

## Board of Trustees Minutes of Meeting February 21, 2022

A public meeting of the Bear Creek Community Charter School Board of Trustees was held on Monday, February 21, 2022 in the Commons of Bear Creek Community Charter School, 30 Charter School Way, Bear Creek Township. The public was encouraged to participate.

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

Dave Blazejewski called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. Peter Austin 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.

Stacey Scullion made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2022 Board of Trustees meeting, which was seconded by Nicky Pachucki and approved by unanimous roll-call vote of the Board members present.

Tammy Miller presented the financial statements and expenditures for the period ending December 31, 2021. Peter Austin made a motion to approve the financial statements and expenditures as presented, which was seconded by Brandy Lewis. 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, Wendy Lutchko, who abstained from voting on expenses associated with the employment of Hope Wanek, and Nicky Pachucki, who abstained from voting on expenses associated with the employment of Allison Pachucki. There were no dissenting votes. The motion was approved by majority roll-call vote of the Board members present.

Jim Smith provided the Board with an update on the various aspects of the School's expansion plan.

Peter Austin made a motion to approve a Resolution Approving Loan for Construction with First National Community Bank of Dunmore, which was seconded by Brandy Lewis and approved by unanimous roll-call vote of the Board members present.

Peter Austin made a motion to approve a Conference Request from Melissa Vaillant to participate in the virtual conference Making a Difference: Educational Practices that Work, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Department of Education from March 2<sup>nd</sup> through March 4<sup>th</sup> at a cost not to exceed \$125.00. The motion was seconded by Nicky Pachucki and approved by unanimous roll-call vote of the Board members present.

Wendy Lutchko made a motion to approve a Conference Request from Bridget Deeble to participate in the Special Education Law Symposium sponsored by Lehigh University from June 19, 2022 through June 24, 2022 at a cost not to exceed \$750.00. The motion was seconded by Peter Austin and approved by unanimous roll-call vote of the Board members present.

Stacy Scullion made a motion to approve a Conference Request from Jillian Seeley to participate in the Special Education Law Symposium sponsored by Lehigh University from June 19, 2022 through June 24, 2022 at a cost not to exceed \$750.00. The motion was seconded by Brady Lewis and approved by unanimous roll-call vote of the Board members present.

Peter Austin made a motion to approve a Tuition Assistance Request from Matthew Judge for the Course Educational Leadership at King College for the Spring 2022 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.

Brandy Lewis made a motion to approve revisions to the Health and Safety Plan, including the optional use of face coverings as a COVID mitigation measure for students and staff. The motion was seconded by Nicky Pachucki and approved by unanimous roll-call vote of the Board members present.

Tammy Miller, Bridget Deeble, Kristen Young, Kim Stevens and Jim Smith provided the Board with operational updates.

A discussion was held relating to the Student Admission's Policy and the definition of sibling. Bridget Deeble presented the opinion of legal counsel to the Board. The Board agreed with the opinion of legal counsel and directed the School Leadership Team to administer the enrollment process based on the legal opinion of counsel.

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

Dave Blazejewski announced that the March 3, 2022 Board of Trustees meeting will be cancelled.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

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Respectfully,

Jim Smith Board Secretary

The next meeting of the Bear Creek Community Charter School Board of Trustees is **Monday, March 21, 2022.** The meeting will be held in the Commons at Bear Creek Community Charter School, 30 Charter School Way, Bear Creek Township, PA 18702. The meeting is open to the public.