



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 17, 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, J Mayhall (via Zoom), M Matthews, T Ongert, S Bentley (via Zoom)

In person Attendees: D Simpson, R Zaccaria, R Calahan

Zoom Attendees: Avery Dethlefs, Logan Paul, Sandy Hayes, Debra Wylie, Vanessa W, Leigh Savoy, Christiana, Erin's iPhone, Bynum, Lisa S, Alaina, Andreyka, KM Paulson, Malia's iPhone, Lindsay, Alyssa Gale Freund, Christi Jenkins, Vince Molieri, Abby Jensen, Greg Todd, David W, Christie McMahon, Erin Wiley, Janelle Nichols, Shannon Reddy, Jacqui Condon



Haley calls the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Action

Opening – Haley Maglieri

- Welcome/Announcements/Intros
- Mission/Vision
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Amend/Approve Agenda
 - Haley moves to approve amended Agenda
 - Adam seconds
 - February 17, 2026 amended Agenda unanimously approved by all six (6) present voting Board members

Consent Agenda – Haley Maglieri

- Minutes of January 20, 2026 Board Meeting
 - Haley moves to approve Consent Agenda
 - Trent seconds
 - Consent Agenda unanimously approved by all six (6) present 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, February 17, 2026 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 February 2026 Board Bolts (nominees mentioned)
 - Ben Sparks (6th)
 - Quinn Ackerman (7th)

Good News From BFA – Diana Simpson, Richard Zaccaria, and Trent Ongert

- Kindergarten celebrated fairy tales with Queen and King Ball
- Valentines Day parties successful
- 8th grade field trip to Finance Park



- MS students getting ready for Dodgeball for Dollars
- Parent-Teacher conferences well attended

Treasurer's Report – Justin Mayhall and Halsley Hoff

- Review January financials. The Finance Committee has reviewed and recommends approval of the January Financials.
- Vote to approve the January 2026 Financials
 - Justin moves to approve January Financials
 - Haley seconds
 - January Financials unanimously approved by all six (6) present voting Board members.

Delayed Start Friday Discussion - Board and Principal Simpson

- Review Stakeholder survey results
- Discussion

Principal's Report – Diana Simpson

- Report read and discussed

Student Council Proposal for Dance Dress Code – Avery Dethlefs and Logan Paul

- Discuss proposal for dance dress code change

Policy Review – Haley Maglieri and Diana Simpson

- Review requirements of CRS 22-30.5-116 and policy language
 - Discuss bullying procedure
- Vote on Bullying Policy
 - Vote tabled until March 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

- PTO Meeting: February 18
- Ben's Brigade Meeting: February 19
- STEM Committee Meeting: February 26



- Board Nominations End: March 2
- SAC Meeting: March 3
- CEC Meeting: March 4
- PTO Meeting: March 11
- Finance Committee Meeting: March 12
- Spring Break: March 16-20
- March Board Meeting: March 24

Adjourn

- Haley moves to adjourn
- Melody seconds
- February 17, 2026 Board meeting is adjourned at 7:47 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