



Banning Lewis Academy

Board Meeting

Date and Time: February 18th, 2025 at 6:00pm - 8:45pm

Location: 7094 Cottonwood Tree Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80927

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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 Chris Thompson Leigh Bolton Kimberly Whitten-Chung Tiffany Blagmon Kevin Clark Guin Leeder	FYI	Chris Thompson	1807
Call the Meeting to Order	FYI	Chris Thompson	1808
Approve Minutes Chris motion Leigh second All in favor, motion carries	Vote	Chris Thompson	1809
Amendments to Agenda Add amended calendar to principals report Chris motion Guin second All in favor, motion carries	Discuss/Vote	Chris Thompson	1809
Good News HS Biology received the Anatomage table Bowling 4 th in the State Academic Decalathon are going to state 3 rd grade Celebration night was great and it was	FYI	Board	1810

lovely to see the pride in all the kids' faces Thankful for the BLRA crossing guards			
Public Comment No comment	FYI	Public	1813
Board Spotlight: FBLA and Student Council Hector Gonzalez- FBLA President CTE and FBLA Mena Headly received first place in FBLA Graphic Design category Amanda Weiss is leading the BAA Capstone Project StuCo- Isabella Dent Senior President- review of StuCo activities to date. Destiny Thomas Junior President Draft May 6 th to recognize current StuCo 6:30 pm-7:30 pm Isaiah Gomez Sophomore President- Stallion time is not effective. Stallion Time is too long. Students would prefer a longer lunch/passing period. Dress code is not equal between males and females and feels restrictive. Senior capstone is ambiguous. Addison Boyd Freshman President- suggestion to increase off-campus learning. Shout out to BLPA teacher and admin support.	FYI	Laura Patterson	1813

2. Finance Review:

		Presenter	Time:
Financial Updates 1. Review Financial Package a. YTD \$12.2 million revenue and \$12.8 million deficit. This is where we expected to be at this time. The revenue is behind at this time as a result of MLO. b. Expenses were lower at this time last year due to increase in salaries. c. Cash on hand 165 days \$9.8 million d. Cash will move to Fund 43 in June 2025 e. Charter expectation is 90 days cash on hand. Exceeding 180 days cash on hand should be transitioned to improvement projects.	FYI	Finance Committee/ ACCEL	1845

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> f. Flood damage at Prep is covered by insurance. Deductible will need to be met. g. Budget calendar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Re-contracting has launched ii. April- preliminary budget assumptions presented to finance committee iii. May- in person presentation to Board 2. Finance Committee Meeting Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Portfolio Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. CDs and MM funds have realized less of a decrease than we assumed during the budget season ii. State Bank manages day-to-day and payroll iii. Wells Fargo manages asset management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. By increasing the fund maturity, interest rates would increase b. Request for XP to look at impact of Federal funding at Banning 			
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3. School Updates:

	Purpose (vote, discuss, FYI)	Presenter	Time:
<p>Principal Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Academic calendar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 24 five-day school weeks as compared to 15 five-day school weeks in the previously approved calendar. b. 170 student contact days as compared to 164 student contact days in the previously approved calendar c. Strategically planned PD d. Leigh motion e. Tiffany second f. All in favor, motion carries 	FYI /Discuss/ Vote	Principals	1905
<p>Head of School Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Vans went in for inspection. Did need new brakes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Drivers have been trained 	FYI	Administration	1915

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Insurance process continues for BLA liability for sports 3. PowerSchool <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Gaps and obstacles b. Identify ownership of student data 4. Started using ECollect to gather student information from families. 5. HR job description provided. Will follow up with on-site HR representative and BLA Administration. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Concern is that access to on-site HR representative is still limited by Accel. b. On-site HR representative must have the same access as Accel. 6. Sprinkler system at BLPA <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Activities in the classroom during a 'brain break' that caused the damage. b. Repair is certified to ensure the building is safe for occupation. 7. Management agreement <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Current contract is extended through June 2026. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Board did not take action to request to turn on/off auto-renew so the contract automatically renewed January 1, 2025. b. Accel has not responded to Board correspondence after work session on 4.12.25. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Accel affirmed through the HOS that the proposed contract is exactly what Accel meant to send, except including the name of another school in the proposal. c. Accel placed the HOS in a position to be a conduit of Accel's message. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Accel interpreted they responded to the request of the Board through the proposed contract. d. Accel proposed taking legal responsibility of BLA logo, prolonged contracting after the extensive conversation with the Board discussing how Accel had failed to meet the expectations of the Board. 			
Student Records	Discuss	Administration/B	2000

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Direct an assessment of what it would take to move BLA student files to D49 PowerSchool with feedback from the District. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. HOS will direct the inquiry and report back in March. b. Step one- get all students into the D49 PowerSchool c. Step Two- match student records from current PowerSchool to D49 PowerSchool <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Student records are retained for seven years. ii. Graduate records are 'frozen.' 		oard	
<p>Banning Lewis Prep Facility Expansion Update</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Preliminary plans from JD 2. Next meeting in two weeks 3. Upcoming meeting with JD and General Contractor 4. Road, fire access, and space all work 5. Include in March Board meeting for discussion 	FYI	Principals	2005
<p>School Management Committee</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Schedule a meeting with Board attorney 2. Consolidating Board comments from work sessions and respond Accel 	Discuss	Chris Thompson	2007
<p>Contract Options</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Guin motion to submit RFI followed RFP to gather competitive proposals for school management services 2. Chris, Tiffany, and Leigh second 3. Anticipate the RFI will be sent out by the end of this week. 4. All in favor, motion carries. 	Discuss/Vote	Board	2010

4. Committee:

	Purpose (vote, discuss, FYI)	Presenter	Time:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● PTO Update ● SAC Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Matt Harding has stepped down as Chair ● Athletic Boosters Club Update 	FYI FYI FYI	Presented in Board Reports	2012

5. Communication/Other:

	Purpose (vote, discuss, FYI)	Presenter	Time:

Board Member Election Process 1. Application remains the same 2. Application will be sent to Cynthia 3. Need to publish the election dates	Discuss	Chris Thompson	2013
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Closing Items:

	Purpose (vote, discuss, FYI)	Presenter	Time:
Board Communication 1. Election dates and process 2. Updated calendar 3. 10 th grade English 4. January Communication	FYI	Board	2015
Board Work Session March 5, 2025 at 1700 Next Board Meeting March 18, 2025 at 1800	FYI	Chris Thompson	2018
Adjourn Meeting	FYI	Chris Thompson	2022