



Burns Sci-Tech Charter School

Regular Board Meeting Minutes
February 25, 2025 - 6:00 pm - Cafeteria

1. Call meeting to order. 6:00 pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call: Dr. Rodger Thayer, Damian Hall, Jonathan Glugover, Adam Owens, Albert Amalfitano, Suzanne Jarrell present. Richard Paczkowski – excused absence. Admin: Daniel Hargrave, Alexis Galerno, Brent Appy, Tim Carignan, Jennifer Floyd.
4. Approval of Workshop Minutes and Regular Board Meeting Minutes from January 28, 2025: Motion to approve the Workshop Minutes and Regular Board Meeting Minutes from January 28, 2025, by Mr. Glugover and 2nd by Mr. Hall. Motion approved.
5. Public Participation: A question was asked about admin reporting and DOE funding which the board answered.
6. Reports and Discussion/Actions:
 - a. Approve use of VCS security devices– action.
 - i. Discussion regarding the approval of the school’s use of VCS security metal detection devices when there is a reasonable suspicion of an object, and wording in the Student Handbook for it’s consistent use.

Motion to approve the use of metal detection devices and wording for the Student Handbook by Mr. Hall and 2nd by Mr. Owens. Motion approved.

Wording: Burns Science and Technology Charter School has purchased and may begin utilizing handheld metal detection devices during students searches when there is reasonable suspicion that a prohibited substance or object may be present on the student and/or within the student’s possessions/storage area(s). The possible use of metal detection devices during student searches is part of an overall plan to protect the health, welfare, and safety of individuals on campus, and to enforce provisions of the Code of Student Conduct. *(editor’s note – wording will be copied to Mr. Rush for inclusion in the Student Handbook.)*
 - b. Parent participation policy- discussion.
 - i. Mr. Glugover discussed adding a policy on parent involvement at BST. After Covid we have seen a decline in parent volunteers here at our school. The policy would address parents coming to the school to help at different events or in classrooms. Before this could become a policy, the school will need to know how many families are: single parents; 2 working parents; 1 working parent with one stay at home parent; or possibly grandparents raising children, and the number of hours per family. It was decided to schedule a workshop for further volunteer policy discussion – no date has been set.
 - c. New Board Member Application- action.
 - i. Members discussed that there should be something added to the board member application stating that board members are required to participate in a certain number of hours at school for volunteering, regular meetings, and workshops. Would they be able to pledge 2-3 hours monthly to the school other than meetings and workshops? Motion to approve the addition of a sentence to the application: I pledge a monthly obligation of 2-3 hours to the school outside of the monthly meetings and/or workshops by Mr. Glugover and 2nd by Dr. Thayer. Motion approved.

- d. Board meeting dates for 2025-2026 school year-action.

Motion to approve the new dates for the upcoming year with the change of June 23, 2026, by Dr Thayer and 2nd by Damian Hall. Motion approved.

- e. Schedule a workshop for board member interviews March 25, 2025- action. Motion to schedule a workshop on March 25th at 4pm for interviews with board applicants by Mr. Glugover and 2nd by Mrs. Jarrell. Motion approved.

7. Principals Report:

- a. Primary Principal's Report – Mrs. Galerno.

- Elementary sports update
- 6th grade dance coming up on March 7th.
- Testing is beginning this session, letters for writing test will come home next week.
- Planning for next year: We have given our teachers the form regarding returning to BST for the 25-26 SY, and we have started interviews for a few positions we are aware of.
- Awards: dates are out on the school calendar.
- Math night April 2nd is at Publix and if you know a restaurant who would allow us to have a Spirit Night the same night, please let us know.
- MOAS: is changing and revamping the children's area so we have been given all the equipment for our school. We need help transporting the equipment from the museum to the school.
- Bringing a media center and science center back to the elementary side has begun.

- b. Secondary Principal's Report – Mr. Hargrave.

TOMOKA REGIONAL SCIENCE FAIR (01/25/25)

- We had 14 BST students attend. All 14 placed with awards - **3 first place awards; 4 second place awards; 4 third place awards; and 3 honorable mentions!**
- 4 students will be going to the FL State Science Fair at the end of March: Evan Aldridge (7th grade); Garrett Hanes (10th Grade); Abigail Aldridge & Amanda King (11th grade group project).
- 2 students are going to ISEF (International Science & Engineering Fair) - Abigail Aldridge & Amanda King; project name: "Comparing the Success Rate of Different Anhydrobiotic Proteins Originating from *R. varieornatus* in *E. coli* BL21 Using Bacterial Transformation"
 - They won the **ONE** bid that Volusia County has, to send a project straight from the county level to the international level.
 - They will attend ISEF in May in Columbus, OH.

ENVIROTHON (02/02/2025)

- We had 6 students attend. They got 3rd place in the county!

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD (02/22/2025) at Embry Riddle

- 15 students attended.
- Cayden Spurr won 1st place in the Robot Tours event!

ODDESSEY OF THE MIND (02/22/2025) in Viera Beach

- We had 9 students participate.
- They won 1st place in their category and are going to compete at the state level!

Coming up... we have middle school & high school students competing in SEA PERCH in March.
(Underwater robotics)

8. Treasurer Report: Mr. Appy provided handouts and reported January govt funds of 3.6 million. The excess of revenues over expenses on the income statement for January was a positive \$98,085 in Total Governmental Funds. Enrollment: 1116 students as of January 30th. The Oak Hill Community Trust meets the 1st Tuesday of every month 6pm and welcomes board members.
9. Agenda items to consider for the next meeting:
Schedule a Workshop for discussion of parent participation policy.
10. Board Member issues concerns/comments.
 - Discussion on do we know what is happening with the government dept of education.
 - April SAC meeting will be attended by Dr. Thayer.
 - Happy hours for teachers to come from Mr. Owens and Mr. Amalfitano.
 - Thank you for Mrs. Hawes, Mr. McDonald, Ms. Aldridge for being at the Science Olympiad competition on Saturday morning. BST teachers are dedicated to our students.
 - Daughters of the American revolution meeting and shared our school with them.
11. Public Announcements - Next Regular Board Meeting March 25, 2025, 6pm with a workshop starting at 4 pm.
12. Adjournment. 7:27pm