



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2025**

5:30 PM - Middle School Commons - Ben Franklin Academy

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MISSION

The mission of Ben Franklin Academy is to develop young adults with character like America's founding Renaissance man, Benjamin Franklin: well-read, scientifically curious, and civically engaged.

VISION

Our students will excel academically through a challenging, sequenced curriculum that emphasizes math, science, the arts, and literacy. We will be a data-driven institution, focusing on individual students. Our students, teachers, parents, staff, and leaders will be held accountable for the success of our school. Finally, we recognize that an education is incomplete without fostering social emotional development, character, sports, and nature.

STRATEGIC GOALS: 2024-2025

- (1) Improve Educational Experience with Positive School Culture and relationships through data from BFA stakeholders.
- (2) Maintain Financial Stability and Transparency with a Focus on long-range planning.
- (3) Increase stakeholder satisfaction and engagement through community impact and volunteerism.
- (4) Retain and Recruit High Quality Staff.
- (5) Accountability of All Stakeholders for the Success of BFA.
- (6) High Functioning Board and Quality Governance through increased visibility, transparency and relationships.



Board Attendees: Haley Maglieri, Adam Lucero, Sarah Nisbet, Keri Street, Stephen Bentley, Melody Matthews, Justin Mayhall

Other Attendees: Diana Simpson, Shaina Workman, Joe Dawson, Trent Ongert, Lara Chatterton, Karen Ramon

Zoom Attendees: H.Hoff, M. Bynum, E. Wiley, J. Silva, Andrey, M. Peterson, JJ, Sara, L. Mayhall, L. Dychus, V. Wilson, L. Todd, Alexis, R. Zaccharia, Melissa, S. Dethlefs, Kathy, Hawkins, KM Paulson, Alaina, P. Rehberger, Sara, M. Castor, A. Jensen, S. Reddy, Joe, Malia

Haley calls meeting to order at 5:30 PM

Action

Opening - Haley Maglieri

- Welcome/Announcements/Intros
- Mission/Vision
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Amend/Approve Agenda
 - Haley moves to approve April 2025 agenda
 - Justin seconds motion
 - April 2025 agenda is unanimously approved by all seven (7) Board members

Consent Agenda - Haley Maglieri

- Approve Minutes of March Board Meeting
 - Haley moves to approve March 2025 consent agenda
 - Melody seconds motion
 - March 2025 content agenda is unanimously approved by all seven (7) Board members

Open Comments - Keri Street

- Remarks will be limited to three minutes per person.
- Open comments submitted through the online form before noon on Tuesday, March 25, 2025 will be read at the meeting.
 - Three (3) open comments read/submitted

Board Succession Committee - Adam Lucero and Justin Mayhall

- Board Election Results
- Board Appointment of Open Seat
 - Joe Dawson - elected by BFA community (*seat 3, class B*)
 - Trent Ongert - appointed by the Board (*seat 4, class B*)

Board Officer Election - Adam Lucero

- Vote to select President and Treasurer for 2025/26 School Year
 - Melody nominates Haley to continue as Board President



- Vote taken - six (6) yes votes, zero (0) no votes
- Haley is unanimously voted in as Board President by all six (6) voting Board members
- Sarah nominates Justin for Board Treasurer
- Vote taken - six (6) yes votes, zero (0) no votes
- Justin is unanimously voted in as Board Treasurer by all six (6) voting Board members

Board Bolts - Haley Maglieri

- Recognize April 2025 Board Bolts
 - Madeline Jenkins (Preschool)
 - Cooper Knudsen (Kindergarten)
 - William Sarver (6th)
 - Madeline Smith (7th)
 - Landon Meister (7th)
 - Jack Besch (8th)
 - Deb Williams (Librarian)
 - Leigh Savoy (BASE+)
 - Kristin Fr (Instructional Aide)

Good News From BFA - Melody Matthews

- Mornings with Moms was well attended.
- CMAS testing is going very smoothly.
- One of our elementary teachers was nominated to apply for Colorado teacher of the year.
- 2nd grade has been having a great time with their migration and Ellis Island unit. Each student has been researching their own family ancestry along with learning about other's cultures and backgrounds.
- The 3rd and 4th grade music performances went well. Mrs. Johnson always does an amazing job.
- 7th graders are getting ready for their kickball tournament at Redstone park!
- 8th grade social studies fair was before break and the students did a very nice job on their projects.
- Boys volleyball and girls soccer have started their seasons
- 1st track meet - BFA came in 2nd place!
- Students in life skills are making great visual posters on natural habitats and ecosystems and the students will be teaching them to younger classes
- The Lego Robotics elective has been amazing! Students are learning how to write code which then controls a robot in which they then compete in mini games against other groups.
- We had over 129 students that were on honor roll or high honor roll for trimester 2.



Principal's Report - Diana Simpson

- Principal's report read and discussed

Treasurer's Report - Sarah Nisbet and Halsley Hoff

- Review March 2025 Financials. The Finance Committee has reviewed and recommends approval of the March 2025 Financials.
- Vote to Approve the March 2025 Financials
 - Sarah motions to approve March 2025 financial
 - Keri seconds motion
 - March 2025 financials are unanimously approved by all seven (7) Board members
- Review the draft of the 2024-25 Final Revised Budget
- Vote to Approve the 2025-26 Proposed Budget
 - Sarah motions to approve 2025-26 proposed budget
 - Haley seconds motion
 - 2025-26 proposed budget is unanimously approved by all seven (7) Board members
- Discuss DCM Auditing and Consulting for 2025 audit
- Vote to approve retention of auditor
 - Sarah motions to approve retention of DMC Auditing & Consulting, LLC
 - Stephen seconds motion
 - The retention of DMC Auditing & Consulting, LLC is unanimously approved by all seven (7) Board members

Spring Parent Survey Review - SAC and Melody Matthews

- Review results of Spring Parent Survey
 - SAC parent survey results presented by Karen Ramon

Grading Policy Proposed Addition - Diana Simpson

- Review and discuss proposal of addition to Grading Policy regarding eligibility requirements to participate in/walk at 8th grade graduation ceremony.
 - To be discussed and voted on during May 2025 regularly scheduled Board meeting

PTO Report - Keri Street

- Report submitted

Board Committee Reports

- CEC - Justin Mayhall
- School Accountability Committee - Melody Matthews
 - Report submitted
- STEM Committee - Stephen Bentley



Summary with Calendar

- Ben's Brigade: April 17 (last meeting of the year)
- No School: April 25
- STEAM Expo: May 2
- PTO Meeting: May 4 (last meeting of the year)
- SAC Meeting: May 6
- May Board Meeting: May 13
- Last Day of School: May 23 (half day)

Adjourn

- Haley motions to adjourn meeting
- Adam seconds motion
- April 2025 Board meeting is adjourned at 7:49 PM

All Ben Franklin Academy (BFA) Board of Directors (Board) meetings are open to the public and are conducted in compliance with Colorado Open Meeting Requirements.

The BFA Board works for the students, parents and patrons of BFA in promoting the vision and mission of the school. Community input that can help the Board meet the challenge of educating children to BFA's high standards is always welcome. Thus, the Board welcomes comments from members of the public during the public comment time set aside on the agenda on any topic. This is our opportunity to hear from students, parents and patrons for deliberation and discussion.

The Board will respond to public comments at the following meeting. The Board will only take action on items listed on the agenda. For other matters, the Board will receive comments only, and may, at its discretion, refer the matter or calendar the issue for future discussion.