

Bridgewater Academy Charter School Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 19 March 2026

Location: Virtual & Bridgewater Academy

Time: Meeting convened at 5:30 pm

Attendees:

- Sherry Pinto
 - Roxanne Craft
 - Brandy Johnson
 - Nicholas Swan
 - Kiki Eaddy
 - Shunnika Goings-Friend
 - Michael Cappola
 - Alexandria Martinez
 - Marissa Levisen
 - Heather Kirby
 - Deanna Mason
 - Tara McNeil
 - Anne Marie Toler
 - Cynthia Erickson
 - Daryl Rupnik
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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Roxanne Craft.

Invocation, pledge of allegiance led by Dr. Pinto at 5:31 pm

Reading of Bridgewater's vision statement by Roxanne Craft at 5:35 pm

Condolences were offered on the passing of Board member Russell McDowell.

2. Public Comments:

Moved to public comment at 5:35 by Roxanne Craft.

Ms. McNeil states no public comment.

Ms. Martinez states no public comment.

Ms. Toler states no public comment.

Mrs. Erickson states no public comment

Mr. Rupnik states no public comment.

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes and Agenda

Motion made by Roxanne Craft to waive the approval of the minutes until a new secretary can be elected to take over the recording of minutes. Motion was seconded by Brandy Johnson.

Approved unanimously.

4. Reports

- **Financial Report:**

- Heather Kirby shared the financial report.
- Days cash on hand 56 vs 77 actual
- Salaries & benefits as % of total revenue 60% vs 59%
- Net income —\$217217.36 due to unexpected expenses. States increased funding should come this month
- Covered Budget Sheet.
- 2/3 point through the year.
- Total percent remaining 30.67%
 - Usually you'd want this to be at 33% but with the additional expenses and many things being upfront this year, this is to be expected.
 - We received great news that our projected funding will be even higher than expected! The additional revenue will help get the numbers back to a good place.

Heather Kirby also presented the **first read** of the FY '27 budget. The Board was very pleased with the increase in funding for next year. Dr. Pinto stated that she will go through her requests for FY 27 during the Principal's report.

5. Principal's Report:

- **Enrollment 159**

- Annual district allotment will be just over 2 million, up from 1.39 million in 2022
Next goal: March 24 is day 135.

- **Facilities: Flooring work will occur over Spring Break and include all spaces discussed at the February meeting.**
- **Cafeteria Audit- overall good. However, we must offer milk to all students. This means an increase in milk purchases, milk storage and milk disposal. Several implications. Dr. Pinto asked for Board approval to purchase a milk cooler as a result of this new requirement. Mike Cappolass made a motion to approve and Mrs Eaddy seconded. The vote passed unanimously.**
- **Dr. Pinto reviewed the March timeline for the SC Climate surveys for students, staff and parents, All will be completed by April 2, 2026.**
- **Dr. Pinto shared her requests for the following new items for the FY '27 budget:**
 - 1 Full time GT teacher**
 - 1 Additional part time math interventionist**
 - 1 more (0.5) special education teacher to create a full team of 2.5 staff**
 - A 3% pay increase for all current staff members**
 - A longevity “plan” for a bonus for 54/10/15 years service**

NOTE - Mrs Craft also asked for a Part-time Board clerk/exec assistant for Dr Pinto**

Nicholas Swan asked Mrs Kirby if we could run numbers for a 5% pay-raise for all staff. Dr Pinto stated she would work with Heather Kirby on this for the April meeting.

- **Dr. Pinto debriefed the Board on the upcoming Spring Fling plans for March 27th.**
- **Executive Session — 1 Items (pupil-related)**

6. Old Business

- **Facility and Security Update**
- **Board Committee Plan**
- **Year-round PE**

7. New Business

- **Board Organization/Onboarding Plan/Committees**
- **Budget (already discussed)**
- **Shunnika Goings expressed significant concerns/opinions about racial inequity and treatment at BWA.**

8. Approval to Move to Executive Session

Expected to last for 10 minutes.

Motion by Brandy Johnson. Seconded by Marissa Levisen, to move into executive session at 6:26 pm.

Passed unanimously.

The regular meeting is adjourned for 10 minutes.

Roxanne Craft calls the regular meeting back to order at 6:38 pm.

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Marissa Levisen, seconded by Brandy Johnson.

- **Vote:** Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:43 pm

Minutes submitted by: Dr. Sherry Pinto

Date of submission: 14 April 2026