

# MINUTES

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS BULLIS CHARTER SCHOOL

102 West Portola Avenue, Los Altos, CA 94022  
Multi-Purpose Room

October 1, 2018  
7:00 pm

### Regular Board Meeting

Board member Joe Hurd will be participating via teleconference from:  
Norumbega Conference Room, Boston Marriott Newton Hotel  
2345 Commonwealth Avenue, Auburndale, MA 02466-1733

#### I. PRELIMINARY

##### A. **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order by the Francis La Poll, Acting Board Chair, at 7:00 p.m.

##### B. **ROLL CALL**

		Present	Absent
Ben Byon	(6/30/21)	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>
Andrea Eyring	(6/30/19)	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>
Joe Hurd	(6/30/21)	<u>  x*  </u>	<u>      </u>
David Jaques	(6/30/20)	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>
Francis La Poll	(6/30/21)	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>
Clara Roa	(6/30/20)	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>
Ann Waterman Roy	(6/30/19)	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>
Trenna Sutcliffe	(6/30/20)	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>
Rich Ying	(6/30/19)	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>

\* Joe Hurd participated via teleconference

##### C. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Andrea Eyring, seconded by Rich Ying, and passed by a vote of 8-0.

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Andrea Eyring	(6/30/19)	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>
Joe Hurd	(6/30/21)	<u>  x*  </u>	<u>      </u>
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Trenna Sutcliffe	(6/30/20)	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>
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#### II. COMMUNICATIONS

##### A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

No one wished to address the Board.

B. For Information: Principal/Administrator's Report

Assistant Principal Billy Martin shared the following:

- 1<sup>st</sup> grade PBL, Kidtown, when excited young entrepreneurs started their own businesses, has begun
- The libraries at both campuses are now open.
- Co- & extra-curricular classes have started and include teacher taught classes such as Global Services, Solid Modeling, and 3-D Printing.
- The Book Fair at south campus will take place on October 8<sup>th</sup>.
- The BBC Walkathon will be held on October 13<sup>th</sup>.

Assistant Principal Melissa Christie shared the following:

- The first Family Math Night, an event designed to develop partnerships between family and school in math, was held last week.
- The 8<sup>th</sup> grade in Challenge Day was a great way to start off the school year, increasing students' awareness of others in order to nurture a culture of greater acceptance and appreciation.
- Parent Information Night for Focused Learning Goals, a signature practice of BCS that empowers students to set goals around their passions and academic areas in partnership with families, will be held on Thursday.

Administrator, Jennifer Anderson-Rosse shared the following:

- BCS's STEAM Practicum, a year-long training offered to educators from throughout Santa Clara County on how to transform their organizations to incorporate STEAM & Design Thinking, launched with a session in San Francisco. Tomorrow will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> session at BCS.

Founding Superintendent, Wanny Hersey, shared the following:

- The Fall Family Picnic was held last week. It was a great way to start off the new year, bringing families out to enjoy games and each other.
- Thank you to the BBC for all their hard work on the many wonderful beginning of the year events, from the grade level picnics to the new family reception.
- Teach to Lead is a US Dept. of Education program that was launched in 2014 in partnership with 168 organizations such as ASCD. Their signature event is the Teach to Lead Summits that are held all over the US. Last week, Teach to Lead came to San Jose, focused on the topic of STEAM. When looking for innovative K-8 schools who utilize a STEAM model and support teachers in developing the mindsets of necessary to implement integrated teaching, project-based learning, and teacher collaboration, Gillian Cohen-Boyer, an 18 year veteran at the Dept of Ed and the Teach to Lead Team Lead, reached out to BCS and asked if we would be willing to host a school tour as part of the Teach to Lead weekend. On Friday, BCS hosted 53 educators from around the United States including teachers and administrators from Virginia, Texas, Georgia, Vermont, Florida, NY, Sonoma County, as well as Teach to Lead supporting organizations such as the US dept of Ed, the Dept of Education's Teaching Fellows (including the TN 2016-2017 teacher of the year), [the 114th](#), and the [Project Management Institute](#).
- BCS hosted a group of educators from Japan including the Director of the Japan Society for STEM Education (JSTEM), President of Center of Educational Testing, Dr. Taisuke Hosokawa, Prof. of Tokyo Gakugei University, and others who wanted to observe BCS's STEAM and design thinking classes.
- Attended the Edleader21 Annual Event as well as the convening of the Edleader21 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Task Force.

C. For Information: Board/Staff Discussions

Member Ann Waterman Roy thanked the teachers for taking the extra time to coordinate the Math nights, something that the students love.

Member Trena Sutcliffe thanked the teachers for all the creative and fun co-curricular offerings. Her children had trouble deciding which classes to sign up for.

**III. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

The Superintendent/Principal recommends approval of all consent agenda items.

- 1. Minutes** Approval of the Minutes from the September 10, 2018 Board meeting  
Francis La Poll's name was misspelled. A motion to approve consent agenda III.1., as amended, was made by Ann Waterman Roy, seconded by Andrea Eyring and passed by a vote of 8-0.

		Aye	Nay
Ben Byon	(6/30/21)	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>
Andrea Eyring	(6/30/19)	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>
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Trena Sutcliffe	(6/30/20)	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>
Rich Ying	(6/30/19)	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>

- 2. Minutes** Approval of the Minutes from the September 24, 2018 Special Board meeting  
A motion to approve consent agenda III.2. was made by Ann Waterman Roy, seconded by Andrea Eyring and passed by a vote of 7-0-1 (David Jaques abstained).

		Aye	Nay
Ben Byon	(6/30/21)	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>
Andrea Eyring	(6/30/19)	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>
Joe Hurd	(6/30/21)	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>
David Jaques	(6/30/20)	<u>      </u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Francis La Poll	(6/30/21)	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>
Clara Roa	(6/30/20)	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>
Ann Waterman Roy	(6/30/19)	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>
Trena Sutcliffe	(6/30/20)	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>
Rich Ying	(6/30/19)	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>

- 3. Check Register** Approval of the August 2018 Check Register  
A motion to approve consent agenda III.3. was made by Ann Waterman Roy, seconded by Andrea Eyring and passed by a vote of 8-0.

		Aye	Nay
Ben Byon	(6/30/21)	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>
Andrea Eyring	(6/30/19)	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>
Joe Hurd	(6/30/21)	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>
David Jaques	(6/30/20)	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>
Francis La Poll	(6/30/21)	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>
Clara Roa	(6/30/20)	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>
Ann Waterman Roy	(6/30/19)	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>
Trena Sutcliffe	(6/30/20)	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>
Rich Ying	(6/30/19)	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>

#### IV. INFORMATION/ACTION ITEMS

##### 1. **Mission Moments – Student Agency & Leadership**

*Bullis Charter School offers a collaborative, experiential learning environment that emphasizes individual student growth. As a model of educational innovation, BCS inspires children, faculty and staff to reach beyond themselves to achieve full potential. Using a global perspective to teach about the interconnectedness of communities and their environments, the BCS program nurtures mutual respect, civic responsibility and a lifelong love of learning.*

BCS alumni Clarissa Chen and Ananya Ventrakaman and students Anika Mehrotra, Aarthi Venkatraman, and Liam Kimhi shared how the BCS program has nurtured and developed their agency and leadership skills.

Liam, 5<sup>th</sup> grade student, discussed how he has taken on leadership opportunities at BCS such as serving as a student ambassador for school tours for guests and perspective parents, speaking at parent information evenings, and at board meetings like this. Anika, 7<sup>th</sup> grade student, shared that she has spoken on several student panels and has learned to be articulate and concise. Additionally, she was encouraged at BCS to pursue her passions such as designing and laser cutting which she was able to use in the Fablab to create necklaces for all the students at BCS's sister school in Costa Rica which she personally distributed. Aarthi, 7<sup>th</sup> grade student, talked about her participation in the #Decarbonize:Decolonize club and their work with students from around the world to share research and information on ways to address climate change. Aarthi also shared how she has been provided opportunities to hone her leadership skills when she had to plan and teach BCS staff members scratch and robotics.

BCS alum and current freshman at St. Francis High School, Claire Chen, discussed her experience as the director of a *Midsummer Night's Dream* during her middle school intersession. She also shared her experience going to Bonn, Germany and working with students from around the world to draft a white paper and presented at COP23 as part of the #Decarbonize:Decolonize club.

BCS alum and current senior at Los Altos High School, Ananya expanded on how her education at BCS taught her that she cannot be reduced to a number, rather she is defined by the questions she asks and how she proposes her own solutions.

##### 2. **Presentation from Los Altos School District Trustees**

The Los Altos School District (“LASD”) Trustees, Vladimir Ivanovic and Bryan Johnson, shared their views with the BCS Board on the status, process, plans, and desired outcomes for the proposed 10th Site North of El Camino Real (the “10th site”).

The size of the 10<sup>th</sup> site, to be located where the present Kohls store sits in the shopping mall on Showers Avenue, will be comprised of 11+ acres, 2 acres of dedicated city park, and 4+ acres of field and recreational facilities. Trustees Ivanovic and Johnson also presented on alternatives to purchasing the 10th Site and the community impact of purchasing the land.

The following community members spoke on this agenda item: Ken Ashcroft, Katie Dellamaggiore, Jing Wu, John Radford, Tamara Logan, Sharon Clay, Wendy Yu, Dorothy An.

Trustees Ivanovic and Johnson answered questions from the BCS Board on a variety of topics, including but not limited to: the need for a 10<sup>th</sup> site, the likelihood of selling the TDRs, LASD's declining enrollment and the validity of future enrollment, the equivalency of that site to other LASD school sites, impact of traffic on the community, and the use of the 10<sup>th</sup> site.

The BCS Board members each thanked the LASD Trustees for attending and offered final thoughts on this agenda item.

David Jaques expressed concern about the LASD's enrollment predictions noting that few families with young kids can afford to move into this area but exploring the idea of a neighborhood school for that are is worthwhile.

Ann Waterman Roy expressed concerns about LASD's projected enrollment growth, would rather see the monies used to improve existing facilities, and encouraged LASD to build trust with BCS through engaging in a "true dialogue."

Andrea Eyring shared her experience as a member of the former Bullis-Purissima and Covington Schools' PTA Boards. She reminded the LASD Trustees of the understanding that at the end of the 5-year settlement, there was supposed to be permanent site in the works, and while LASD does not call BCS a "permanent site", there have been many students for whom this has been their permanent site from grades K-8. Member Eyring expressed concerns about LASD's lack of understanding planning as evidenced by the district's comparison of Hillview School in Menlo Park to BCS when that former is a middle school and BCS is a K-8 school in addition to BCS being too large to fit on the 10<sup>th</sup> site that is being considered.

Rich Ying wondered if all of the alternatives had been vetted. He expressed concerns about the risks involved with the TDRs and funding liabilities for the site. He recommended that LASD, as Trustees of the community's tax dollars, go through a scoping process before purchasing to avoid a "budget bust" and questioned the validity of anticipating that developers will be building many families formations given the high cost of construction.

Ben Byon echoed Ann Waterman Roy's thoughts and hoped that BCS and LASD could work together more deeply in order to move forward.

Clara Roa felt it was very difficult to answer LASD's questions knowing so little information about budget and plans. She was concerned that there was no "plan B" but appreciated the Trustees for being at the meeting.

Trenna Sutcliffe wondered how many students could be housed on the 10<sup>th</sup> site and also expressed concern about purchasing a piece of land without knowing what the plans for it was.

**3. Presentation from Margaret Abe-Koga, Mountain View City Councilmember and 10<sup>th</sup> Site Committee Participant**

**This item was moved up from IV.4. to IV.3.**

Margaret Abe-Koga shared background on how the Mountain View City Council came to work with LASD on a new site, her concerns that no representative from the Del Medio area has been formally part of the process so not sure what the residents want, and the data she was asked to share. A poll was conducted when LASD was considering purchasing the Safeway Site, asking residents which school they wanted placed or built there. The results were: 41% wanted a neighborhood school; 17% wanted BCS; 32% wanted Egan. At last weekend's Del Medio community gathering, the prevailing sentiment was for a neighborhood school.

The following community members spoke on this agenda item: Tamara Logan, Kai Zhu, Jan Baer, Wendy Yu.

Councilmember Abe-Koga answered questions from the BCS Board on a variety of topics, including but not limited to: the reaction of the MV residents, the MV demographer's report, consideration of impacts with a new school, civics act in relations to school facilities, and MV's wish list of transaction details for LASD.

The BCS Board members each thanked Councilmember Abe-Koga for attending and presenting.

**4. Presentation from Jill Jene, BCS Representative to the 10<sup>th</sup> Site Committee**  
**This item was moved up from IV.3. to IV.4.**

Jill Jene provided an update to the BCS Board regarding the 10<sup>th</sup> Site Committee membership, meeting format, output, and related matters. Jill Jene shared that she was not sure if any of the committee members would have a child who would be attending the 10<sup>th</sup> site. She reported that:

- Committee was disproportionately represented by LASD staff and current LASD parents.
- Choices constrained by pre-determined options and criteria
- Committee discussions were not supported by available or accurate data.
- One key constraint was the committee was not allowed to consider or analyze the option of using LASD existing 116 acres.
- Final report was written without team input or approval

Ms. Jene felt that given the imposed constraints, it was no surprise that BCS was the school chosen to be placed on the 10<sup>th</sup> site.

Jill Jene answered questions from the BCS Board on a variety of topics, including but not limited to: the mission of the LASD committee, what documents/studies/data were considered, and whether the impact of moving BCS students considered.

The BCS Board members each thanked Jill Jene for serving on the committee and for presenting. They offered final thoughts on this agenda item.

Ann Waterman Roy expressed a desire for a shared understanding for data and transparency instead of talking in generalities.

Andrea Eyring shared her disappointment about who was permitted to participate when this committee was set up and questioned why the process was pushed ahead in absence of data.

Rich Ying felt that from tonight's presentations, it was a fait accompli and echoed the need for a transparent process.

Clara Roa expressed concerned that the process was a flawed one.

Trenna Sutcliffe emphasized the importance of trust and collaboration moving forward and to ensure that when committees are created, that all voices are heard.

**5. Finance Committee Members**

Andrea Eyring, Treasurer & Finance Committee ("FC") Chair, shared that the BCS Financial Policies state that BCS will constitute a Finance Committee that shall include members of the BCS Board of Directors, the Bullis-Purissima Elementary School Foundation (Foundation), the Bullis Booster Club (BBC) and the community at large. The BCS board will officially appoint all members based on recommendation by the FC Chair. Each member is expected to serve a minimum term of two years. The BCS FC is a standing committee and complies with the Board Act including ensuring that a quorum must be obtained in order to conduct an active committee meeting.

Ms. Eyring brought forth the recommendation for FC member for the 2018-2019 school year. This slate includes both new and long-term members and included representatives from BCS constituent groups:

- Andrea Eyring – BCS Board & Chair
- Ben Byon – BCS Board Member
- Hui-Chien Chang – Member at Large\*
- Jennifer Gilbert – Member at Large
- David Jaques – BCS Board Member
- Peter Jewett – Foundation Member
- Olivia Liao – Member at Large\*
- Leonora Teng – Member at Large
- Louise Tsoi – Foundation Member
- Dora Yuen – Member at Large
- TBD – BBC Member

\* New

Ms. Eyring shared information on the two new proposed members:

Hui-Chien Chang, CFA, is the Hui-Chien Chang is Assistant Treasurer and Head of Trading and Investments at Google, responsible for Alphabet’s FX hedging program, the global fixed income investment portfolio, and all liquidity management strategies. She joined Google in 2008 and has over 20 years of investment experience. Prior to joining Google, Hui-Chien Chang was a Principal and Fixed Income Portfolio Manager at Barclays Global Investors, Assistant Vice President and Portfolio Manager at Mellon Capital Management, and Director of the Fixed Income Research Group of Charles Schwab. Hui-Chien received her MBA from the University of Washington, an MS in Statistics and Operational Research from the Stern School of Business at New York University, and holds a BA in statistics from Fu-Jen University in Taiwan. She is also a Chartered Financial Analyst charter-holder. Hui-Chien has two children, who attend Bullis Charter School. Her husband, Andrew Lee, is the Chief of Interventional Cardiology at Kaiser Permanente Santa Clara. Her family loves living in the Bay Area and enjoys activities such as camping, skiing and traveling.

Olivia Liao is a Certified Public Accountant and was born and raised in Los Altos. She attended Almond Elementary, Egan Junior High, and Los Altos High School. She graduated from UC Berkeley with a BA in Economics. Olivia’s professional experience include:

- VC Tax Intern and Audit Senior – PriceWaterhouseCoopers, LLP)
- Accounting Manager – Genelabs Technologies, Inc.
- Senior Accountant – Telesoft Partners
- Controller – Delphi Ventures

Olivia and her husband, Kevin, have a child who attends BCS as well as a 2.5 year-old.

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Rich Ying	(6/30/19)	_x_	_____

**V. CLOSED SESSION**

The Board convened to Closed Session to consider and/or take action upon any of the following items:

- 1. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (Gov. Code §54956.9(d)(2) and (4).)**
- 2. Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Section 54957)**  
Founding Superintendent

**VI. PUBLIC SESSION – REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

The meeting was reconvened to open session at 12:16 am. Francis La Poll, Acting Board Chair, reported that no action had been taken.

**VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- 2019-2020 enrollment

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by Francis La Poll, Acting Board Chair, at 12:24 am.