Dr. Barbara Ruggiero

Guest: N/A

Absent: Subira Gordon, Jonathan Gotterer, Dr. Joe Johnson, Don Thompson, Maria Vega

Public comments: None at this time.

Consent Items:

- Minutes from July 2025 were not distributed.
- Financials from July 2025 were distributed.

Nancy gave an overview of the financials.

Motion to approve the Financials from July 2025- Olivia DeGennaro; 2nd – Anthony Gay.

Motion carries with 7 votes in Favor, 0 votes Against, 0 votes Abstain. Approved

Director's Report:

- Introduced Orla Mokriski-Schley, New Middle School Coordinator – over 20 years of experience at Woodhall School (private boarding school) in CT.
- Introduced Laura Main with significant experience in the charter world. Previously worked at Booker T Washington in NH for 11yrs and is one of the founding admin, served in academic world, welcomed change, excited to be at BCCS, and support the work and families at BCCS.
- Board members introduced to new members.
- Finance update
 - Nancy gave update regarding: Audit is complete and a report will be available with findings.
 - Applied for a grant fund from the state of CT to offset mortgage-pending reply in Sept/Oct.
 - EFS due in August and submitted
 - Title I & II, IV nothing for III, received info from state with allocations.
- Facility update
 - Building A boiler has been replaced and is almost finished with install.
 - Wood laminated floors was replaced in some of the floors.
 - New server to handle current security systems and new security camera maintenance – Utility Communications. Will possibly need more new cameras to extend coverage thru campus.
 - Parking lot leak from retaining wall cause broken pavement/cracks and will need to be patch at this time.
 - E-Rate Category 2 was approved and will get 90 percent reimbursed. Working with Ed Advance, who is coordinating network activities. Reviewed access points and working with vendor who will install them.

- Nutrition program-started offering hot breakfast 2x week, popular with students,
 - 2 new staff / 3 returners for café staff
 - Applied for after-school snack program
 - CEP reapplied and will be reimbursed at 100% at free rate
- Transportation – some hiccups as expected for the beginning of school year. Bus company is not accommodating some previous requests at this time from families.
- Admissions is at 397 students currently registered. Few more spots offered to families today
 - Some families left and gave late noticed.
 - Will be full by Oct 1st
 - Has healthy waitlist
 - Maintaining prek and kinder a bit smaller at 18-19 students
- Hired 3 new bldg. substitute & an assistant to Olivia is in place now.
- Legal on CHRO waiting to hear back from attorney.
- Sped lawsuit – in doing financial report to state, city had to send in kind cost to Nancy and Waterbury wrote it in higher cost than what BCCS had invoice them for.
- Blueprint to Great Schools Initiative –
 - Started collaborating in August
 - Focus is Middle School to increase achievement
 - Anything BCCS does this year will be presented for renewal year.
 - SBAC scores
- TNTP – working with Katie Parente. Focus on reading for lower grades.
- Bravo – Students participating again this year

Other Business:

- None at this time

Meeting adjourned at 6:41 pm

Motion to adjourned – Ana Rosa; 2nd – Olivia DeGennaro.

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 15, 2025, at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Ana Rosa