

### **Board Members Present**

Henry A. Lambert, Chair  
Mark David  
Diana Lee  
Anthony Betaudier  
Feona Chance-Huezo  
Natalia Sealey

### **Others Present**

Joanne Hunt  
Ariel Arnold  
Anna Toma  
Angel Perez

Topic: BCS Board of Trustees Meeting  
Time: April 22, 2025 6:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)  
Place: 545 Willoughby Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11206, Room 322

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m.

**Board Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes from the April 22, 2025 meeting was made by Feona and seconded by Diana. All voting members were in favor (6) with (0) opposed.

### **Renewal Updates:**

- The NYCDOE authorizers met with the school board and delivered the renewal recommendations which will not be made public until the NYSED Board of Regents May 2025 meeting. There were renewal conditions that will be disclosed upon the public announcement of the school's recommendation.

**Board Questions/Comments:** None

### **Academic Updates**

- **NYS Testing Dates**
  - NYS ELA Test: Grade 3 (Paper-Based Test): 4/30 - 5/1
  - NYS ELA Test: Grades 4 & 5 (Computer-Based Test): 5/7 – 5/8
  - NYS Math Test: Grade 3 (Paper-Based Test): 5/7 – 5/8
  - NYS Math Test: Grades 4 & 5 (Computer-Based Test): 5/14 – 5/15/2025
  - NYS Science Test: Grade 5 (Computer-Based Test): 5/20
  - While conducting test prep with the current 5<sup>th</sup> grade, we noticed a deficiency in with some of their 3<sup>rd</sup> grade science knowledge more specifically with reading graphs, charts, data tables pertaining to this content. Ms. Hunt will begin to pull groups upon our return from spring break to assist with bridging this gap.

### **2025 Summer Boost Application/Program**

- BCS was awarded \$121,440 (funding for 1/3 of our student population: 65 students)
- BCS hopes/plans to operate in its current location (545 Willoughby Avenue)

**Board Questions/Comments:** None

## Organizational Updates

- Organizational Updates:
  - Attendance Improvement Plan Updates
    - 2025: % of students with 90% attendance through 3/31/25: 71% (140/197)
    - 2024: % of students with 90% attendance through 3/31/25: 60% (117/194)

**Board Questions/Comments:** A question was asked regarding the dip in attendance for the month of March 2025. Joanne answered that a trend that tends to occur in March is that attendance dips because it is the month with the most instructional days (20) because there are limited days off. Students only had 3/17/25 off as there are no holidays in March so we tend to have more absences in this month.

## Enrollment January 2024 Update

- Grade K: 37 (2 sections) 36
- Grade 1: 40 (2 sections) 40
- Grade 2: 32 (2 sections) 33
- Grade 3: 27 (1 section) 27
- Grade 4: 27 (1 section) 28
- Grade 5: 34 (2 sections) 40
  - **Total Students: 197 (197)**
  - **Current New Admits: 75 (74)**
    - One new admit in April 2025
  - **Total New Admits:** August 2024: 59, September 2024: 65, October: 73, November: 74, December: 75, January: 0, February: 1, March: 1, April: 0
  - **Temporary Housing Update:** 38 students (19% of our student population)
  - **Summit Afterschool Program**
    - 96 students registered (83-84 average daily attendance)

## Recruitment- Mr. Angel

- Results from the April 3, 2025 lottery. 59 Kindergarten accepted at this time (49 kindergarteners accepted in 2024-25).
- Deadline for the first round of paperwork is Friday, April 25, 2025. BCS is holding a housewarming new parent party on Wednesday, April 24, 2025 to assist with registration paperwork.
- 108 total applications for 2025-26 school year (89 total applications received in 2024-25)
  - BCS has placed the applications from grades 1-5 on waiting lists as we work on the number of students returning for the 2025-26 school year to determine available seats in each grade.

**Board Questions/Comments: None**

## Financial Report: March 2025

Through March 2025, the school has recognized \$3,245,530 in per pupil revenues. We are projecting to recognize \$4,285,488.20 in per pupil revenue by year end. We have incurred

\$3,031,633.02 in expenses through March 2025. We should be expecting the 6<sup>th</sup> per pupil payment by early next week. Through March we currently have a surplus of \$516,246 and a loss of \$29,569. This is due to a loss on investments of \$38,000 due to the fluctuating market. By year end we are projecting a potential surplus of \$24,621 depending on enrollment and end-of-year expenses. As mentioned last month this number will fluctuate as the months' progress. As of today, we currently have a total of \$1,363,645.67 in our cash and investment accounts.

BCS 990 2024 Tax Return was reviewed and discussed.

An Audit summary is being prepared for the board to review. The summary will include any material weaknesses that have been found from each year the school has been in existence. Ms. Ariel will have this document prepared and distributed to board members by June 1<sup>st</sup> for board review.

**Board Questions/Comments:**

- BCS 990: Why were the revenues less and the expenses more? Ariel responded that we ended the year with more expenses than revenues. We initially expected to receive per pupil income for 201 General Ed students, 10.818 students in the 20-60% category, 16.948 students in the >60% category. Which would have yielded \$4,121,581 in per pupil income at year end. However we ended the year with 196.224 students in the General Ed category which earned us \$3,598,748.16; 7.898 students in the 20-60% category which earned us \$83,099.22; and 20.434 students in the >60% category which earned us \$389,247.27 in income. This is a difference of \$50,486.35 of income. We also had more end of year expenses than initially expected.
- BCS 990: What is the restriction on the endowment? We will look into this and report out on what we find at the May 21, 2025 board meeting.
- BCS 990: Why was the interest so low in 2023-24- Henry answered that the investment accounts are operating more conservatively than aggressively which is currently working in our favor based on how the markets are currently.
- BCS 990: Tony asked if we should more aggressive. Henry answered that due to the volatility and uncertainty of the market right now, we should remain more conservative but he will reach out to our Chase representative for direction.

**Personnel Updates:** None

**Board Comments/Concerns:** None

**Other School Business:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**Date & Location of next meeting:** May 21, 2025 at 545 Willoughby Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11206.

**Adjournment: Adjournment.** The meeting was officially adjourned at 6:45 p.m. with a motion from Diana, seconded by Feona. All voting members were in favor (6) with (0) opposed.