

**BENJAMIN BANNEKER CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes**  
April 27, 2017

**Meeting called to order at 6:12p.m.**

**Attendees:** Darnell Thigpen Williams, Sherley Bretous Carre' (Executive Director, ex-officio), Bruce Ward, Ivy Washington, Dehlia Umunna, Deborah Del Dotto, Charline Alexandre-Joseph, Jenepher Gooding and Shane Buker.

**Visitors:** None.

**Absent:** Lin Tucker, and Jimmy Becker.

**Public Comment:**

There were no public comments.

*Bruce Ward motioned to approve the March minutes, Dehlia Umunna seconded the motion, all approved.*

**Board Business:**

- **Financials**

The financials are just about the same as last month. The enrollment has been updated. In mid April we got the most recent rates and the tuition rates have been updated in the financials. The rates are higher than what we budgeted. The Cambridge rate is \$28,270 per student, and we built the budget around \$27,300 per student. The Boston rate is about \$500 higher than what we budgeted and about the same with the other districts. So even with changes with the grants, and other things that come up we know we will be in a good position with these rates.

- **Budget**

The focus of our last meeting was increasing the scale. Based on the study, and the directive that was given was to come within 5% of the median salaries we compete with. The school achieved this with the new scale. There is a 4% incremental increase in the new scale between steps and we think the staff will be very happy with this. The Board recommended that the school increase the teacher associate scale also. The new scale for TA's is very competitive. The off scale employees will be determined from year to year. In the FY18 budget the Cambridge enrollment is currently at 163 for next year but we budgeted for 155 so we are being very conservative.

*Ivy Washington motioned to approve the Fy18 budget as discussed here tonight, Charline Alexandre-Joseph seconded the motion, all approved.*

- **Board Goals**

In the fall of next year the Board would like to set up a retreat around STEAM.

Next school year Darnell Thigpen Williams and Jimmy Becker will be stepping down from the Board, and we will need to fill some Board positions. Ivy Washington will become the Chair, and we will look into getting another Treasurer to fill Ivy's role.

The Board has made a commitment to attend the Steam Expo and do their Board Self Assessment on time.

## **Executive Director's Report:**

- **School Update**

A representative from DESE showed up at ELA MCAS to ensure we were following protocol for MCAS. He was completely impressed with our school, and said we should get a written report within the next four to six weeks. He told us this was the best observation he has had in five years and we had zero findings.

Math and Science MCAS is coming up.

Enrollment for next year is 163 Cambridge students so far and we are waiting to hear from a few more.

Fifth grade is going to Nature's Classroom in June.

Third grade is going to Plymouth Plantation overnight in May, and sixth grade has their Washington D.C. trip coming up at the end of May.

STEAMS Expo is Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>.

*Jenepher Gooding motioned to adjourn the meeting, Ivy Washington seconded the motion, all approved.*

Meeting adjourned at 6:54pm.