



**Board of Trustees  
Minutes of Meeting  
June 5, 2025**

A public meeting of the Bear Creek Community Charter School Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, June 5, 2025 in the Community Room of Bear Creek Community Charter School, 30 Charter School Way, Bear Creek Township.

Board members Brandy Lewis, Kim Popple, Dave Blazejewski, Peter Austin, Nicky Pachucki, Stacey Scullion and Wendy Lutchko participated. LynnMarie Shedlock was absent. Also participating were school administrators Kim Stevens, Kristen Young, Bridge Deeble, Tammy Miller and Jim Smith. Lauren Hunzer and John Parsons participated representing the Parent Advisory Committee. Judge Michael Dotzel and Lasha Basadzishvili were also present for the beginning of the meeting. Mary Landmesser was present and signed up to address the Board during the public comment period.

Dave Blazejewski called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. and 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. Mary Landmesser asked how people become Trustees and then expressed concern over Board members being related to one another.

Brandy Lewis made a motion to approve the appointment of John Parsons to a one-year term on the Bear Creek Community Charter School's Board of Trustees, effective July 1, 2025, which was seconded by Nicky Pachucki and approved by unanimous roll-call vote of the Board members present.

Wendy Lutchko made a motion to approve the appointment of Lauren Hunzer to a one-year term on the Bear Creek Community Charter School's Board of Trustees, effective July 1, 2025, which was seconded by Stacey Scullion and approved by unanimous roll-call vote of the Board members present.

Kim Popple made a motion to reappoint Stacey Scullion to a three-year term on the Bear Creek Community Charter School's Board of Trustees, effective July 1, 2025, which was seconded by Brandy Lewis and approved by unanimous roll-call vote of the Board members present.

Peter Austin made a motion to reappoint David Blazejewski to a three-year term on the Bear Creek Community Charter School's Board of Trustees, effective July 1, 2025, which was seconded by Nicky Pachucki and approved by unanimous roll-call vote of the Board members present.

Wendy Lutchko made a motion to reappoint Peter Austin to a three-year term on the Bear Creek Community Charter School's Board of Trustees, effective July 1, 2025, which was seconded by Kim Popple and approved by unanimous roll-call vote of the Board members present.

Brandy Lewis made a motion to appoint Dave Blazejewski to the position of President of the Board of Trustees, for a three-year term expiring June 30, 2028, which was seconded by Peter Austin and approved by unanimous roll-call vote of the Board members present.

Nicky Pachucki made a motion to appoint Wendy Lutchko to the position of Vice-President of the Board of Trustees, for a three-year term expiring June 30, 2028, which was seconded by Stacey Scullion and approved by unanimous roll-call vote of the Board members present.

Wendy Lutchko made a motion to appoint Jim Smith to the position of Secretary of the Board of Trustees, a non-voting position, for a three-year term expiring June 30, 2028, which was seconded by Brandy Lewis and approved by unanimous roll-call vote of the Board members present.

District Judge Michael Dotzel then administered the official oath of office to all Trustees. Dave Blazejewski thanked Judge Dotzel for taking the time to attend the meeting and administer the oath.

Kristen Young introduced Lasha Basadzishvili as the finalist for the Math teacher position for the upcoming 2025-2026 school year. Lasha reviewed his background, education, and answered questions. Brandy Lewis made a motion to approve the hiring of Lasha Basadzishvili as full-time Math teacher effective August 16, 2025. This is a full-time position with a starting salary of \$40,000 plus benefits for 195 days per year. The motion was seconded by Kim Popple and approved by unanimous roll-call vote of the Board members present.

Dave Blazejewski announced that the Board would be adjourning to executive session to discuss potential litigation, a personnel issue, and the Annual School Safety and Security Report. The Board adjourned at 6:18 p.m. The Board returned from executive session at 6:43 p.m.

Wendy Lutchko made a motion to approve the School Safety and Security Report for the 2023-2024 school year, as presented. The motion was seconded by Nicky Pachucki and approved by unanimous roll-call vote of the Board members present.

Brandy Lewis made a motion to approve meeting minutes of May 1, 2025, which was seconded by Nicky Pachucki and approved by unanimous roll-call vote of the Board members present.

Tammy Miller presented the financial statements to the Board for month-ending April 30, 2025. Kim Popple made a motion to approve the financial statements and expenditures for month-ending April 30, 2025, which was seconded by Brandy Lewis and approved by unanimous roll-call vote of the Board members present.

Peter Austin made a motion to commit any fund balance as of June 30, 2025 in excess of twelve percent (12%) of the 2025-2026 budgeted expenditures, for future capital purchases. The motion was seconded by Wendy Lutchko and approved by unanimous roll-call vote of the Board members present.

Brandy Lewis made a motion to approve the general fund budget and food service budget for the upcoming 2025-2026 school year, which was seconded by Nicky Pachucki and approved by unanimous roll-call vote of the Board members present.

Peter Austin made a motion to approve Sysco as the school's food service vendor for the 2025-2026 school year based on a pricing proposal received on May 27, 2025. The motion was seconded by Stacey Scullion and approved by unanimous roll-call vote of the Board members present.

Kim Popple made a motion to approve a Tuition Assistance Request from Becky Costello for the course ESL Practicum for the Spring 2025 semester at Wilson College, at a cost not to exceed \$1,605.00. The motion was seconded by Wendy Lutchko and approved by unanimous roll-call vote of the Board members present.

Wendy Lutchko made a motion to approve a Tuition Assistance Request from Jordan Harrison for the course Building a Professional Network for the Summer 2025 semester at Wilkes University, at a cost not to exceed \$1,125.00. The motion 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 Tuition Assistance Request from William Barnes for the course Women in History for the Summer 2025 semester at Slippery Rock University, at a cost not to exceed \$1,692.90. The motion 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 Tuition Assistance Request from William Barnes for the course Ancient New East for the Summer 2025 semester at Slippery Rock University, at a cost not to exceed \$1,692.90. The motion was seconded by Nicky Pachucki and approved by unanimous roll-call vote of the Board members present.

Nicky Pachucki made a motion to approve the updated School Wellness Policy, which was seconded by Brandy Lewis and approved by unanimous roll-call vote of the Board members present.

Nicky Pachucki made a motion to approve a resolution honoring the long-time support of Bakery Delite, which was seconded by Wendy Lutchko and approved by unanimous roll-call vote of the Board members present.

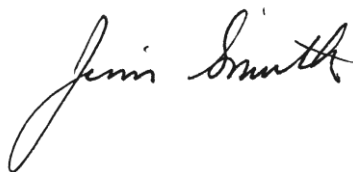
Dave Blazejewski opened the meeting to general public comment. Mrs. Mary Landmesser addressed the Board about a recent request for her daughter to be dismissed early from class to attend her sibling's pre-k graduation, which was declined by school administration. She stated she also has concerns over a conflict of interest due to relationships between Trustees. Jim Smith responded that there is no conflict of interest and the appointment of Trustees is in compliance with the Pennsylvania Charter School law. Mrs. Landmesser expressed concern about parent involvement being down and how the parents are "being driven away" and that the school "makes it impossible for her to advocate for her child".

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

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 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Smith", written in a cursive style.

Jim Smith  
Board Secretary

**NOTE:** The Board of Trustees meeting originally scheduled for Monday, June 16, 2025 has been cancelled.

**Important Date to Remember:** The next meeting of the Bear Creek Community Charter School Board of Trustees is **Monday, July 21, 2025**. The meeting will be held in the Community Room at Bear Creek Community Charter School, 30 Charter School Way, Bear Creek Township, PA 18702. The meeting is open to the public.