



Blackstone Valley Prep Mayoral Academy

Minutes

BVP Board Meeting

Date and Time

Monday August 25, 2025 at 5:30 PM

Location

BVP High School - 65 Macondray St., Cumberland

The Board reserves the right to take a vote on any item listed on this agenda.

Directors Present

B. Collins, D. Garcia, L. Kizekai, L. Stack, M. Rivera

Directors Absent

J. Morton, J. Mutter, J. Souza, T. Brookshire

Guests Present

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

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

C. Approve Minutes from 06/16/2025

B. Collins made a motion to approve the minutes from BVP Board Meeting on 06-16-25.

D. Garcia seconded the motion.

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

D. Public Comment

No public comment

II. Recurring Items

A. CEO Report

- School opens tomorrow!
- BVP High school ranked 5 of 62 High School in the state, the highest ranked open enrollment Title I School
- Federal funding has been tricky - funds were impounded at the beginning of the summer, including for programs already underway
- Federal allocations went down for the upcoming year and likely the year after which was not known until July

L. Stack made a motion to accept the CEO report as included in Board Packet.

L. Kizekai seconded the motion.

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

B. CFO Report

Jake presented an overview of the CFO Report as included in the Board Packet

- Cash on hand is lower than expected due to impounding of Federal funds
- Latest S&P Rating updates
- Amended budget information

B. Collins made a motion to accept the CFO Report as included in the Board Packet.

L. Stack seconded the motion.

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

III. Previous Items

A. Organizational Goals for 2025-2026

S. Bennetts provided an overview of academic updates and goals for the upcoming year, including:

- K-2 reading scores exceeded 2024-25 goal
- SAT & PSAT results were the strongest since 2019
- RICAS 3-6 math results are predicted to be stronger in every grade/cohort than in 2023-24
- RICAS ELA results are predicted to be up in 5th & 6th grades, with growth in every cohort since 2023-24

- Attendance was down in 2024-25, and was less than 20% chronic absenteeism, which is the lowest since pandemic. BVP is beating the state average for 3rd yr in a row.

S. Bennets also presented an additional proposed goal relative to MLL requirements and an overview of new MLL regulations, as outlined in the Board Packet.

B. Collins made a motion to to add the new goal relative to MLL Reiquirements to organizational goals.

L. Stack seconded the motion.

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

IV. New Items

A. Scholar and Family Handbook for 2025-2026

S. Anderson provided an overview of changes to the Scholar and Family Handbook, particularly around curriculum policies and communication with families.

The Board is requesting revisions regarding the curriculum policy to be reviewed at the next meeting.

B. Collins made a motion to table a vote on the scholar and family handbook until next meeting.

D. Garcia seconded the motion.

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

B. Staff Handbook for 2025-2026

J. Giraldo provided an overview of proposed changes to the staff handbook, particularly around logistical changes to payroll, time off policies, staff academic integrity and perfomrance expectations, and clarification of tech, remote work and dress code policies.

B. Collins made a motion to accept the updates to the Employee Handbook.

D. Garcia seconded the motion.

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

V. Executive Session

A. Vote to enter Executive Session pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-46-5(a)(2) Potential Litigation

D. Garcia made a motion to enter Executive Session.

L. Kizekai seconded the motion.

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

B. Executive Session

C. Vote to Reconvene in Open Session

D. Garcia made a motion to reconvene in Open Session.

B. Collins seconded the motion.

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

D. Report on Actions Taken in Executive Session

No votes were taken in Executive Session

E. Vote to seal the minutes of Executive Session

D. Garcia made a motion to seal the minutes of executive session.

L. Stack seconded the motion.

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

VI. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

B. Collins made a motion to adjourn.

D. Garcia 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 7:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

B. Dowd