



**MEETING MINUTES of the  
BBR Schools, Inc. Board of Directors**

**Location:  
BASIS Baton Rouge  
7550 McCall Dr.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70817**

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**February 4, 2020**

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Board members present in person: Craig Barrett, Patrick Martin and Monique Scott-Spaulding

Board members participating telephonically: Kia Bickham, Liz Smith and Donald Carson

Board members absent: Ronnie Morris

Staff present on location: DeAnna Rowe, Executive Director BBR; Roberto Ramirez, Head of the School; Debbie O'Connor, Head of Operations; Jenny Ramirez, Growth and Compliance Management Associate; Lyn Music, Sr. VP Growth and Business Development; Peter Bezanson, CEO BASIS Ventures; Aaron Kindel, CEO BASISed

Others present on the phone representing BASIS.ed: Jen Neal and Jen Meredith, Regional Directors of Charter Schools Texas and Louisiana; Michelle Keogh, General Counsel; Gihan Gunasekera, Director Finance; Susan Adams, Chief Financial Officer; Shannon Chavez; Director of Compliance; Debbie Siebels, Director of Accounting; Kevin Navarro, Director of School Safety and Security; Barb DeLisa, Sr. Director of Planning and Building Development

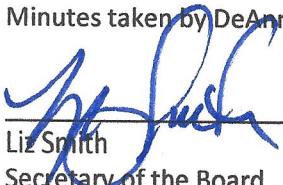
1. Call to order – The meeting was called to order at 8:10am. It was noted that no action would be taken because a quorum of the board was not physically present. Members of the public were asked to submit a call to the public form if they wished to speak on any agenda item. No matter would otherwise be put to the public for comment.
2. Agenda – The agenda order was revised. The minutes reflect the order in which the items were presented.
3. The minutes of the November 13, 2019 were reviewed. No changes were noted. The minutes will be considered at the May 2020 meeting of the BBR Schools, Inc. Board of Directors.
4. Executive Director Report was presented by DeAnna Rowe. Topics of discussion included: identification of Aaron Kindel as the new CEO of BASISed; matters related to the City of St. George, including the applications for annexation being considered by the Metro Council; ongoing communication with Woman's Hospital related to facility financing and Kurt Scott becoming the ex officio board member for Woman's Hospital; and a donation from New Schools for Baton Rouge for computers.



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5. Management Report – Peter and members of the BASISed team reported the following:
  - a. Academic Performance – Roberto and Peter reviewed the BLT 2 scores.
  - b. Parent Survey Report – It was noted that BASIS Baton Rouge has the highest scores in the network for the second year in a row and the highest scores in the history of the network.
  - c. Student Acquisition and Marketing – In addition to school tours, off-site Info Sessions were held to provide parish-wide opportunities to learn about BASIS. The number of open enrollment applications received would support a parallel school of equal size.
    - James Finney addressed the board regarding Louisiana Revised Statute 17:3991.B(1) and shared his perspective of the resegregation of public education in Baton Rouge.
  - d. Talent Acquisition and Training – 6 or 7 new teachers needed for next year. Candidates have already been identified to fill most of those positions.
  - e. Annual Teacher Fund
  - f. Legal and Regulatory Compliance
  - g. Security Update – RAVE Panic Button application is now live
  - h. New Schools Activity – Placement of modulars, enrollment projections, and financial modeling for expansion were reviewed.
    - DeJunne Jackson addressed the board and asked that they consider the following:
      1. Even distribution of access and use of computers – not just at testing grades.
      2. Look at where other charter schools are when considering location of school #2. Consider commuters from the north.
      3. Keep security in mind when adding the modulars, keeping in mind the need to access the main building.
6. Financial Report – Gihan Gunasekera presented the FY2020 Q2 Financial Documents. Board members discussed allocating a portion of surplus funds to the ATF, possibly in the form of a matching grant. Proposal will be considered in May. The board’s input on revisions to the 2018 Form 990 will be incorporated in the final version before submission.
7. Resolution BBR20-R08 was tabled.
8. Current events – Outcomes Magazine has been distributed. Additional copies are available at the school. The next board meeting is scheduled for May 26.
9. The meeting adjourned at 10:00am.

Minutes taken by DeAnna Rowe.

  
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Liz Smith  
Secretary of the Board  
BBR Schools, Inc.