



Banning Lewis Academy

Board Meeting

Date and Time: May 7th, 2024 - 6:00pm - 8:00pm

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Mission: Create a safe, positive environment that fosters intellectual curiosity and a thirst for discovery where students and staff succeed through exceptional programs.

Agenda

1. Opening Items:

	Purpose (vote discuss, FYI)	Presenter	Time (start):
Pledge of Allegiance Reading of Mission Statement Roll Call <ul style="list-style-type: none">Leigh BoltonKevin ClarkRoland RaineyGuin LeederChris ThompsonDr. Kim Whitten-ChungTiffany Blagmon – Arrived late, but acknowledged when here.	FYI	Leigh Bolton	6:03
Call the Meeting to Order	FYI	Leigh Bolton	6:04
Approve Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none">April, 2024Leigh motioned to approve the April minutes. Guin seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.	Vote	Leigh Bolton	6:04
Amendments to Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none">Removing Positive Pay and Update from The State BankAdding IT Security Presentation after Curriculum UpdateLeigh motioned to approve the amended agenda. Guin seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.	Discuss/Vote	Leigh Bolton	6:05

Good News	FYI	Board	6:07
Public Comment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shannon Brady – Has 2 students at BLA. Raised concern around lack of transparency around approval of dress code. Who made the decision(s)? When were they made? What are the decision(s)? 	FYI	Public	6:08
Board Spotlight: London Teacher Exchange <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teachers from BLA travelled to the UK to learn about their school, how they operate, and what they teach. They create their own curriculum based upon the approved standards. Foreign language is taught starting in Kinder. Clear scope and sequence to help teachers see full picture and plan. Protected focused planning time. Assessment expectations are clearly posted in the classroom. Students went back with a Purple Pen to reflect onto the feedback/grades that they received. Students had design theory (woodshop) and home economics. Not technology specific. They had minimal tech use. Students were allowed to choose their deadline and work within that to get their project completed. School was inclusive of world religions, ethnicities, and cultures. Larger staff to support mental health. Greater outreach to parents. Tremendously loved and appreciated by the staff! Hand plenty of logistics takeaways. Tentative dates are set for next year. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> US-UK: March 24-28, 2025 UK-US: April 7-11, 2025 Potential for semester long exchange in the future. 	FYI	Administration	6:13
Board Appointment Committee update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewed 2 applications and resumes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chris Thompson and Shane Slone. Both candidates were given the same questions. Recommendation is that Chris Thompson continue on the Board. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rationale: Experience in PM, Software Dev, Marketing, 	Vote	Guin Leeder/Tiffany Blagmon	6:47

<p>Website Design, and Contract Negotiations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Very empathetic. ○ Additionally, Chris did not serve a full three-year term due to circumstances from the previous Board transition. ○ Guin motioned to appoint Chris Thompson. Kevin seconded. All in favor. Motion carries. ○ Roll Call Vote <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Leigh Bolton - Yes ▪ Kevin Clark - Yes ▪ Roland Rainey - Yes ▪ Guin Leeder - Yes ▪ Dr. Kim Whitten-Chung – Yes ▪ Tiffany Blagmon - Yes 			
<p>Curriculum Policy Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Collected stakeholder feedback from K-12 staff. ● Would like to start collecting feedback from Parents/Guardians starting this Fri. ● Reviewed the updates and edits that have been made thus far. ● Seeking Board approval at June Board meeting. ● Tiffany raised a concern that the Curriculum Policy / selection only had had white women involved. There were not any men or people of color included in the creation of the policy. Dr. Weyman will take this concern back to the team. 	FYI	Emily Witczak	6:54
<p>IT Security Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Eric Waller CTO at Pansophic Learning ● Brian LeRoy – VP of IT and Security at Pansophic Learning ● Todd Ryan – Sr Director of Field Engineering at Pansophic Learning ● Looking to go serverless in June 2024 ● As a Board, we can be a champion for cyber security. ● Reviewed a security roadmap ● Training for staff occurs. ● Leigh asked if there is training for students. Not currently. ● Dr. Weyman asked about open ports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Always open ports due to need. But they are limited and encrypted. ● Dr. Weyman also asked about being connected to other networks. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Not connected to other schools. ● Chris asked about frequency of security scans. 	FYI		7:12

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Annual, but there are other security measures in place that monitor in between scans. ● Reviewed an org chart of IT Team 			
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2. Finance Review:

		Presenter	Time:
<p>Financial updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Student Count: 1600 ● 6.8% PPR Increase ● 12% Salaries Increase, removed bonuses. Discretionary bonuses could exist. ● 1% Supplies Increase, 3% All Other Costs ● \$150k Computer Refresh ● \$150k Employee Admin Fee (EAF) ● Management Fee of 8% stays the same, but the PPR increases. <p>Proposed Budget</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chris motioned to approve the proposed budget with a change to the Business/Fiscal Services Expenses (EAF) to Discretionary Board Funds – Employee Admin Fee which amounts to \$150,000 with the potential for an amended budget by the December 2024 Board meeting to revisit the Discretionary Board Funds – Employee Admin Fee and any potential adjustments to PPR. Leigh seconded. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Leigh Bolton – Yes b. Kevin Clark – Yes c. Chris Thompson – Yes d. Tiffany Blagmon – Yes e. Guin Leeder – Yes f. Dr. Kim Whitten-Chung – Excused to due illness. 2. The Board has not received legal justification for paying funds extending beyond the contract. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Kevin Clark to follow up with Maria regarding language for EAF. 	<p>FYI</p> <p>Vote</p>	<p>Finance Committee/ ACCEL</p>	<p>7:37</p>

3. School Updates:

	Purpose (vote, discuss, FYI)	Presenter	Time:

Principal Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mrs. Rehorst addressed the topic of expulsion. Expulsion is not guaranteed. It is a recommendation and a case that must be made to the District, which can be decided one way or the other. The school cannot simply expel a student. Roland expressed concern around management of the scheduling and coordination around facility rentals. 	FYI	Principals	8:30
Special Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ESY Update – D49 will be providing ESY with great input from the principals regarding student needs. 	FYI	Dr. Weyman	9:11
Spending update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Received the two vans Working on insurance and certs to drive vans. 	FYI/discussion/Vote	Dr. Weyman	9:12
Report from Work session 4/23/24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategic Planning Committee Discrimination Training 	FYI/Vote	Chris Thompson	9:14
Handbooks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discrimination/Harassment updates The D49 policies are under revision and must be submitted by July 1, 2024. 	Vote	Administration / Guin	9:24

4. Committee:

	Purpose (vote, discuss, FYI)	Presenter	Time:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PTO Update – No representation SAC Update – Katie Euler provided an update. Survey has been sent out. Athletic Boosters Club Update – No representation 	FYI FYI FYI	Representatives	9:35
Policy and Governance Committee update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Service animals update. Met today (5/7/2024). Colorado approved a policy today allowing the potential to carry Narcan. We will need to revisit our policy. Another policy to work on is the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI). Start in the fall. 	Vote/FYI	Guin Leeder	9:39
ACCEL Evaluation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kevin and Leigh need to meet. 	Vote/FYI	Leigh Bolton/ Kevin Clark	9:42

5. Communication/other:

	Purpose (vote, discuss, FYI)	Presenter	Time:
Board communication to stakeholders <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Draft of Curriculum Policy for parent/guardian review. - Approved budget - ESY - Chris staying - Playground - New Handbook 	FYI	Chris Thompson	9:45

Closing Items:

	Purpose (vote, discuss, FYI)	Presenter	Time:
Next Board Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2024-2025 board meetings - 3rd Tuesday - Next meeting is June 18th 	FYI	Leigh Bolton	9:48
Chris will motion to amend the agenda to change the executive session to Executive Session: C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(d), Specialized details of security arrangements or investigations. Tiffany seconded. All in favor. Motion carries. Executive Session: C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(d), Specialized details of security arrangements or investigations.	Discussion	Kevin Clark	9:58
Adjourn Meeting	FYI	Leigh Bolton	10:55