



# Burns Sci-Tech Charter School

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

February 27, 2024 - 6:00 pm

Cafeteria

1. Call meeting to order: 6:03
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call: Albert Amalfitano, Jonathon Glugover, Dr. Rodger Thayer, Damian Hall, Richard Paczkowski, Suzanne Jarell, Adam Owens. Admin: Daniel Hargrave, Alexis Galerno, Brent Appy, Tim Carignan.
4. Approval of Minutes from January 30<sup>th</sup> Workshop and Regular Meeting: Motion to approve by Mr. Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dr. Thayer. Motion passed.
5. Public Participation on Discussion Items.
  - a) Mrs. Galerno shared a timeline for the student who passed with a reminder that not all information can be shared. Late Thursday (Feb 22, 2024) morning admin learned (from a family member call) that a student had passed. Admin followed the protocol in our Safety and Surety Binder and brought in the security team. Thursday evening, we found out there may be possible exposure to some staff and students. The Health Dept and 4<sup>th</sup> grade parents were notified. There was another call Friday at 11:00am and a message was sent to all on the Remind app at 11:58am. There was another call on Sunday and another message was sent on the Remind app. On Monday at 1:00pm admin received a Health Department update that there were no other cases thus far.
  - b) A Meal Train was started along with the collecting of monetary donations to help the family. If there are further questions, please direct them Mrs. Davitt, our school counselor. We continued to speak with the Health Department; cleaned all surfaces with microband as directed; and will have someone to come to the school to help educate our students on ways to be hygienic.
  - c) No public participation.
6. Reports and Discussion/Actions:
  - a) Welcome new board members: Mr. Richard Paczkowski, Mr. Adam Owens, and Mrs. Suzanne Jarrell.
    - During the workshop member roles and officers were discussed.
    - At the next workshop members will discuss roles and responsibilities.
  - b) Meeting dates for the 2024-2025 - Action
    - Dr. Thayer said the model for a workshop before the regular meeting worked well this year. Mr. Hall agreed this was a good process.
    - Mr. Glugover said he liked meetings every month so that board members are on campus to see the school and events at the school.
    - Mr. Paczkowski said he would like to meet every month.
    - Members then discussed meeting 9 months (all but August, December, May)
    - Mr. Glugover motioned to approve 9-month regular meetings with workshops before the regular meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dr. Thayer. Motion passed.
  - c) Articulation agreement with Volusia charter schools: Ivy Hawn, Samsula, and Reading Edge - Action
    - Members discussed they would like to see an articulation program between the charter schools.
    - Mr. Hall motioned to have the administration work on an articulation agreement with the other charter schools. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Owens. Motion passed.

7. Principal's Report

International Night: Great night for families and the ENO fundraiser. Cafeteria crew cooked and cleaned!  
Science Fair: BST students won several awards and Mr. Hargrave would like BST get back to our science roots and be more science focused. He mentioned several students whose projects made it to the state science fair and 3 students made it to state.  
Envirothon: We placed in 2<sup>nd</sup> place.  
Science Olympiad: Students participated against the other schools in this competition.  
Our student got into Amy King UF this week.  
AP capstone: A program to help students get into universities. Mr. McDonald is running the program at BST.  
NYC trip: Week of March 4<sup>th</sup>.  
Universal: Field trip this past week for high school.  
EPIC flight will have students attend a field trip to their facilities.  
Mr. Hargrave is a SEV Chamber Board Member, and they are setting up internships with local businesses to help students who are not going the college route. Thank you Mr. Hargrave – this is great news for BST.  
Bus driver appreciation day is coming up with something being planned.  
We will have 1100 students next year and we are adding to the middle school to manage grade size better.  
Ongoing observations for staff and planning for next year is underway.  
Elementary Pep rally: positive culture, learned chant, and hand symbols.  
Communication: **Reminder is the BST Information app and is where all are directed to get accurate information.** Make sure you are on the school Remind app and not just the grade level app. Also, the school website and the official Burns Facebook Page will have correct information.

8. Treasurer Report.: Mr. Appy reported that we are in the black with a balance total of \$3,208,368.

9. Agenda items to consider for the next meeting.

- a) Clarification of officers and roles.
- b) Grievance policy – parent/student.
- c) Articulation Agreement between Volusia charter schools.

10. Board Member issues concerns/comments.

- a) Dr. Thayer said he is proud of our students who worked with Mrs. Hawes on the Envirothon competition of medical, robotics, and other topics. They competed against larger schools and did very well.
- b) Mr. Paczkowski said he is glad to be part of the board and he's looking forward to working with the other board members, admin, and the school.

11. Public Announcements - Next Regular Board Meeting April 30<sup>th</sup> , 2024.

12. Adjournment. 6:45