



# Breakthrough Public Schools

## Minutes

### Breakthrough Public Schools School Board Meeting

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#### Date and Time

Wednesday March 1, 2023 at 11:00 AM

#### Location

Breakthrough Public Schools Home Office  
3615 Superior Avenue  
Building 44, Suite 4403A  
Cleveland, OH 44114

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**Meeting of the Boards of Breakthrough Public Schools, Citizens Academy Southeast, Citizens Leadership Academy East, Village Preparatory School Cliffs, Village Preparatory School Willard, and Village Preparatory School Woodland Hills.**

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#### Directors Present

C. Tancer, D. Eisenberg, J. Johnson (remote), L. Zucca

#### Directors Absent

A. KOPIT

#### Guests Present

A. McRae, C. Farmer, J. Kaye, M. Johnston, M. Rado, R. Johnson

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#### I. Opening Items

##### A. Call the Meeting to Order

D. Eisenberg called a meeting of the board of directors of Breakthrough Public Schools to order on Wednesday Mar 1, 2023 at 11:00 AM.

## **B. Record Attendance**

## **C. School Boards Vote to Approve 1/31/23 Joint Board Meeting Minutes**

L. Zucca made a motion to approve the minutes from Breakthrough Public Schools Joint Board Meeting on 01-31-23.

C. Tancer seconded the motion.

All in favor

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

## **II. Public Comment**

### **A. School Boards Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

## **III. CAO Updates**

### **A. School Calendar**

CAO Andrew McRae reviewed the calendar and supporting documents.

Summary of key changes:

- Increase to the number of instructional days
- Reduction to the number of Professional Development days
- Longer school year (start earlier, end later)

We are trading a longer school day for longer school year. This shift provides protected time built in after school for professional development.

Every other Friday PD has been difficult for working families. This schedule will also allow for more just-in-time training for teachers and staff.

We recognize that we will need to address after school care for families and opportunities for scholars, and we are in conversation with our partners who offer these services.

There are specific requirements we have to meet by ODE and Community School standards, which also factored into planning the SY23-24 calendar.

This calendar allowed us to keep summer break, fall break, spring break and holidays in tact.

The board suggested that the end of trimester days not be shaded in color on the calendar. It could lead families to think school is not in session that day.

The calendar release for families is part of a broader strategy for onboarding our new families. We have not yet determined how we will share with existing families. Feedback from Parent Advisory Committee is to give them as much notice as possible.

#### **IV. School Resolutions**

##### **A. Resolution to approve the 23-24 School Calendar**

C. Tancer made a motion to Approve the school calendar.

L. Zucca seconded the motion.

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

#### **V. School Financial Reports**

##### **A. School Financial Reports**

Celeste Farmer highlighted the January financial reports that were included in the Board on Track Materials. The financials reflect the budget changes that were approved in the January 2023 meeting.

Celeste also shared that FY24 budgeting is well underway. We will have further discussion with the board in a future meeting.

L. Zucca made a motion to Approve the January financial reports.

C. Tancer seconded the motion.

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

#### **VI. School Boards Approve Consent Agenda**

##### **A. School Board Vote to Approve Consent Agenda**

C. Tancer made a motion to Approved the 3/1/23 Consent Agenda.

L. Zucca seconded the motion.

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

#### **VII. Sponsor Updates**

##### **A. CMSD Updates**

Matt Rado provided an update on the revised contract process. A meeting was held last week with board and school leadership in February. Matt emailed a draft contract on 2/24. School boards will vote in April or June. The CMSD board is approving in March.

CMSD is starting to plan spring site visits and will debrief with the board in May.

Focus groups will be conducted this Spring with multiple groups of stakeholders.

Classroom walkthroughs were recently conducted at CLAE and Willard. The feedback has been shared with school and network leadership.

The CMSD CEO search is underway with a goal of having someone in place in May. Community meetings will be taking place with the finalists.

#### **B. Buckeye Updates**

Maureen Barbessi provided a written update in advance and it was posted to Board on Track.

### **VIII. Closing Items**

#### **A. Adjourn Meeting**

C. Tancer made a motion to Adjourn the meeting.

L. Zucca seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** 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 11:45 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
M. Johnston