



MEETING OF THE BOARD  
Bridges Preparatory Academy  
Monday, September 13, 2021

A meeting of the Board of Directors for Bridges Preparatory Academy, a California nonprofit corporation was held on Monday, September 13, 2021 via a public Zoom conference from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

Present: Trena Spurlock, Miguel Angel Romero, Bryan Lee,  
Mary Louise Silva  
Others Present: Alejandro Gomez, Addison Grant, Arjun Kushwaha

**CALL TO ORDER**

Trena Spurlock called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM. Ms. Spurlock acknowledged all staff and board members present. Executive Director Alejandro Gomez shared that Addison Grant will provide a budget update and Arjun Kushwaha will introduce special education services provided by Expatriate.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

- August 2, 2021 - *The minutes were approved as presented.*

It was **MOVED** by Bryan Lee and **SECONDED** by Miguel Angel Romero to approve the August 2, 2021 minutes.

**Yes vote:** *Bryan Lee, Trena Spurlock, Miguel Angel Romero, Mary Louise Silva*

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

It was **MOVED** by Mary Louise Silva to approve the agenda and **SECONDED** by Bryan Lee

**Yes vote:** *Bryan Lee, Trena Spurlock, Miguel Angel Romero, Mary Louise Silva*

**COMMUNICATIONS** (Board Member Comments)

None.

**COMMUNICATIONS** (Public Comment)

None.

## Executive Director Report

Mr. Gomez gave the following executive report:

- A. **First day of school** - the first day of school for BPA was August 23, 2001, and thus far attendance has been perfect and the school is off to a successful start.
- B. **Approval of 8th grade** - LACOE voted in favor of BPA's request to enroll 6th, 7th, and 8th graders for year 1. At this time the school has a list of 40 students interested in enrolling at the school next year.
- C. **C. Covid-19 testing** - BPA has partnered with a company to test every student, staff member and parent for COVID every Friday. While each student is being dropped off, their temperature is scanned. Before the student steps inside the campus, a wrist thermometer is also used to monitor each student's temperature. At this time, zero positive cases have been reported.

## Financial Reporting

Mr. Addison shared a revised budget forecast for SY 2021-22. BPA is facing a cash issue and will have negative cash flow starting in October. CSC has purchased the receivables which will give the school an advance to cover the needed revenue. The school will still need \$250,000 to remain financially afloat this school year.

Miguel Angel Romero and Bryan Lee suggested that we ask for donations through crowdsourcing and from personally reaching out to possible donors. Both will work with Alejandro to develop the necessary materials in hopes of raising \$25,000 to help defray costs.

## Approval of Contract with Expatiate to Render Services for Special Ed.

Mr. Arjun Kushwaha gave an overview of the special education services provided by Expatiate to help schools secure apportionments, manage data, meet reporting requirements, address compliance issues, and most importantly, provide direct special education services to help close student achievement gaps. Expatiate would like BPA to commit to a 3-day contract.

It was **MOVED** by Trena Spurlock and **SECONDED** by Bryan Lee to approve a contract with Expatiate to render special education services for BPA students..

**Yes vote:** *Bryan Lee, Trena Spurlock, Miguel Angel Romero, Mary Louise Silva*

## Approval to Open a School Credit Card

Mr Gomez shared that the school uses Spend Bridge to purchase necessary supplies. In the event of an emergency or when a purchase is needed immediately, a credit card with a \$3,000 to \$5,000 limit would allow the school to secure necessary supplies not available through Spend Bridge.

It was **MOVED by** Miguel Angel Romero and **SECONDED** by Bryan Lee to approve a school credit card to make future purchases not available through Spend Bridge.

**Yes vote:** *Bryan Lee, Trena Spurlock, Miguel Angel Romero, Mary Louise Silva*

**Approval of School ELC Contract for Covid Testing**

The ELC contract with LACOE would allow the school to buy essential supplies in support of COVID testing at BPA. The school is eligible for \$16,000 in funding to cover these expenditures.

It was **MOVED** by Tena Spulock and **SECONDED** by Mary Louise Silva to approve the ELC contract for Covid testing

**Yes vote:** *Bryan Lee, Trena Spurlock, Miguel Angel Romero, Mary Louise Silva*

**Approval of the 2021-22 LCAP Federal Addendum**

BPA has developed a 2021-22 LCAP Federal Addendum describing how the school will utilize Title 1 funding to benefit all students and operate as a Title I Schoolwide Program (SWP) and along with the application for Title I, II and IV funds. This would allow the school to access \$30,00 to \$ 35,000 in funding which can be used to pay for the school's paraprofessional.

It was **MOVED** by MaryLouise Silva and **SECONDED** by Bryan Lee to approve the 2021-22 LCAP Federal Addendum to operate as a Title I Schoolwide Program (SWP); and application for Title I, II and IV funds.

**Yes vote:** *Bryan Lee, Trena Spurlock, Miguel Angel Romero, Mary Louise Silva*

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved to end the meeting at 8:26 pm by Mary Louise Silva and **SECONDED** by Bryan Lee . All in favor. None opposed