



Banning Lewis Academy

Board of Directors Meeting

Date and Time: December 30th, 2024 at 5:00pm – 6:00pm

Location: Zapatas @ 7636 Dublin Blvd. Suite 100, Colorado Springs, CO 80923

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Vision: Every student. Every day.

Mission: Create a safe environment where students thrive academically and develop the skills, character, and mindset to engage the world.

Agenda

1. Opening Items

	Purpose (vote discuss, FYI)	Presenter	Time (start):
Pledge of Allegiance Reading of Mission Statement Roll Call - Present: Chris Thompson, Leigh Bolton, Tiffany Blagmon, Roland Rainey, Guin Leeder, Kevin Clark - Absent: Kimberly Whitten-Chung - Andy Franko, ACCEL RVP	FYI	Chris Thompson	1 min
Call the Meeting to Order at 5:14 pm	FYI	Chris Thompson	1 min
Approve Previous Minutes - Chris motioned, Guin seconds, all approve	Vote	Chris Thompson	1 min
Amendments to Agenda/ Approval of Agenda - None	Discuss/Vote	Chris Thompson	1 min

2. Finance Review

	Purpose (vote, discuss, FYI)	Presenter	Time:
Amended Annual Budget SY 25-26 - Finance committee reviewed budget - Added placeholder for new Fund 43 for capital expenditure. - Board is not supporting Employee Admin Fees that ACCEL continues to request. - Next finance committee meeting Jan 9 th will feature Wells Fargo rep to discuss the portfolio	Vote	Finance Committee	15 min

<p>and their fees, discuss diversification within the portfolio.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Finance meetings will be moving to 1230 for every month going forward. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Motion to approve amended budget, and transmit to D49 tomorrow: Roland motioned, Kevin seconded. - Roll call vote: Kevin yes, Leigh yes, Guin yes, Tiffany yes, Roland yes, Chris yes - Andy to coordinate with XP to load it into D49's ReportWell database tomorrow to meet D49's deadline 			
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3. Board Business

	Purpose (vote, discuss, FYI)	Presenter	Time:
<p>25/26 School Calendar</p> <p>Recommend option 1 with edits provided for Jan 16 PD day for both campuses. Motion to approve calendar as presented by administration for 2025-2026 School Year: Chris motioned, Roland seconded. All approve</p>	Discuss/Vote	Board	5 min
<p>ACCEL Evaluation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Board determined an overall rating of "Partially Meets Expectations" - Since the work session's last review of the evaluation, Guin, adjusted one task to give ACCEL credit for transmitting documents to D49. - BOD President will send evaluation to Andy, and he will share it with ACCEL leadership (Ron Packard CEO, Maria COO, and Natalie). Motion to approve evaluation: Guin motioned, Leigh seconded. All approve. 	Discuss/Vote	Chris Thompson	10 min
<p>New Logo</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New logo proposal removes the R from the BLR logo style, to be consistent with the intended name change to Banning Lewis Academy. - Draft logo is not ready. - Board Will address this in future work session. - Team needs to look at broader branding. 	Discuss/Vote	Board	5 min
<p>Financial Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Creation of Fund 43 for Capital Improvements The Board will earmark an amount. Andy recommends at least 500K. Ability to use that money, without general fund drawdown, and then reduce amount of cash on hand. If need money, have immediate access. - We currently have General Fund and fundraising funds, and this adds a third fund. If general fund is running low and 	Discuss/Vote	Board	5 min

<p>need to access these monies, we can move them, Board approves all movements. We do not have to spend it at any timeline, and it can sit in the Fund.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Right now dollars not spent at end of year we move to unrestricted reserves. - Motion to establish a Fund 43: Chris motioned, Roland seconds. All approve. - President to sign copy of BLA BOD Resolution Establish Fund 43. 			
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4. Closing Item

	Purpose (vote, discuss, FYI)	Presenter	Time:
<p>Work Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jan 7, 2025 at 5 pm <p>ACCEL CEO will attend. BOD should discuss the way ahead with ACCEL. Current contract ends June 2025. Many areas need improvement, some tasks are obsolete because we're not getting anything from it. PD funds not being provided. Education services lacking. Board will negotiate a new contract with ACCEL for future support. Educational services runs thru RVP, but not providing quality oversight in state of Colorado standards. Jan 7 is a discussion on ACCEL's performance, and begin discussing future contract. We want to negotiate with ACCEL for further support but we have concerns with current level of support. Board will provide updates to Admin for sharing with staff.</p> <p>Next Board Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 21, 2025 at 6 pm <p>BLPA Building Expansion: Andy will check with the architect for an update for January's regular board meeting.</p>	FYI	Chris Thompson	1 min
Adjourn Meeting at 6:36	FYI	Chris Thompson	1 min