

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS of BBR Schools, Inc.

August 25, 2021

Location

All Board members and staff participated remotely.
Members of the public had video and telephonic access and could provide public comment at info@basisschools.org.

Board members present: Craig Barrett, Donald Carson, Jason, Patrick Martin, Kia Bickham, Liz Smith, and Kurt Scott (ex-officio nonvoting member)

Board members absent: Monique Scott-Spaulding

Staff contributing to the meeting: DeAnna Rowe, Executive Director BBR; From BASIS.ed - Petra Pajtas, Susan Adams, Shannon Chavez, Laura Durbin, Carolyn McGarvey, Rosalind Thompson and Roberto Ramirez.

1. Call to order – The meeting was called to order by Craig Barrett at 9:05 am CT. A quorum was confirmed
2. The agenda was adopted as presented.
 - a. Motion: Liz Smith
 - b. Second: Patrick Martin
 - c. Motion passed unanimously
3. The Board approved the minutes of the July 21, 2021 meeting of the BBR Schools, Inc. Board of Directors
 - a. Motion: Patrick Martin
 - b. Second: Liz Smith
 - c. Motion passed unanimously
4. Executive Director’s Report – DeAnna Rowe introduced Carolyn McGarvey as the new CEO of BASIS.ed AZ+ which includes the management of the BASIS Baton Rouge schools. She also reminded the board members that their Immediate Family Disclosure forms are due to the Board of Ethics by September 19. Ms. Rowe provided a brief overview of her visits to each campus earlier in the week as well as an update on the status of the revised Pupil Progression Plan rule as it was approved by BESE at their August Board meeting, and she shared an update on the communication the BASIS team has had with EBR Charter Support Office regarding site visits and new reporting requirements.

5. The Board received an update on the progress being made on the refinancing of the Materra and Mid City campuses and approved of Resolution BBR22-04, approving the lease agreement for the BASIS Baton Rouge Primary Mid City Campus.
 - a. Motion: Kia Bickham
 - b. Second: Patrick Martin
 - c. Motion passed unanimously
6. Susan Adams provided a review FY21 Q1-Q4 Budget Report
7. The Board reviewed and approved Resolution BBR22-05 to adopt the FY2022 budget for BASIS Baton Rouge Materra Campus and BASIS Baton Rouge Primary Mid City Campus
 - a. Motion: Kia Bickham
 - b. Second: Jason Hughes
 - c. Motion passed unanimously
8. Petra Pajtas and other members of the BASIS.ed Team reviewed the Management Report with the Board. The presentation included an update on: Return to In-Person Instruction & Mitigation Plan – clarification of whether BBR teacher vaccination status must be reported to EBR is be assessed by the legal team, when asked about ; 2020-21 Academic Performance including first year performance on 6th grade Comprehensive Exams, LEAP exams, and growth on BLTs; 2021-22 Student Acquisition & Marketing – it was recommended that the Boosters be engaged, to the extent possible, in sharing information about the Mid City campus and enrollment efforts continue; 2021-22 Talent Acquisition Update - all teaching positions are currently staffed. The board requested the development of a full plan of supports to address the needs of the schools; 2020-21 Parent Survey Report Highlights; Annual Teacher Fund Update – Materra outperformed prior year and had 55% direct family participation; Legal and Compliance Update – the water drainage issue and information about the ESSER funds for Mid City were shared; Security Update – the discussion around the new fencing around the green space included intended use and the need to update an practice emergency drills that include the fences area; Growth Update – status of the final work to be done on Mid City and information on the Phase 2 at Materra were provided. Ms. Amy Kavanaugh and Ms. DeJunne Clark Jackson provided public comment.
9. The next quarterly board meeting is scheduled for November 17 at 9am. The Board may hold a special meeting the week of September 13 to address documents related to the facilities refinancing.
10. The meeting adjourned at 11:02am CT.
 - a. Motion: Patrick Martin
 - b. Second: Liz Smith
 - c. Motion passed unanimously