



BCEA Board Meeting @WJSE 4.24.25

Thu Apr 24, 2025 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM EDT

1. Call to Order

6:35 call to order

1.1. Roll Call

Cheryl Hollis
Stewart Weinberg
Brandi VanGorder
Brian Williams
Simplicia Smith
Wayne Murphy
Alicia Patton

1.2. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Executive Session

2.1. Matters related to contractual negotiations for personnel.

3. Approval of Agenda

April 24, 2025

Brian to motion
Wayne to approve
Motion passed

Amendment to agenda:

Appointment of Principal Berkeley Prep for 25-26 school year
Recommendation from WJSE Principal regarding a student recommended for expulsion
Brian to motion
Tammy to second
Motion passed

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes

4.1. March 27, 2025

Brian to motion
Tammy to second
Motion approved

4.2. March 29, 2025

4.3. April 3, 2025

5. School Presentation

WJSE

Ms. Brown to present Vision boards of her students from her Finance Class.

In her class students learn different finance aspects. They go through budgets, how to read a paystub, practice real life experiences and how they can prepare for that.

6. Building Reports

6.1. Willie Jeffries School of Excellence (WJSE)

Proud of how far they have come this year. Still getting the word out about the school.

Focusing on the PBIS systems we have in place.

3rd thru 6th grade has started iReady testing

Will be preparing to the SCReady test

New Hires:

Keith Ryes - Elementary

Maria Cristina - Middle School Science

Dawn Season - Spec Ed

Khristian Sparkle - Music program

Jean Reed - Theater

Tracey Brown - Middle school Math

Brian to motion to approve these new hires for the 25-26 school year

Wayne to second

Motion passed.

Two new transportation hubs for 25-26 school year

Cheryl to motion

Tammy to Second

Motion passed

Brian to motion to amend the budget for WJSE summer school program and the teacher pay for summer program

Tammy to second

Motion passed.

6.2. Berkeley Preparatory Academy (BPA)

Susan Gibson to present

8th grade students

are on class trip to Washing D.C.

Preliminary testing is showing growth across all grade levels.

6.2.1. CSUSA

Susan Gibson to present

6.3. Mevers School of Excellence (MSE)

8th Year Celebration for Sonny Mevers Day

April 9th - We hosted the Willie Spears Experience for our teacher PD

6.3.1. CSUSA

Susan Gibson to present

7. Financial Reports

7.1. Willie Jeffries School of Excellence

Brian to motion to approve finances for period ending March 31st.

Cheryl to second

Motion passed

Brian to motion to approve the preliminary budgets for the 25-26 school year

Wayne to second

Motion passed

7.2. Berkeley Preparatory Academy, March 31, 2025

Brian to motion to approve finances for period ending March 31st.

Wayne to second

Motion passed

7.2.1. Grants

7.3. Mevers School of Excellence, March 31, 2025

Brian to motion to approve finances for period ending March 31st

Tammy to second

Motion passed

7.3.1. Grants

8. Board Information and Announcements

Alexandria Spry's appointment to BPA principal for the 25-26 school year

Stewart to entertain motion

Brian to motion

Simplicia to second

Motion passed

8.1. Board Elections

8.2. Teacher, Student, & Volunteer of the Year

WJSE:

Dr. Pough - Middle school teacher of the year

Ms. Styles - Elementary school teacher of the year

Mr. Jones - rookie teacher of the year.

MSE:

Morgan Hutchinson - teacher of the year

Tonya Boatknight - volunteer of the year

Abigail Williams - volunteer of the year

8.3. Transition Progress Update

The board has solidified the HRIS for the 25-26 school year

Signed contractual agreements for benefits

Communication will be going out within the next week to current staff and teachers about the 25-26 school year.

Staff and teachers are encouraged to fill out the form

9. Board Discussions and Actions

9.1. Action taken on matters discussed in Executive Session, if any.

Cheryl to motion to entertain Dr. McGill's recommendation for student expulsion

Tammy to second

Motion passed

9.2. Vendor and Contracted Services

Board is still waiting for this information from CSUSA

9.3. 25-26 Teacher Salary Schedule

Cheryl to present

Cheryl motion to approve, at a minimum, the proposed schedule for the 0–15+ education levels. Additionally, if there are surplus budget funds available, those funds should be considered for reevaluating and potentially increasing salaries.

Motion passed

9.4. Food Services Results

9.5. Requests for Proposal (RFPs)

9.6. IT Support/Services

Brian to motion to contract Making IT Happen Services to map network at both BPA and MSE

Tammy to second

Motion passed

10. Public Comment

11. Adjournment

Cheryl to motion to adjourn at 7:42 p.m.

Tammy to second

Motion passed.