

Thursday, February 13, 2025

School Board Meeting Minutes

MEETING PLACE: 321 E. Third St., Bethlehem, PA 18015 @ 6:00 pm

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85322448578?pwd=MWFVZnBvQUhZa0FBbnJ0QSs3SUdlZz09>

The President called the meeting to order. At 6:02pm

I. Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence

II. Board Member Roll Call

Mario Acerra, President

Paul Braden, VP

John Filipos, Treasurer

Tim Laubach

Karen Mustonen

Sergio Rivas

Cora Savage

Chuck Schubert

Margaret Smith

Jasmine Woodson

Administration:

Dr. Christina Lincoln, CEO

Jennifer Levernier, Principal

Cheryl Schurz, Director of Finance & Board Secretary

III. Executive Session:

Motion: The Board of Directors moves to go into Executive Session at 6:04 pm for Personnel, Legal, and Property discussion.

MM:Filipos

SM:Rivas

Motion Carried:Yes-8,No-0,Abstention-0

IV. Open Session:

The Board of Directors returns to Open Session at 6:13 pm.

Opening Remarks:

Mr. Acerra, Board President

President Acerra thanked Ms. Savage for her time in serving on the Resource Development Committee and thanked Ms. Savage for stepping into Mrs. Wagner's position.

V. CEO Report

Dr. Christina Lincoln, CEO

Dr. Lincoln discussed the enrollment report. Currently 539 students are enrolled and the 2024-2025 budget is 540 students. Audition numbers as of 2./14/25 total 187 auditions. An additional audition date has been set for May 7th. We are behind last year's numbers but continue to make progress with Open Houses.

The Administration is working on an RFP for Transportation for students in Lehigh and Bucks Counties

(outside of our transporting districts).

VI. Public Comments: *(limited to 3 minutes per individual)* None

VII. Acceptance of Consent Agenda Items:

Acceptance of December 12, 2024 Minutes

Principal Reports

Operations Report

Motion: The Board of Directors approves the Consent Agenda.

MM:Schubert

SM:Mustonen

Motion Carried:Yes-8,No-0,Abstention-0

VIII. Resignation of Cora Savage from the Board of Directors.

Acceptance of resignation of Cora Savage.

Motion: Based upon the recommendation of the CEO, the Board of Directors accepts the resignation of Cora Savage from the Board of Directors, effective immediately.

MM:Smith

SM:Filipos

Motion Carried:Yes-8,No-0,Abstention-0

IX. Personnel Report

Approval of February 2025 Personnel Report

Motion: Based upon the recommendation of the CEO, the Board of Directors approves the February 2025 Personnel Report.

MM:Smith

SM:Mustonen

Motion Carried:Yes-8,No-0,Abstention-0

X. Foundation Report

Foundation Report by Margaret Smith

The Foundation Board is planning to raise \$ to pay off the mortgage so as to free up \$ for the school to increase teachers' salaries.

The Foundation Board is considering hiring a Development Director bringing in value donors.

Gala plans are progressing.

XI. Committee Reports

Finance Committee report by John Filipos

Acceptance of January 2025 Financial Reports

Motion: Based upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Board of Directors accepts the January 2025 Financial Reports.

MM:Committee

Motion Carried:Yes-8,No-0,Abstention-0

An RFP for audit services has been issued. Quotes are due back April 10, 2025.

