



Baystate Academy Charter Public School

Minutes

Baystate Academy Board Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday February 13, 2025 at 5:30 PM

Location

2001 Roosevelt Avenue, Springfield, MA

Directors Present

C. Rojas, F. Robinson, G. AMADOR, L. deSousa, M. Anderson, P. Blain (remote), P. Hyry-Dermith, S. Logan (remote)

Directors Absent

C. CASTILLO, R. Connolly

Guests Present

S. Greene, 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 13, 2025 at 5:30 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

G. AMADOR made a motion to approve the minutes from Baystate Academy Board Meeting on 01-09-25.

C. Rojas seconded the motion.

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

D. "Do now"

Rather than having this as a monthly board item, we will move this to annual retreat.

II. Finance

A. FY25 Financials

F. Robinson made a motion to approve the minutes from Finance Committee for January 2025.

P. Blain seconded the motion.

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

III. Academic Success

A. December Instructional Walkthrough Data

Graphs are going in the right direction; Students are transitioning from classes much more smoothly. Student engagement is up and able to focus much more on instructional practice.

B. Crew Analysis

Good growth in performance indicators during Crew. Intend to do more targeted coaching, planning for next year, and drilling in PD on using the language of HOCs and HOS.

IV. Operational

A. Competency Determination Discussion

Graduation requirements are in flux in MA. which is: BACPS has suggested the academic year 2025 plan as:

Students must have passed 9th Grade Biology MCAS and 10th Grade ELA and Math MCAS

If they did not pass MCAS they must pass Educational Proficiency Program (set by BACPS) as follows:

Students must have earned all necessary credits in Math, ELA, Science, Social Studies and PLTW; and

Students must complete a cross-curricular School Beautification Expedition either during Sat or Summer school.

This matter will be reviewed in Academic Success, before returning to the Board for a vote

B. Discipline data review

Only 1 suspension in December; 1 in January. Job well done!

C. Obligation to Protect Students

Update from DESE and our attorneys regarding what steps to take if ICE shows up;
Identifies difference between judicial or administrative warrants.

D. Powerschool Data Breach

Power school was breached. It has assured students, family and staff that the data has been restored but they are providing free identity theft and credit monitoring services for 2 years.

V. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

Today we had some changes in staffing. Both Director of Student Support and Dean of Students have separated from the school, and those positions will now be combined into one position. After break a woman named Tomasina Hall will assume the newly created position Assistant Principal of Culture after February break.

On the academic side we have Assistant Principals for middle school and high school.

We are adding an Assistant Principal at 6 and 7; one for 8 and 9: and we will use our current middle school AP as the HS AP.

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
L. deSousa

Documents used during the meeting

- Jan 2025 Board Financials.pdf
- December_Walkthrough_Data.docx
- JanCREWObservations.pdf
- FY25Graduation Requirements.docx
- Jan25SuspensionAnalysis2.7.25.pdf

- BoardMtgProtectingStudents.pdf