



Banning Lewis Academy

Board Meeting

Date and Time: May 20th, 2025 at 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Location: 9433 Vista Del Pico Blvd., Colorado Springs, CO 80927 Room 234 **(PLEASE NOTE LOCATION CHANGE)**

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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 Tiffany Blagmon Kim Whitten-Chung Guin Leeder	FYI	Chris Thompson	1811
Call the Meeting to Order	FYI	Chris Thompson	1811
Approve Minutes Chris Thompson motion Kim Whitten-Chung second All in favor. Motion carries	Vote	Chris Thompson	1812
Amendments to Agenda Add upcoming meeting schedule Remove second School Management Update from Section 5 Chris Thompson motion Leigh Bolton second All in favor. Motion carries	Discuss/Vote	Chris Thompson	1813
Good News BLPA Girls and Boys are once again League	FYI	Board	1813

<p>Champions Several kids broke records in Middle School Track Final Music Performance and send off of Mr. Jones. Very moving Academic Decathalon placed 3rd</p>			
<p>Public Comment Parker Nolan- incoming FBLA president. FBLA has been one of the most impactful experiences of high school. Hector Gonzales- former FBLA president. Requesting funding for FBLA Nationals. Six students will be attending. Laura Patterson- FBLA advisor. Requesting funding for FBLA Nationals. FBLA does a lot of funding throughout the year, but the parents have already funded State. Raised over \$7000 for Make-A-Wish</p>	FYI	Public	1815

2. Finance Review:

		Presenter	Time:
<p>Financial Updates 1. Review Financial Package YTD Results: 17.9 in revenue and 17.96 deficit. Capital projects removed from calculation. Requested last MLO draw in April. Good position. Will likely end the year in surplus. Cash- \$10.3 mil. Growth increased revenue. Expenses increased because of investment into teachers. 174 days of cash on hand. EOY forecasting \$10.6-11 million. Waiting to move funds to Fund 43 in June/July. TABOR requires 3% of funds. ASCENT funding for five students</p> <p><u>Budget Forecast</u> PPR increase by 2.3% 4% salary increase without bonuses ~200K supply savings because of timing of computer purchases Keeping many expectations the same as current year because of Federal unknowns Move 200K from Management Fees to Discretionary Board Spending PPR FY21 to FY25 growth 6.9%. Assumption FY26 2.3% Expense base is flat year-over-year</p>	FYI/ Discuss/ Vote	Finance Committee/ ACCEL	1821

<p>Curriculum expenses for Ranch should hit FY26</p> <p>Student enrollment decrease by 44 students.</p> <p>Management fee 8% assumption</p> <p>Trending increased funding on teachers and staff</p> <p>No significant change in numbers of staff between FY24 and FY25. Hiring ELA and French at Prep. Staff vacancies remain</p> <p>Health services expenses have increased year-over-year</p> <p>FY26 expect 25% in employee benefit</p> <p>Enrollment currently 1706 students.</p> <p>Budget will be adjusted based on Fall Count. PPR is ~\$11000.</p> <p>Upcoming budget is conservative.</p> <p>Allows for increase in staffing if necessary.</p> <p>Board will receive briefing on enrollment in August and September. Some priority 1 students have been waitlisted. Current Freshman class ~174 students.</p> <p>Concurrent Enrollment expenses have been increasing year-over-year</p> <p>Wells Fargo investments anticipated the same year-over-year at 4.6% interest rate</p> <p>Tiffany Blagmon motion to approve budget contingent on EAF. Chris Thompson seconds. All in favor. Motion carries</p> <p>Federal IDEA ~200K</p> <p>Title II and Title III funds may be available from D49</p> <p>2. Finance Committee Meeting Update</p> <p>Included in previous report</p> <p>FBLA Request</p> <p>Total request \$5445 for trip to Nationals June 28 through July 3rd. Will cover six students and one teacher. Chris Thompson motion to approve funding. Kim Whitten-Chung second. All in favor. Motion carries.</p> <p>Suggest creation of Principal Discretionary Fund for upcoming years.</p>			
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3. School Updates:

	Purpose (vote, discuss, FYI)	Presenter	Time:
<p>Principal Reports</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Supplemental Novels New supplemental novel form with flow chart. Covers information about what is controversial in the text, alternatives considered, and plan for parental notification. Forms will be stored in Schoology. All supplemental novel forms will be submitted to the Board in the fall. 2. Course Catalog Junior job shadow and senior capstone. Chris Thompson motion 25/26. Leigh Bolton second. All in favor. Motion carries. 3. Asset Disposal Ranch has adopted new Math curriculum. Old Math curriculum requires disposal. Investigated opportunities that could use the old curriculum. Chris Thompson motion. Tiffany Blagmon second. All in favor. Motion carries 	FYI/Vote	Principals	1906
<p>Head of School Report</p> <p>Site-based HR position is scheduled for 5/28. Five candidates.</p> <p>Proposed changes to administrative support structure. Will no longer have Deans oversee behavior. Will not back-fill Director of Academics. May consider a Director of Operations in the future.</p> <p>Working through previous employment concerns</p> <p>Student information system oversight at D49 has changed</p> <p>Significant changes in Charter Authorizing at D49. HOS will keep Board updated.</p> <p>Administrative Team is putting in a lot of work to complete this school year and prepare for next school year.</p> <p>Ms. Rehorst will be missed, and we appreciate her years of service to BLPA.</p>	FYI	Administration	1915
<p>School Management Committee</p> <p>RFP has been requested and are being submitted by companies. Have three current proposals.</p>	Discuss	Chris Thompson	1922

4. Committee:

	Purpose (vote, discuss, FYI)	Presenter	Time:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PTO Update • SAC Update • Athletic Boosters Club Update Coaches appreciation dinner 5/20/25 	FYI FYI FYI	Presented in Board Reports	1924
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5. Communication/Other:

	Purpose (vote, discuss, FYI)	Presenter	Time:
Board Member Election Process and Appointment Recommendation Four open seats because Chris Thompson (appointed seat) is moving. Will complete the rest of the two-year term Five candidates. Two elected and two appointed. 34 ballots submitted Total votes: Leigh Bolton- 22, Harry Kronlage- 6, Shannon Brady-20, Kenya Clark- 5, Jerde Quattlebaum- 7 Elected seats: Leigh Bolton and Shannon Brady Appointment recommendations: Kenya Clark (strong experience with tech and project management) and Jerde Quattlebaum (long history of military service, project management, HR) Tiffany Blagmon recommends Kenya Clark for three-year terms and Chris Thompson motions to appoint. Tiffany Blagmon seconds. Roll call vote- Chris Thompson- yes Tiffany Blagmon- yes Guin Leeder- yes Kim Whitten-Chung- yes Leigh- abstain Tiffany Blagmon recommends Jerde Quattlebaum for two-year term. Chris Thompson motion. Tiffany Blagmon second. Roll call vote- Chris Thompson- yes Tiffany Blagmon- yes Guin Leeder- yes Kim Whitten-Chung- yes Leigh- abstain	Discuss	Chris Thompson	1925

Closing Items:

	Purpose (vote, discuss, FYI)	Presenter	Time:
Board Communication <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. New Board members 2. Recap of 24-25 school year 	FYI	Board	1941

3. Cairo Jones is the fastest kindergartener in the State 4. Course Catalog approval			
Board Work Session June 7 th , 2025 at 0900 Next Board Meeting June 17 th , 2025 1800	FYI	Chris Thompson	1942
Adjourn Meeting	FYI	Chris Thompson	1951