

**Bettis Preparatory Leadership Academy
Minutes from Special Called Board Meeting
August 5, 2026; Posted start time 6:00 pm**

Call to order at 6:20 pm by Dr. Myrtis Walker.

Attendance Check

Myrtis Walker, Tiiu Goode(virtually), Patricia Knight, Cherya Clark, Thomas McCain

Vision and Mission Statement by all present.

Pledge- all present

Board Special Election (Action item)

Currently, there are 7 board members and we must have 9 board members. We need to elect 2 board members to complete the one year remaining of the two year terms of 2 elected board members who resigned. We will work to solicit parents to run for election. Discussion concerning getting the information out to parents once the school year has started. Dr. Walker noted that PowerSchool must have accurate email addresses to ensure all parents can vote. Parents get one vote per child. If there's two parents, they only get one vote per child, not double the votes. The candidate with the highest votes will become board members.

Discussed and finalized the board special election process, timeline, and choice between the Public Charter School Alliance of South Carolina (PCSASC) and Ida Weston to administer the school board election. Ida Weston was not able to provide a quote at this time. Reviewed the sample of dates provided by PCSASC and looked at the school calendar to decide on dates for the special election process. The following dates were determined during the discussion:

August 14, 2026: Notice of Board Election on school website

August 24, 2026: The school will distribute a call for Board Candidates to the public.

September 8, 2026: The filing period ends. Acceptance of candidate filings will close at 12:00 pm (Noon).

September 9, 2026: Candidate profiles will be posted online.

September 14 - 15, 2026: Voting opens with e-ballot links emailed to each BPLA parent and/or guardian and employee. Voting will open at **8:00 am on September 14th** and close at **4:00 pm on September 15th**.

September 18, 2026: Election results will be certified and shared publicly by the school.

Next Scheduled Board Meeting: Newly elected board members will take office and be formally sworn in according to the bylaws.

Dr. Clark motioned to approve the election process dates as outlined and second by Mrs. Knight. All board members voted yes with no opposition or abstention. Motion passed.

Building Project (Action Item)

The building committee has met with the architect but not with construction. Discussed the cost, funding for the building project, and ensuring the money is there. At this point, there will be no more additions. Additional funds that were thought to be coming are no longer available. Dr. Smith (principal) spoke with the county and the funds are there and easy to get. Invoices will need to be sent to the county and he will get the invoices paid. The money held by the county needs to be spent first because it has been there for a while. Dr. Walker expressed the need to meet with construction and to find out if we will receive interest on the funds that have been there for a while.

Dr. McCain motioned that the board continue with the project based on funds we currently have and the motion was second by Ms. Goode. All board members voted yes with no opposition or abstention. Motion passed.

Dr. McCain motioned to move into executive session to discuss the building project and the motion was second by Mrs. Knight. All board members voted yes with no opposition or abstention. Motion passed.

Execution Session

Contractual matter

Ms. Goode motioned to come out of executive session at 7:37 and it was second by Dr. Walker. All board members voted yes with no opposition or abstention. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn by Ms. Goode and second by Mrs. Knight.
Meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm.