



Blackstone Valley Prep Mayoral Academy

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time

Monday April 27, 2020 at 5:30 PM

Location

Virtual

Meeting url: <http://bit.ly/BVPBoard42720>

Materials available online at <http://bit.ly/BVPBoardMaterials42720>

Directors Present

D. McKee (remote), J. Diossa, J. Morton (remote), J. Mutter (remote), J. Silva (remote), J. Waters (remote), M. Gwynn (remote), M. Zuluaga (remote), W. Murray (remote)

Directors Absent

J. Almond, M. Magee, R. Vrees

Guests Present

A. Fatal, A. Smith, B. Dowd, C. Colarusso, C. Losea, J. Chiappetta, J. Falk, L. Kizekai, M. DeMatteo, M. Emet, S. Anderson, T. Afonso

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

J. Diossa called a meeting of the board of directors of Blackstone Valley Prep Mayoral Academy to order on Monday Apr 27, 2020 at 5:30 PM.

C. Approve Minutes 3/25/20

W. Murray made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting on 03-25-20.

J. Silva seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

D. Approve Minutes 4/4/20

W. Murray made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting on 04-04-20.

J. Silva seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

E. Public Comment

No public comment.

II. Recurring Items

A. CEO Report

J. Chiappetta discussed highlights of the CEO report included in the Board Packet. Most notably, Josh Falk, current ES3 Head of School, has been named as the new Head of School for the High School. Alisha Smith, ES3 Dean, will step up as acting Head of School until J. Falk's permanent replacement is named.

BVP's distance learning attendance continues to be strong, though it does not indicate depth of participation or learning, but rather that scholars are engaging for at least some time in a given day.

D. McKee made a motion to accept the CEO report as presented in the Board Packet.

J. Morton seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Finance Director Report

C. Losea presented the highlights of the Finance report as presented in the Board Packet. At the next meeting, the Board will be able to vote on amended 2019-20 budget and likely be able to review proposed 2020-21 budget.

W. Murray made a motion to accept the Finance Director Report as included in the Board packet.

J. Morton seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

III. New Business Items

A. Public Records Request Policy

B. Dowd discussed the proposed written policy included in the Board Packet. To date, BVP has been following Rhode Island's Access to Public Records Act, but the Board has not formally adopted a written policy.

J. Mutter made a motion to accept the proposed policy for implementation of the Access to Public Records Act at BVP.

W. Murray seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Grading/Graduation/Promotion Requirements (re: COVID)

S. Anderson discussed BVP's work so far on grading and graduation requirements during the Covid-19 distance learning programming. As highlighted in the presentation included in the Board packet, BVP is trying to take the stance of "Do No Harm," by either by taking away from grade-dependent opportunities for things like college financial aid or course placement, nor giving away credits that were not fairly earned.

J. Chiappetta noted that this issue was being brought before the Board as it could be interpreted as changing the course of study, which is under the Board's purview.

The Board opted not to take a vote, but to defer this matter to BVP administration.

IV. Executive Session - Real Estate

A. § 42-46-5 (5) Real Estate

The Board did not enter Executive Session.

V. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

J. Morton made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

M. Gwynn seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

B. Dowd