



***BAMS Board of Directors Meeting
Motions and Minutes
Tuesday, August 17, 2021 6:30 pm***

Minutes of the BAMS Board of Directors Meeting August 17, 2021

Meeting was held via Zoom

Board Members Present: In person: Kevin Mulling, Brian Cogswell, Ryan Taylor, Bill Allen, Dustin Everitt, Bill Fienga, April Mole, Jeff Spencer, Jill Bolender

Absent- McKenzie-Coley

Others: Brian Sawyer - Assistant Principal, Marie Borglund - Board Accountant, Loren Walker – Staff Representative

Guest: Dr. Joy Scott – PPCA Principal, Mrs. Figueroa – Staff Member, Mark Villeneuve- Staff Member

Minutes of the BAMS Board of Directors Meeting on July 1, 2021

MOTION: Approval of the minutes of June 22, 2021 – B. Cogswell

SECOND: A. Mole

FOR: All

AGAINST: None

RESULT: Passed unanimously

Review of Finances with Update on new Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER Fund) •

Chair Mulling introduced Marie Borglund to provide the review of June 2021 financials with an update on the new ESSER Fund monies.

June 2021 Financials:

- Pages 1 – 4 of the financials give the full overview of activity during Fiscal Year 2021 (FY21)
- Pages 5 – 8 are the operating and income statement. BAMS ended FY21 with a \$237,613.62 net income. Budgeted use of fund reserves was in the amount of \$51,449.00

The main contributors of the positive improvement to BAMS financials are:

- BAMS received additional Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) from the State that was not anticipated, in the amount of \$95,488.00
- Capital Outlay was greater than budgeted, in the amount of \$73,781.00
- Operation of Plant – The accrual from FY20 was not fully utilized and \$28,000.00 was reversed in FY21.
- Interest on notes remained at 4.25% for the entire year versus budgeted rate of 4.75%, resulting in a cost savings of \$21,765.00

Chair Mulling asked for a motion to approve the June 2021 financials that reflect FY21 actual ending balances to be the final budget numbers, for audit purposes.

- MOTION: To approve the June 2021 financials that reflect final budget numbers for FY 21 - B. Cogswell
- SECOND: B. Allen
- FOR: All
- AGAINST: None
- RESULT: Passed unanimously

Marie Borglund continued with an update on the ESSER Fund monies.

With aid funding by the federal government lumped into ESSER Fund monies. The monies originated from the Federal government to the State government and then to schools. These funds are used to supplement or benefit the expensed operating dollars.

- Lump sum of about \$392,000
- Technical assistance of about \$27,600
- Accreditation of about \$110,500
- Retention Recovery of about \$8,000

Mrs. Bolender submitted a plan to the Polk County School District and to the State. The funding will need to be expended within the next two (2) years. The State cannot reduce BAMS funding for two (2) years. The FY21 financials (page 3 & 4) will have the ESSER Fund added for the annual audit.

Update on BAMS/PPCA Agreement • Discussion

Dr. Joy Scott, Principal for PPCA was introduced and was asked to provide some information about herself. Chair Mulling reviewed the last several months of activities centered around the BAMS/PPCA agreement and the desire to move towards a new/better agreement. Mr. Tim Campbell (BAMS legal counsel) suggested that the BAMS Board of Directors take the lead, incur the first investment in a draft agreement for PPCA Board to review and provide comment over the next couple of months.

Mrs. Bolender had compiled a list of concerns and items for Mr. Campbell to use when composing the draft agreement. Once the draft is completed, it will be brought to the BAMS Board of Directors for review and approval. If approved and no further changes are necessary, the draft agreement will be sent to PPCA for their review and comment.

Chair Mulling advised the BAMS Board Mr. Campbell's cost estimate to draft an agreement and get the agreement to completion is \$3,500 to \$7,500. But if the Board was to do most of the legwork on the front end, it will reduce the billable hours.

Board member Everitt asked if PPCA still intended to present their future plans.

Chair Mulling stated he did communicate with Mr. Manson about presenting and explain PPCA's future plans. It was reported that PPCA has no plans to change curriculum or change locations.

Chair Mulling reminded the Board that the current agreement was terminated, a new agreement is needed, and suggestions are needed to help develop the new agreement.

Board member Fienga stated that he agrees with Chair Mulling that we should take the initial step to construct a new agreement with BAMS interests in mind, to receive feedback and a timeline from PPCA. This new agreement would help identify future plans for both schools.

Board member Cogswell commented that the expense to draft a new agreement is the cost of doing business and should be considered as an investment for future boards to come.

Chair Mulling mentioned the possibility of sharing the cost of the construct the agreement and would be something to discuss in the near future. Chair Mulling also requested the BAMS Board members to provide their concerns or statements for the new agreement to Mrs. Bolender no later than Friday, August 20, 2021.

The deadline of September 14, 2021 was recommended to get these comments to Mr. Campbell.

Board member Everitt commented that a cost share may limit the back and forth of revisions to the draft document. He also appreciated seeing the communication from PPCA and having Dr. Scott this evening.

Board member Mole asked Mrs. Bolender if the members submitted items could be provided in a general list for review. Mrs. Bolender agreed that she would compile a general list of comments to the Board.

- MOTION: To craft a new agreement with attorney Tim Campbell - D. Everitt
- SECOND: J. Spencer
- FOR: All
- AGAINST: None
- RESULT: Passed unanimously

Review of draft Charter School Renewal – Discussion

Mrs. Bolender discussed the draft Charter School Renewal and the work of staff preparing the document. The final draft will be sent out to the BAMS Board for input.

Board member Cogswell thanked everyone involved, reviewed and felt no changes were needed.

The renewal is due September 3, 2021 and members will get a draft prior for any last minute additions.

In October, Polk County Schools representatives will be doing visits and interviews through Zoom which the Board will be part of this process. Once we are presented the state template contract, it will be presented for consideration and approval.

Miscellaneous – Discussion

Mrs. Bolender advised the Board that COVID has greatly affected this area. Some changes in operations have occurred and sports try-outs have been delayed. Service Master has been providing services as needed to clean requested areas.

Adjournment: 7:40pm

MOTION: Motion to adjourn – D. Everitt

SECOND: B. Cogswell

Next meeting will be September 14, 2021 at 6:30pm

Minutes shared with board members and posted to website September 1, 2021.

Board of Director's Current Terms:

2021-2024- Fienga, Spencer (Treasurer), Allen

2021-2023- McKenzie-Coley, Mole

2021-2022- Taylor (Secretary)

2019-2022- Mulling (Chairman), Cogswell (Vice Chairman), Everitt

Audit Committee: McKenzie-Coley, Allen, Spencer, Bolender