



**BATON ROUGE**  
**College Preparatory**  
CHARTER SCHOOL

The mission of Baton Rouge College Preparatory Charter School is to equip all students with the knowledge, skills, and character necessary to excel in college and in life.

### **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

March 28, 2017 | 6:00 P.M.

Baton Rouge College Prep School (Glen Oaks Middle School Campus)

**Directors Present:** Keisha Brockington, Marielle Howard, Buster Kantrow, Kevin Lewis, Brian Rodriguez and Corey Wilson

**Directors Absent:** Noah Boudreaux, Hannah Robinson, and Alkinee Jackson

**Also Present:** Kathryn Rice, School Director, Guests: Naomi Scott, Rebecca Allmon, Justin Smith, Sydney Blanch, Elisha Knox, Angel Cutno, Emily Barrett, Ashley Domengeaux, Taylor Ferguson, Alicia Vessel, Kristen Smith, Charity Schaffer, Gia Emanuel, and Michael Gaines.

#### **- Call to Order**

At 6:01 p.m., Buster Kantrow called to order the March 2017 board meeting for Baton Rouge College Preparatory Charter School. B. Kantrow had each board member introduce themselves to the guests and explained the order of the meeting.

The Board discussed the following topics:

#### **- Approval of Minutes**

Marielle Howard made a motion to approve the minutes from the February board meeting as submitted. Keisha Brockington seconded, and the minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

#### **- Appointment of New Board Member**

B Kantrow reported that the Governance Committee had recommended that Kathryn Juneau be appointed to the board. Corey Wilson made a motion to approve Kathryn Juneau and Brian Rodriguez seconded the motion. After a brief discussion the board voted to approve Ms. Juneau.

#### **- Finance Update**

Corey Wilson updated the board on the school's financials and the upcoming school year budget. The Finance Committee should have a 2017-18 budget to the full board to approve at the April or May board meeting.

#### **- Academic Update**

Marielle Howard provided the board with an update on the goals for the school leader. The committee will make a recommendation on school leader evaluation around staff retention after further research to determine best practices for charter school executives.

Kathryn Rice discussed the new state testing procedures and how the test this year is computer-based and our students will have to take the test in phases because we do not currently have computers for every student. Ms. Rice made request to the board to solicit and identify opportunities to fund additional computers.

**- Review of School Operational Performance Report**

Kathryn Rice discussed the school operational performance report from the Louisiana Department of Education and explained how the rating in each section is determined.

**- Staff Appreciation Event**

The board briefly discussed the staff appreciation event. The Governance Committee is getting closer to making a final determination and will let the full board know once a date and location is confirmed.

**- School Director's Report**

K. Rice provided an update on the Type 1 Charter application, the possible impact of reduced MFP funding and the state's ESSA plan. Ms. Rice also provided an update of facilities as we continue to work with the staff at Bridge for the 2017-18 school year. Additionally, Ms. Rice discussed the need to identify new funding sources as with the changes in the ESSA plan funding will flow differently. Kathryn Rice also spoke about the needs to provide expanded extracurricular opportunities for the students as the school grows. Some of these activities will require either financial, in-kind, or volunteer support. Finally Ms. Rice discussed upcoming events at the school.

**- Public Comment**

Several guests at the meeting shared their reflections about their experience with BRCP. B. Kantrow and other board members said the board would discuss with Ms. Rice.

K. Lewis made a motion for the board meeting to be adjourned at 8:16 pm. K. Brockington seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

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Minutes submitted by, Kevin Lewis, Vice Chair/Secretary