



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES JANUARY 20, 2026

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 (via Zoom), J Mayhall, M Matthews, T Ongert, S Bentley, J Dawson

In person Attendees: D Simpson, K Ramon, G Mosher

Zoom Attendees: Janelle Nichols, Andrey, Christiana, Bynum, Kelley Marie Paulson, Halsley Hoff, Alaina, Michael Peterson-Jung, Malia's iPhone, Erin's iPhone, Greg T, Lindsay, DW iPhone, iPhone



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
 - Agenda amended to include visit from Gordon Mosher, Executive Director of Schools - Choice Programming
 - Haley moves to approve amended Agenda
 - Stephen seconds
 - January 20, 2026 amended Agenda unanimously approved by all seven (7) voting Board members

District Visit – Gordon Mosher

- Annual introduction and DCSD updates

Consent Agenda – Haley Maglieri

- Minutes of December 16, 2025 Board meeting
 - Haley moves to approve Minutes
 - Trent seconds
 - December 16, 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, January 20, 2025 will be called upon during this portion of the meeting.
 - No open comments registration forms received; no additional in-person/online open comments

Board Bolts – Haley Maglieri

- Recognize January 2026 Board Bolts (nominees mentioned)
 - Flettcher Paulson (4th)
 - Sophie Fernando (5th)
 - Lily Mayhall (8th)
 - Kyle Nolting (Staff)

Good News From BFA – Trent Ongert

- Preschool registration opened Jan 7th and currently all 5 classrooms full



- Grades 4 – 8 spelling bee Jan 29th
- MS girls basketball season underway, first games this week
- MS assembly 23rd with performance by Biff Gore for MLK Day
- iReady mid-year performance data displayed students' strong growth
- BFA officially John Irwin School of Excellence, 5th year in row
- BFA ranked a top middle school in Highlands Ranch
- Thanks to PTO, BFA celebrated Ben's birthday with stickers and soda bar for teachers

Treasurer's Report – Justin Mayhall and Halsley Hoff

- Review December financials. The Finance Committee has reviewed and recommends approval of the December Financials.
- Vote to approve the December 2025 Financials
 - Justin moves to approve December Financials
 - Melody seconds
 - December Financials unanimously approved by all seven (7) voting Board members.

SAC Fall Survey Presentation – Joe Dawson and SAC

- SAC Chair Karen Ramon presented survey results
- Survey results discussion

Principal's Report – Diana Simpson

- Report read and discussed

Policy Review – Haley Maglieri

- Review Dress Code Policy related to sweaters and sweatshirts on Formal Uniform Day
- Discussion and vote tabled until May Board meeting

Board Succession – Justin Mayhall and Trent Ongert

- Elections update

PTO Report – Trent Ongert

- Written report submitted and reviewed

Board Committee Reports

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

Summary with Calendar

- Ben's Brigade Meeting: January 22
- BOD Nominations Begin: February 3



- CEC Meeting: February 4
- Parent/Teacher Conferences: February 10 and 12
- Finance Committee: February 11
- February BOD Meeting: February 17
- PTO Meeting: February 18

Adjourn

- Haley moves to adjourn
- Justin seconds
- January 20, 2026 Board meeting is adjourned at 7:33 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