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# Blackstone Valley Prep Mayoral Academy

## Minutes

### BVP Board Meeting

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#### Date and Time

Monday January 30, 2023 at 5:30 PM

#### Location

BVP High School  
65 Macondray St.  
Cumberland

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#### Directors Present

B. Collins, D. Garcia, J. Almond, J. Morton, J. Silva, J. Souza, L. Kizekai, M. Rivera

#### Directors Absent

J. Mutter, J. Waters

#### Guests Present

B. Dowd, J. Anderson, J. Giraldo, M. DeMatteo, M. Emet, R. Boswell, S. Anderson, S. Bennetts

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### I. Opening Items

#### A. Record Attendance

#### B. Call the Meeting to Order

M. Rivera called a meeting of the board of directors of Blackstone Valley Prep Mayoral Academy to order on Monday Jan 30, 2023 at 5:32 PM.

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## **Approve Minutes from 12/12/22**

J. Souza made a motion to approve the minutes from BVP Board Meeting on 12-12-22.

D. Garcia seconded the motion.

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

## **II. Recurring Items**

### **A. CEO Report**

S. Anderson discussed some important highlights from the CEO report, including:

- BVP has filed with the town of Cumberland to appeal the Planning Board's decision regarding the HS expansion
- BVP is working with legal counsel on the minor amendment to its charter regarding a lottery for current BVP 7th graders to enter BVP High School in their 9th grade year.
- BVP High School is working with High School scholars and families to complete FAFSA forms, with 67% already complete and more on the way.
- BVP's Charter renewal process is underway, and RIDE will be requesting interviews with Board members.

D. Garcia made a motion to accept the CEO report as included in the Board packet.

J. Silva seconded the motion.

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

### **B. CFO Report**

C. Losea provided an overview of the CFO Report as included in the Board Packet.

- BVP is currently meeting all financial benchmarks, and is in a strong position going into the second half of the year
- BVP is working to identify alternative energy suppliers in order to save money, particularly on gas bills
- The School Social Work fund has raised \$11,000 this year, which was largely distributed to support families during the holiday season

J. Silva made a motion to accept CFO report as included in the Board packet.

J. Morton seconded the motion.

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

## **III. Previous Items**

### **A. Strategic Planning Update**

D. Garcia provided overview of the strategic plan process to date, including the process itself and the major questions and discussions that have arisen.

#### **B. Organizational and CEO Goals**

S. Bennetts provided updates on the goals, process, and outcomes of our culture initiative so far this year. Based on experience and to provide clarity, S. Anderson proposed a revision to the priority goal to ensure that in the **third trimester**, an average of 80% of classrooms in 6/6 schools have strong classroom culture as defined by BVP's school culture rubric.

J. Souza made a motion to accept revised priority goal.

D. Garcia seconded the motion.

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

#### **IV. New Items**

##### **A. Nomination and Election of New Board Members**

M. Garcia introduced Bradley Collins and Lindsay Kizekai to the Board.

J. Morton made a motion to elect B. Collins and L. Kizekai to the Board.

D. Garcia seconded the motion.

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

#### **V. Executive Session**

##### **A. Enter Executive Session**

J. Souza made a motion to enter Executive Session.

D. Garcia seconded the motion.

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

##### **B. HS Expansion alternatives**

##### **C. Exit Executive Session**

D. Garcia made a motion to exit Executive Session.

B. Collins seconded the motion.

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

##### **D. Seal the minutes of Executive Session**

J. Morton made a motion to seal the minutes of Executive Session.

J. Souza seconded the motion.

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

##### **E. Report out from Executive Session**

There were no votes taken during Executive Session.

## VI. Closing Items

### A. Adjourn Meeting

J. Souza made a motion to adjourn.

J. Silva 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 6:49 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

B. Dowd