

**BENJAMIN BANNEKER CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes**  
**Meetings held in the Ogletree Library at the school**  
October 24, 2019

**Meeting called to order at 6:05p.m.**

Sherley Bretous (Executive Director, ex-officio), Deborah Del Dotto, Shane Buker, Lin Tucker, Jenepher Gooding, Janel Granum, Josiane Julmeus, and Tirsit Habtemariam.

**Visitors:** Molander Etienne, ELA coach and Tasheika Johnson, Math coach.

*Janel Granum motioned to approve the September minutes, Shane Buker seconded the motion, all approved.*

**Absent:** N/A

**Public Comment:**

There were no public comments.

**Board Business:**

● **Financials**

Looking at the financials in the first column is last year's numbers. The rest of the columns are about this year. The second column is where we are at presently with Cambridge enrollment at 191 students. The third column is the budget for FY 20. The last column is the forecast for the three months that we have been spending so far.

● **Audit**

The Finance Committee went over the audit at the last meeting and we would like to approve the audit at this meeting. The auditors suggested that we invest the money that the school has in the Vanguard account but we would like it to remain liquid in case we see a property that is available for the school. The auditors noted that the school does not fill out purchase orders for recurring or monthly charges. The auditors suggest we should develop and approve a recurring charge listing for vendor's that do not require purchase orders.

*Shane Buker motioned to accept the audit, Jenepher Gooding seconded the motion, all approved.*

● **Vote in new member**

Tirsit has been volunteering at other schools for a long time and has a child here at Banneker in fourth grade. The Board introduced themselves to Tirsit and agreed to vote her in as a new member.

*Jenepher Gooding motioned to approve Tirsit Habtemariam as the new parent representative, Shane Buker seconded the motion, all approved.*

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

### ● **School Update**

The school had an Open House the first Tuesday in October. It didn't have a great turn out and we think because we had the Mandatory Parent meeting at the end of August.

Benjamin Banneker's Birthday is on November 9th but this year it falls on a Saturday so the school will celebrate on Friday November 8th. The second grade created their own clocks and will show their work in a clock museum.

November 19th is Curriculum Night in the cafeteria. Character Day is on the half day November 27th.

Parent conferences are in November.

### ● **MCAS Presentation**

*ELA presentation* : Outperformed Boston, Cambridge, and the State in meeting and exceeding expectations. Banneker was 73%, Cambridge Public 60%, Boston Public 35% and the State was 52%.

In the category partially meeting expectations Banneker was 24%, Cambridge was 30%, Boston was 43% and the State was 37%. Not Meeting Expectations Banneker was 3%, Cambridge was 10%, Boston was 22% and the State was 12%. ELA

Highlights: Outperformed Boston, Cambridge and the State for all students and at every grade level.

*Science MCAS (fifth grade only)* meeting and exceeding expectations Banneker was 68%, Cambridge was 55%, Boston was 24%, and the State was 48%.

*Math presentation*: meeting and exceeding expectations Banneker was 69%, Cambridge was 53%, Boston was 33% and the State was 49%. Students partially meeting expectations, Banneker was 29%, Cambridge was 35%, Boston 44%, and the State was 29%. Students not meeting expectations, Banneker was 2%, Cambridge was 12%,

Boston was 23%, and the State was 12%. Math Highlights: Outperformed Boston, Cambridge, and the state for all students and at every grade level. Met performance target.

*Lin Tucker motioned to adjourn the meeting, Janel Granum seconded the motion, all approved.*

Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.