



Baystate Academy Charter Public School

Minutes

Baystate Academy Board Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday February 8, 2024 at 5:30 PM

Location

2001 Roosevelt Avenue
Springfield, MA 01104

Directors Present

C. CASTILLO, F. Robinson, G. AMADOR, J. Hixon (remote), L. deSousa, M. Anderson, P. Hyry-Dermith, R. Connolly (remote), R. Nieves, S. Logan

Directors Absent

P. Blain

Directors who arrived after the meeting opened

P. Hyry-Dermith

Guests Present

T. Sneed

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

M. Anderson called a meeting of the board of directors of Baystate Academy Charter Public School to order on Thursday Feb 8, 2024 at 5:30 PM.

G. AMADOR made a motion to to accept the participants on zoom.

L. deSousa seconded the motion.

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

C. Public comments

D. Approve Minutes

L. deSousa made a motion to approve the minutes from Baystate Academy Board Meeting on 01-11-24.

G. AMADOR seconded the motion.

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

II. Finance committee

A. January financials

Rebecca Connolly presented the January financials to the board. January tuition adjustment is not in these financials because of the timing of the adjustments. This will be reflected in the February financials.

G. AMADOR made a motion to to accept the January Financials.

L. deSousa seconded the motion.

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

P. Hyry-Dermith arrived at 5:40 PM.

III. Academic Success

A. Student Culture Survey

79% response rate for the student culture survey. For each question asked, "neutral" was the response selected by 30-50% of students.

B. Discipline Data Review

We have exceeded the maximum goal for suspensions at the school but Tim Sneed reports that the data is trending down, and suspensions are decreasing. This is partially attributed to the school implementing things like a "Vaping Program" has been implemented for students caught with tobacco instead of suspending them.

C. Rethinking Discipline Initiative

The trigger for being selected for this program is chronic absenteeism, the school is currently at 6.6%. The school's goal is to get below 5%. Dr. Robinson has joined our restorative practices in the classroom program and will be educating the staff regarding

class management training for teachers as it refers to discipline in the classrooms as suspension rates is directly related to chronic absenteeism.

D. NWEA Assessment Data Review

E. School Operations

IV. Governance Committee Report

A. Committee report

Tim Sneed met with a potential board, Catherine Rojas, member and will be bringing this individual to the Governance Committee meeting.

V. Finance committee report

A. Construction project

The construction project is currently on hold due to financing.

VI. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:34 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
C. CASTILLO