

**Board Members Present**

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

**Others Present**

Joanne Hunt  
Ariel Arnold  
Anna Toma  
Nora Balla

Topic: BCS Board of Trustees Meeting  
Time: August 26, 2025 6:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)  
Place: Brooklyn Charter School

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

**Board Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes from the July 23, 2025 meeting was made by Diana and seconded by Mark. All voting members were in favor (5) with (0) opposed.

**Academic Updates**

2024-25 NYS Test Score Report: BCS made substantial growth on the NYS ELA, Math and Science Exams. BCS also outperformed its District (14), NYC and NYS ELA and Math exams. Comparative data for the NYS Science exam is not available at this time.

**2024-25 NYS ELA Scores**

Grade	Level 1		Level 2		Level 3		Level 4		Proficient (3 & 4)		Total Assessed
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
3 (1)	0	0	6	24%	15	60%	4	16%	19	76%	25/26
4 (1)	2	7%	7	27%	12	46%	5	19%	17	65%	26/27
5 (3)	2	6%	5	16%	13	42%	11	35%	24	77%	31/34
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4.3%</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>22.3%</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>49.3%</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>23.6%</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>72.9%</b>	<b>82</b>

In ELA, 72.9% of students in grades 3-5 scored at a Level 3 or 4 demonstrating proficiency in ELA. BCS also significantly reduced the number of students who scored at a Level 1 (Not proficient).

**2024-25 NYS Math Scores**

Grade	Level 1		Level 2		Level 3		Level 4		Proficient (3 & 4)		Total Assessed
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	

3 (0)	0	0%	3	12%	15	57%	5	19%	20	76%	26/26
4 (1)	2	7%	13	50%	11	42%	0	0%	11	42%	26/27
5 (9)	2	8%	5	21%	12	50%	5	21%	17	70%	24/33
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>27.6%</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>49.6%</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>62.6%</b>	<b>76</b>

In Math, 62.6% of students in grades 3-5 scored at a Level 3 or 4 demonstrating proficiency in Math. BCS also significantly reduced the number of students who scored at a Level 1 (Not proficient) in math from the previous school year.

### 2024-25 NYS Science Scores

Grade	Level 1		Level 2		Level 3		Level 4		Proficient (3 & 4)		Total Assessed
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#
5 (9)	0	0	6	25%	17	71%	1	4%	18	<b>75%</b>	24/33

In Science, 75% of students in grades 3-5 scored at a Level 3 or 4 demonstrating proficiency in Science.

### BCS Year by year Comparison (ELA 2021-2025)

Grade	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
3	35%	48%	24%	76%
4	22%	32%	49%	65%
5	18%	36%	49%	77%
<b>Total</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>38.6%</b>	<b>40.6 (41%)</b>	<b>72.6 (73%)</b>

In ELA, BCS made significant growth **(+32 points)** from the previous school as 72.6% of students in grades 3-5 scored at a Level 3 or 4 up from 40.6% in 2024-25.

### BCS Year by year Comparison (Math 2021-2025)

Grade	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
3	28%	61%	47%	76%
4	29%	52%	51%	42%
5	3%	52%	50%	79%
<b>Total</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>49.3 (49%)</b>	<b>65.6 (66%)</b>

In Math, BCS also made growth **(+16 points)** from the previous school as 65.6% of students in grades 3-5 scored at a Level 3 or 4 up from 49.3% in 2024-25.

### BCS Year by year Comparison (Science 2023-2025)

Grade	2023-24	2024-25
5	19%	75%

In Science, BCS made significant growth **(+56 points)** from the previous school as 75% of students in grades 3-5 scored at a Level 3 or 4 up from 19% in 2023-24.

**Board Questions/Comments:** The BCS School Board was very pleased to hear about the growth and success of the school's NYS Test scores in ELA, Math and Science. A question was asked, "How did we do it?" BCS attests the growth this year to the targeted small groups in ELA and Math to address the specific areas in which students needed support. BCS met students where they were and grew them.

### Curriculum Updates

#### Illustrative Math updates:

- Ms. Balla gave another overview of the Illustrative Math Curriculum and why the school selected to utilize this math curriculum in lieu of Eureka Squared.
- Ms. Balla explained to the board that this curriculum teaches math through problem-solving tasks or activities. The teacher acts as a facilitator, allowing students to do the heavy lifting in learning mathematics. The activities are designed to give teachers opportunities to see what students already know, what they can notice and figure out before having concepts and procedures explained to them. We are not changing what we teach; we are changing how we teach to reflect the research done on how children learn math.

#### 2025 Summer Boost Program Updates

- All final reports have been submitted. Once the reports have been reviewed and approved, BCS will receive the final Summer Boost Program payment of \$36,432 which is the remaining 30% of the grant award of \$121,440.

**Board Questions/Comments:** None

### Organizational Updates

#### 2025-26 Recruitment Update

June 2025 Enrollment Update: BCS intends to have 2 sections per grade in Kindergarten-3<sup>rd</sup> grade based on current enrollment numbers. There will be one section in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

- Grade K: 42 (2 sections)
- Grade 1: 36 (2 sections)
- Grade 2: 38 (2 sections)
- Grade 3: 31 (1 section)
- Grade 4: 27 (1 section)
- Grade 5: 26 (2 sections)
  - **Total Students: 200**

**Board Questions/Comments:** None

## **Financial Report: August 2025**

As of August 26<sup>th</sup>, we currently have \$2,475,336 in our cash and investment accounts. We received our second per pupil funding for in the amount of \$789,959 this is based on a projection of 212 GENED FTE and 27 SPED FTE in the >60% category. We have been allocated \$118,081 in Title funding for the FY26 school year. The per-pupil rate has increased by \$859 this year giving us \$19,903 per student as the SPED rates remain the same. In the upcoming weeks we will be submitting the FS-10F's for FY25 Title's to receive the final balances for a total of \$46,205. We are also expecting the final Summer Boost grant payment by the end of September in the amount of \$36,432. In regards to budgeting we are in the process of finalizing a draft budget to review in the September board meeting. We will incur some large expenses in the next few weeks. Some of those include professional development for the new math curriculum, laptops for new staff, and student laptops due to all testing grades needing to take the state exams on computers this year and being in compliance. The FY25 audit officially begins September 8<sup>th</sup> and we are currently in the process of submitting the requested documents.

**Board Questions/Comments:** The only question asked by Henry was, "Will there be a surplus this year?" Ms. Ariel responded, "Yes, we will have a surplus this year."

### **Personnel Updates:**

BCS has the following vacancies:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade GENED

**Board Comments/Concerns:** None

**Other School Business:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**Date & Location of next meeting:** September 22, 2025 at 545 Willoughby Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11206.

**Adjournment: Adjournment.** The meeting was officially adjourned at 6:30 p.m. with a motion from Feona, seconded by Mark. All voting members were in favor (5) with (0) opposed.