



BAMS Board of Directors Meeting Motions and Minutes

Tuesday, January 11th, 2022 6:30 pm

Minutes of the BAMS Board of Directors Meeting January 11th, 2022

Board Members Present: Kevin Mulling, Brian Cogswell, Carlen McKenzie-Coley, Bill Allen, Dustin Everitt, Bill Fienga, April Mole, Jeff Spencer, Ryan Taylor, Jill Bolender

Absent- None

Others: Brian Sawyer - Assistant Principal, Marie Borglund - Board Accountant, Loren Walker – Staff Representative

Minutes of the BAMS Board of Directors Meeting on October 13th, 2021

MOTION: Approval of the minutes of October 12th, 2021– Cogswell

SECOND: Allen

FOR: All

AGAINST: None

RESULT: Passed unanimously

New PCSB 15 Year Contract

- 15 Year Renewal Approved from PCSB Unanimously in December
- Now moving to Contract phase. We hopefully will receive draft from PCSB in late January.
- To expedite the contract agreement, forward contract out with everyone to review upon receiving.
- Comment, review, and vote on agreement hopefully during the next meeting, or when PCSB gets it to us for review.

Budget Review • Discussion

- Review of budget as of November 30th
- All is well, nothing of concern.

Update on BAMS/PPCA Agreement

Discussion- Mr. Mulling updated the board regarding the communication between himself and PPCA board chairman as it relates to the new agreement. Mr. Mulling stated that the proposed new agreement as approved by BAMS board on October 12th was provided to PPCA board chairman on October 15th along with an agreement in good faith for BAMS to cover full costs of legal fees if the agreement was negotiated and approved no later than November 15th. Although there were two additional follow-up emails initiated by Mr. Mulling to PPCA chairman as to the status of their progress, there has been no active negotiation or feedback between the two parties to date. There was, however, a single communication from PPCA legal counsel to BAMS legal counsel on December 21st in which PPCA counsel requested a meeting to review the agreement. Through BAMS counsel, Mr Mulling directed PPCA counsel to contact him directly on this matter as was instructed during the initial instructions for negotiations so that BAMS board could determine whether to involve BAMS counsel to contain costs. As of January 12th, there had been no such communication between Mr Mulling and PPCA counsel to report.

Mr Cogswell read excerpts from PPCA's Dec 13, 2021 board meeting that stated PPCA's attorney was still reviewing the agreement for response and that PPCA was actively pursuing plans to relocate their campus. Mr Spencer commented that it appeared as if PPCA was making plans to move off campus for the 2022-2023 school year which could be a likely reason for not executing or negotiating the new contract offered by BAMS. Mr Spencer indicated that, with BAMS and PPCA open enrollment fast-approaching for the 2022-2023 school year, the potential loss of revenue from PPCA for the 2022-2023 school year could be of great concern to BAMS in the event there was no plan in place to replace the lost revenue. Mr Spencer commented that it seemed pretty clear that PPCA was planning on leaving and that BAMS should take immediate action to secure plans that will prevent loss of revenues on BAMS campus.

Mr. Allen directed the board to think of the outcomes desired and make a decision based on where our program needs to go.

Mr Fienga expressed concerns over the lack of communication and transparency by the PPCA board of directors throughout this process to BAMS board or administration and that he had no confidence or evidence this pattern of behavior was going to change in the coming months which are so critical for planning /budgeting purposes for 2022-2023 school year. Mr Fienga noted that continuing to negotiate a new agreement in good faith under these circumstances was no longer worth the risk of further delay and that the BAMS board of directors must take action to mitigate the financial risk of the impending departure of PPCA from BAMS campus.

Ms. McKenzie-Coley expressed that it was time for BAMS to do its own program with all of the uncertainty of the last months.

Mr Spencer discussed the impact this uncertainty is having on the existing PPCA students and current BAMS students looking to pursue this option for the upcoming school year and recommended the board consider doing its own program.

• **MOTION:** Spencer: To expand and add 9th and 10th grade program to BAMS.

SECOND: Mole

FOR: All

AGAINST: None

RESULT: Passed unanimously

• **MOTION:** Everitt: For our legal counsel to revoke the draft lease agreement to PPCA.

SECOND: Mole

FOR: All

AGAINST: None

RESULT: Passed unanimously

Adjournment: 7:57pm

MOTION: Spencer Motion to adjourn

SECOND: Cogswell

Special Meeting will be held January 25th at 6:30pm.

Draft Minutes shared with board members on 1-19-2022.

Board of Director's Current Terms:

2021-2024- Fienga, Spencer (Treasurer), Allen

2021-2023- McKenzie-Coley, Mole

2021-2022- Taylor (Secretary)

2019-2022- Mulling (Chairman), Cogswell (Vice Chairman), Everitt

Audit Committee: McKenzie-Coley, Allen, Spencer, Bolender

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