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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES NOVEMBER 18, 2025

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

Join Zoom Meeting

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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: 2025-2026**

- (1) Focus on the use of emerging technologies (e.g., AI) by students and staff, including overall device usage for school-related purposes.
- (2) Provide a developmentally appropriate educational experience that supports continuous growth from Pre-K - 8th grade.
- (3) Maintain financial stability and transparency with a focus on the future.
- (4) Promote engagement through effective communication and collaboration.
- (5) Hold all stakeholders accountable to BFA's policies and procedures.

Board Attendees: H Maglieri, A Lucero, J Mayhall, M Matthews, T Ongert, J Dawson, S Bentley

In person Attendees: D Simpson, M Peterson

Zoom Attendees: Christiana, Bynum, Greg T, Halsley Hoff, KM Paulson, Hanni McNellis, Alaina, Janelle, Erin's iPhone, Lindsay, (alias) "BFA Board Permits Racism," Richard Zaccaria



**Haley calls the 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 Agenda
  - Trent seconds
  - November 18, 2025 Agenda unanimously approved by all seven (7) voting Board members

**Consent Agenda - Haley Maglieri**

- Minutes of October 21 Board meeting
- Minutes of October 27 Board meeting
  - Haley moves to approve Minutes in Consent Agenda
  - Melody seconds
  - October 21, 2025 and October 27, 2025 Minutes unanimously approved by all seven (7) voting Board members

**Open Comments - Melody Matthews**

- Remarks will be limited to three minutes per person. Those who register to provide an open comment submitted through the online form before noon on Tuesday, November 18, 2025 will be called upon during this portion of the meeting.
  - One open comment registration form received; registered speaker called upon with no response (left open for comment until 5:35 pm)
  - No additional in-person/online open comments

**Board Bolts - Haley Maglieri**

- Recognize November 2025 Board Bolts
  - Paige Elder (7<sup>th</sup> grade)

**Good News From BFA - Trent Ongert**

- Ben's Brigade service project - painted pre-school four-square boxes and hopscotch
- Pre-school parent volunteers - Megan Reed, audiologist, completed hearing screenings on all pre-schoolers; Matt Taylor, firefighter, visited all five classrooms to talk about fire safety



- Elementary students practiced performing for Veteran's Day assembly
- Second grade students visited Children's Museum
- Fourth grade students enjoyed Skate City
- Fifth grade finished CoGAT testing
- Halloween festivities across the building; middle school costume contest success with over 90 participants
- Middle school boys' basketball season underway
- Thanks to Greg Cottrell, student body president, who advocated for the safety ladder and was installed
- Teachers and staff sent out over 100 positive emails over month
- Thanks to CEC for well-planned Veteran's Day Assembly; positive feedback from veterans

#### **Treasurer's Report - Justin Mayhall and Halsley Hoff**

- Review final 2024-2025 Audit
- Review September and October Financials. The Finance Committee has reviewed and recommends approval of the September and October 2025 Financials
- Vote to Approve the September and October 2025 Financials
  - Justin moves to approve the September and October Financials
  - Joe seconds
  - September and October Financials unanimously approved by all seven (7) voting Board members
- Review 2025-2026 Revised Budget
- Review Staff bonus amounts
- Vote to approve Staff bonuses
  - Justin moves to approve Staff bonuses
  - Melody seconds
  - Staff bonuses unanimously approved by all seven (7) voting Board members

#### **Principal's Report - Diana Simpson**

- Report read and discussed
  - Highlights from AI Committee, Curriculum Committee, and Electives Committee meetings

#### **Resolutions on behalf of Ben Franklin Academy – Adam Lucero**

- Discussion re: Proposed Resolution of Extension of Charter School Terms at DCSD Board Meeting
- Discussion re: future resolutions

#### **Board Succession - Justin Mayhall and Trent Ongert**

- Introduce Board election process and timeline

#### **Committee Leadership Meeting - Trent Ongert**

- Summary of meeting involving PTO, CEC and STEM leaders



### **PTO Report - Trent Ongert**

- Written report submitted and reviewed

### **Board Committee Reports**

- CEC - Melody Matthews
- School Accountability Committee - Joe Dawson
- STEM Committee - Stephen Bentley
- Curriculum Committee - Haley Maglieri

### **Summary with Calendar**

- Thanksgiving Break: November 24 - 28
- SAC December Gathering: December 2
- CEC December Gathering: December 3
- PTO Meeting: December 8
- Finance Committee Meeting: December 11
- Ben's Brigade Meeting: December 11
- December Board Meeting: December 16
- STEM Committee Meeting: December 18

### **Adjourn**

- Haley moves to adjourn
- Adam seconds
- November 18, 2025 meeting is adjourned at 6:59 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 may 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