

**BENJAMIN FRANKLIN CLASSICAL CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL
BOARD OF TRUSTEES ANNUAL RETREAT
Saturday, July 12, 2014, 8:30 am
Residence Inn, 4 Forge Park, Franklin, MA**

Attendance: President: Don Tappin, Vice President: Ted Basille, Treasurer: Jerry Cimmino, Cross Barnes, Sandy Frongillo, Lax Iyer, Joe Mullen, John Williams, Sagar Karmathi Assistant Head of School: Joe Perna

Head of School: Heather Zolnowski, attended by video conference from 8 AM to 11 AM.

Absent: Jason Fine

Call to Order (8:35am)

Charter Renewal Discussion (8:40am)

H. Zolnowski and J. Perna reviewed the application for renewal of the Public Charter 2014. This is part of the MA Board of Education accreditation process. Document edits were reviewed and approved by the BOT. Motion to approve pending minor edits. D. Tappin , Seconded by J. Mullen. Motion passed unanimously.

Open Comment Period (9:45am)

no comments

Strategic Plan Discussion (9:45am) and (11:00 am to 12:15 pm)

BFCCPS goals and objectives FY15 through FY19 were reviewed. There was much discussion and messaging of the language used to describe our goals. Motion to approve pending minor edits Lax Iyer,. The motion was seconded by S. Karmathi. Motion passed unanimously.

HOS Update/State of the School (10:30am)

The BOT reviewed faculty and staff personnel changes for the upcoming year. There was a general discussion about MCAS results and the switch to PARCC test. New impacts of MA State laws concerning suspensions of children and bullying were discussed. The school's bullying prevention plan and parent handbook will be updated accordingly.

BREAK FOR LUNCH (12:15pm)

Executive Session (12:50 pm): Don read rules on Executive Session from open meeting laws, stated reason for going into executive session, "To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property", a motion was made to move into executive session. Took roll call vote.

Don: Yes

Jerry: Yes

Joe: Yes

Ted: Yes

Lax: Yes

Sagar: Yes

John: Yes

Sandy: abstain

Crossan: abstain

Vote: Approve Minutes from June 12, 2014 BOT (2:30pm) A motion was made by D. Tappin , Seconded by J. Mullen. Motion passed unanimously.

Sager Karmathi was nominated and elected 2014/2015 Clerk (2:45pm): Motion made by D. Tappin, Seconded by T. Basile. Notes will be taken on a rotating basis. It is agreed that on the months that Trustees are scheduled to provide refreshments for the meetings they will take minutes.

Planning Discussion for 2014-2015 (3:00 pm to 3:05 pm): Voted to add another meeting to the BOT schedule. It will be August 14, 6-8 pm at school. There will be continued activity during the month concerning facilities planning, including but not limited, to negotiation of the current building lease with the archdiocese and continuing the property / building search. Efforts will be directed by D Tappin, with continued diligence on maintaining open meeting law protocol.

Adjournment (3:05 pm) Motion by J. Mullen seconded by S Karmathi.