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Birmingham Community Charter High School  
Regular Board Meeting  
Date: 1/28/2023

**I. Call to Order**

M. Bennett called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

**II. Roll Call**

**Members Present**

Benjamin, Marla  
Bennett, Michael  
Komen, Denis  
Lasiter, Doris  
Marks, Robert  
Pizano, Antonio  
Rybin, Marsha  
White, John  
Witherow, Virginia  
Reyes, Jose

**CEO/Principal**

Bennett, Ari

**CBO**

Torres, Kristine

**Members Absent**

Alexander, Robert  
Vazquez, Jessica  
Rivera, Annali  
Mowry, Matt  
Wettels, Karin  
Wratten, Jonathon

**III. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by R. Marks.

M. Bennett made the following request: All employees on the Board must recuse themselves from close session items 1, 2, and 3.

**IV. Student Report**

None.

**V. Open Communications**

None.

**VI. UTLA Report**

The following UTLA updates were provided:

- Bargaining has begun
- Open articles are compensation and issues with Academy.
- Discussions on how Academy should function.
- Discussions on having a permanent substitute
- Currently have thirteen double auxiliaries and one triple aux.
- All complaints and grievances to be handled promptly.

**VII. CEU Report**

None.

**VIII. Informational Item**

1. Chromebook Purchase for Class of 2027

The following update were provided: V. Chalabian

- Chromebook purchase for the incoming 9<sup>th</sup> grade
- Shopping around for the best product and deals
- Quote to be presented to the Board in the next board meeting

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2. EDR Cyber Security Solution
  - An additional layer of artificial intelligence in conjunction with firewalls
  - Detects anomalies and reacts to attacks
3. Share Information about recently held Parent Symposium
  - T. Climaco presented the following report:
    - School & Family Partnership Symposium
      - Our mission, Our Why
      - Workshops
      - Beyond the Symposium
4. Overnight Field Trip: Baseball Tournament:
  - A. Bennett informed the Board of the following field trip:
    - Las Vegas, NV (April 2-5, 2023)

### I. Committee Reports

1. Curriculum and Instruction-I. Alatorre
  - The following updates were provided:
    - The committee is looking into: Ethic Studies Course: Education Code Section 51225.3a
2. Human Resources
  - No report.
3. Facilities and Operations- R. Defronzo
  - The following updates were provided:
    - No quorum
    - The faucet in the G building needs to be fixed.
    - To have the cafeteria committee discuss any upgrades.
    - Discussion on emergency food supply
    - IT: New chromebooks have arrived
      - The classroom will get new phones.
      - Adding additional cyber security
    - Security: New campus cameras
      - Having security at the entrances of student restrooms
    - Capital Projects: To create a spreadsheet on all upcoming capital projects for the Board to see
      - Stadium bleachers are to be done in February.
      - Bungalow project to finalize in May.
      - The lighting project is on hold.
      - The roof project to begin in September.
    - Maintenance: Emergency patching on the roof for the gym and PA
4. Finance/ Advisory Committee-R. Aguirre.
  - The following updates were provided:
    - Experts believe we will be entering a mild recession
    - 85% free and reduced lunch for students
    - 93.7% students in attendance
    - The Board must approve expenditures over \$50k.
    - The school still has open grants.
5. Student Services
  - No report.

### II. CEO/Principal Update

1. Review the pathways and procedures for staff members to file a complaint.

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A. Bennett presented the following forms:

- 2022-2023 Uniform Complaint Policy & Procedures
- Complaint Pathways

### **Board Discussions:**

M. Rybin provided the following feedback: For the information, be presented to all staff members.

D. Lasiter provided the following feedback: To rewrite section four or eliminate it completely.

D. Komen provided the following feedback: To have an individual with no conflict of interest be in charge of any investigation.

A. Pizano provided the following feedback: To have council review the policy.

2. Share/Receive feedback regarding updated application for walk on coaches.

A. Bennett presented the following form:

- Application for Coach or Volunteer

### **Board Discussion:**

D. Lasiter provided the following feedback: For any individual to list any private business or self-employed experience.

3. Share suspension and expulsion data.

- 2021-2022: Year 1 of Covid Return to Campus Data
- 2022 -2023: Year 2 of Covid Return to Campus Data

4. Provide update on Portable Building Project (Lionel Villareal).

- Aerial footage was provided to the Board on the project's progress.
- Changes to the original plans of the 400's bungalows due to the water valves
- Slight delay on the completion of the project due to the weather.

5. Share Slide Show from NY Trip (Jeff Wienckowski/Cindy Walker).

- The following students shared their experience of the New York trip:  
Jordan Handy, Tomas Gutierrez, Jarumy Higuera, Bridget Macias, Blanca Marroquin, and Martin Sandoval
- J. Wienckowski thanked the Board for their support.

## III. **CBO Information Update-K. Torres**

1. Governor's Budget Workshop Highlights

The following information was provided:

- Governor's Budget Proposal
  - State of the Economy
  - Governor's 2023-24 Budget Proposal
  - What's NOT Included in the Proposal
  - Timeline

2. Fiscal Policies Update

The following report was presented:

- Fiscal Policies and Procedures Handbook

## IV. **Consent Agenda**

1. Approval of Credit Card (December) & Check Register (December)  
Approved by consensus.

2. Approval of December 13, 2022, Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
Approved by consensus.

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**V. Action Items**

1. Initial (Sunshine) BCCHS proposal for CEU reopener negotiations for 2023-2026  
Motioned by R. Marks.  
Seconded by M. Rybin.  
Votes taken: All Ayes. Approved.
2. Initial (Sunshine) CEU proposal for reopener negotiations for 2023-2026  
Motioned by D. Lasiter.  
Seconded by J. White.  
Votes taken: All Ayes. Approved.
3. Approval of Safe School Plan SY 2022-23  
Motioned by M. Rybin.  
Seconded by M. Benjamin.  
Votes taken: All Ayes. Approved.
4. Approval of 2021-22 School Accountability Report Card (SARC)  
Motioned by M. Rybin.  
Seconded by D. Komen.  
Votes taken: All Ayes. Approved.
5. Approval of 2022-23 Local Assignment Option/One Period Coach Authorization  
(For Athletic PE Coaches)  
Motioned by D. Lasiter.  
Seconded by M. Rybin.  
Votes taken: All Ayes. Approved.

**VI. Closed Session**

(Recusal of Self-Interested Board Members: Public Employment & Conference with Labor Negotiators on Items: 1, 2, and 3)

Komen, Denis, Jose Reyes

1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE: DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE

2. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Agency designated representatives: Ari Bennett, Kristine Torres, James Young

Association: UTLA

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Associations: CEU

**VII. Return to Open Session**

M. Bennett: No actions taken during close session.

**VIII. Adjournment**

M. Bennett adjourn the meeting at 12:40 p.m. votes taken: All ayes.

The next regular board meeting will be on Tuesday, February 28, 2023.
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