

Board of Trustees Minutes of Meeting February 4, 2021

A public meeting of the Bear Creek Community Charter School Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, February 4, 2020 at Bear Creek Community Charter School, 30 Charter School Way, Bear Creek Township, Pennsylvania.

Board members David Blazejewski, Kim Popple, Sue Barry, Brandy Lewis, Stacey Scullion, Nicky Pachucki, and Peter Austin participated. Board member Wendy Lutchko was absent. Also participating were Jim Smith, Tammy Miller, Kim Stevens, Kristen Young, and Bridget Deeble.

Dave Blazejewski called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Jim Smith led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Jim Smith conducted a roll call of the Board. Dave Blazejewski opened the meeting to public comment relating to agenda items. There was no public comment relating to agenda items

Stacey Scullion made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2021 Board of Trustees meeting as presented, which were seconded by Brandy Lewis and approved by unanimous roll-call vote of the Board members present.

Tammy Miller presented the financial statements and expenditures for period ending December 31, 2020. Brandy Lewis made a motion to approve the financial statements and expenditures as presented, which was seconded by Nicky Pachucki. All Board members present voted in favor of the motion with the exception of Stacey Scullion, who abstained from voting on expenses associated with the employment of Jennifer Smith. There were no dissenting votes. The motion was approved by majority roll-call vote of the Board members present.

Peter Austin made a motion to approve a one-year agreement with Frontier Communications for 500 Mbps of high speed fiber internet at a cost of \$1,000.00 per month, effective July 1, 2021. The motion was seconded by Nicky Pachucki and approved by unanimous roll-call vote of the Board members present.

Peter Austin made a motion to approve a Tuition Assistance request from Larissa Soroka for the course Practical Research for Education at Kings College for the Spring 2021 semester at a cost not to exceed \$1,600.00. The motion was seconded by Brandy Lewis and approved by unanimous roll-call vote of the Board members present.

Nicky Pachucki made a motion to approve revisions to the Student/Parent Handbook regarding attendance and virtual/hybrid learning, which was seconded by Peter Austin and approved by unanimous roll-call vote of the Board members present.

Kim Popple made a motion to approve a Conference Request from Jillian Seeley to virtually attend the 2021 PDE Conference sponsored by PATTAN on March 3rd and March 4th, at no cost to the school, which was seconded by Peter Austin and approved by unanimous roll-call vote of the Board members present.

Peter Austin made a motion to approve the revised School Calendar for the 2020-2021 school year, which includes Noon dismissals on June 11, June 14 and June 15, 2021. The motion was seconded by Brandy Lewis, and approved by unanimous roll-call vote of the Board members present.

Brandy Lewis made a motion to approve the proposed School Calendar for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year, which was seconded by Peter Austin and approved by unanimous roll-call vote of the Board members present.

Stacey Scullion made a motion to approve the revised criteria for the 2020-2021 Discretionary Bonus Plan for Full-Time Professional staff, which was seconded by Peter Austin and approved by unanimous roll-call vote of the Board members present.

Kim Popple made a motion to approve the proposed Student Chromebook Protection Program for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year, which was seconded by Peter Austin and approved by unanimous roll-call vote of the Board members present.

Kim Popple made a motion to approve the termination of William Andrews, full-time Custodian, effective December 31, 2020, which was seconded by Peter Austin and approved by unanimous roll-call vote of the Board members present.

Jim Smith and Tammy Miller provided the Board with an overview of Federal Program funding and other supplemental state and federal funding.

Jim Smith provided the Board with an update on the Expanding Opportunities Through Quality Charter School Programs Grant.

Kim Popple made a motion to approve the Partial Internet Reimbursement Program for staff, which was seconded by Nicky Pachucki and approved by unanimous roll-call vote of the Board members present.

Brandy Lewis made a motion to approve the Partial Internet Reimbursement Program for Parents, which was seconded by Stacey Scullion and approved by unanimous roll-call vote of the Board members present.

Peter Austin made a motion to approve the upgrade from TruVision to Milestone CCTV software along with a corresponding upgrade to the Onguard access control software, and integration between the two with Eastern Time at a cost not to exceed \$60,000. The motion was seconded by Nicky Pachucki and approved by unanimous roll-call vote of the Board members present.

Kristen Young provided the Board with an update on the hybrid learning process, the Flexible Instructional Day program, spring tutoring, summer credit recovery, summer tutoring and the revised teacher goals.

Kim Stevens provided the Board with an update on student attendance and participation in remote learning, along with an update on student activities for the remainder of the current school year.

Bridget Deeble provided the Board with an update on IDEA compliance.

Tammy Miller provided the Board with an update on short-term and long-term financing in support of the School's strategic plan, budget revision 2 for the current school year, and the budget planning process for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year.

Jim Smith provided the Board with updates relating to the various aspects of the School's strategic plan, the Governor's proposal to cut charter school funding, and campus improvement projects.

Dave Blazejewski opened the meeting to general public comment. There was no public comment.

Kim Popple made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Peter Austin and approved by unanimous roll-call vote of the Board members present.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully,

Jenn Sminth

Jim Smith Board Secretary

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on **Monday, January 18, 2021. The meeting will be held in person** at Bear Creek Community Charter School, 30 Charter School Way, Bear Creek Township, PA 18702. The general public is invited to participate.