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Board of Directors Meeting

February 5, 2026

Meeting was held in person at the BICO Central Office.

Members

In attendance:

Mr. David Sawyer, Attleboro
Dr. Peter Marano, Bellingham
Ms. Jill Pilla-Gallerani, Blackstone-Millville
Dr. Amy Berdos, Foxborough
Mr. Lucas Giguere, Franklin
Ms. Karen Crebase, Hopedale
Dr. Rich Drolet, King Philip
Dr. Michelle McKeon, Mansfield
Dr. Ingrid Allardi, Norfolk
Dr. John Antonucci, North Attleboro
Dr. Jennifer O'Neill, Norton
Dr. Jennifer Parson, Plainville
Ms. Rebecca Kidwell, Seekonk
Mr. Scott Holcomb, Swansea
Mr. David Ljungberg, Uxbridge
Dr. Bridget Gough, Walpole
Dr. Allan Cameron, Wrentham

Absent:

Dr. Lisha Cabral, Easton
Dr. Kevin McIntyre, Milford
Dr. Karen Maguire, Tri-County

Present:

Ms. Jeanne Sullivan, Executive Director
Ms. Holly Buttrick, Director of Finance and Operations
Dr. Bradford Jackson, Treasurer
Ms. Julie O'Connor, Director of Student Services
Ms. Laurie Cunningham, Director of Clinical Services
Ms. Anna Jewell, Executive Assistant
Members of the BICO Operating Committee

Dr. Berdos called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Action Matters

Approval of Board Minutes from November 20, 2025 (Vote Required)

Motion by Dr. Cameron, seconded by Ms. Crebase, to approve the regular session board meeting minutes dated November 20, 2025. The vote to approve was unanimous. Dr. Allardi and Mr. Ljungberg were not present to vote.

Approval of Board Minutes from January 6, 2026 (Vote Required)

The meeting minutes needed to be amended to add Jeanne as present to the meeting. Motion by Dr. Parson, seconded by Dr. Marano, to approve the regular session board meeting minutes dated January 6, 2026. The vote to approve was unanimous. Dr. Allardi and Mr. Ljungberg were not present to vote.

Approval of Budget Subcommittee Minutes from January 6, 2026 (Vote Required)

Motion by Dr. Cameron, seconded by Dr. Gough, to approve the budget subcommittee meeting minutes dated January 6, 2026. The vote to approve was unanimous. Dr. Allardi and Mr. Ljungberg were not present to vote.

Approval of Budget Subcommittee Minutes from January 26, 2026 (Vote Required)

Motion by Dr. Cameron, seconded by Ms. Kidwell, to approve the budget subcommittee meeting minutes dated January 26, 2026. The vote to approve was unanimous. Dr. Allardi and Mr. Ljungberg were not present to vote.

Employee Appointments/Resignations/Leaves of Absence (Vote Required)

Motion by Dr. Cameron, seconded by Ms. Kidwell, to approve Employee Appointments/Resignations/Leaves of Absences as written. The vote to approve was unanimous. Dr. Allardi and Mr. Ljungberg were not present to vote.

Referral Process/ Enrollment Update

Jeanne Sullivan, Julie O'Connor and Laurie Cunningham presented on referrals and enrollment. As of February 1, 2026 enrollment was 165 students which included 158 Placements and 7 IAES/45 Day Assessments. 106 of the students enrolled are from member districts and the remaining 59 are from non-member districts.

Business Office Updates

Ms. Holly Buttrick provided the Board of Directors with a Financial Update. As far as facilities, Johnson School passed the Annual Fire Safety Inspection and 110 Inspection on January 29, 2026.

FY27 Budget (First Read)

The Budget Subcommittee met twice in January to review the financial status of BICO and develop a proposal for the FY27 Budget. A summary of the FY27 Budget Proposal that has been endorsed by the Budget Subcommittee is below:

- ❖ Overall lower student enrollment target with incremental increases throughout year
 - 9/1/2026 - 156 students
 - 1/1/2027 - 167 students
 - 6/30/2027 - 178 students
 - Average annual enrollment - 167 students
- ❖ Tiered tuition and service fee increase
 - Public Day School Programs - 10% increase
 - Host School Programs and all services - 6% increase
- ❖ COLA for all staff - 2%
- ❖ Retiree Health Insurance costs of \$250,000 to be funded from Operating Budget
- ❖ Host school lease rate increase, 9% FY27 & 9% FY28 with ongoing annual reviews FY29 forward - agreed to as part of FY 26 Budget proposal
- ❖ Proposed Operating Budget of \$17,291,286 is balanced

Discussion ensued regarding enrollment and the history of tuition increases. Holly said she was going to put together a memo for next month's meeting in regards to the tuition increase over past years.

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Other

Dr. Amy Berdos provided an update in regards to the Executive Director search and finalist.

Routine Matters

Approval of Payroll Warrants

Approval of Bill Warrants

Adjourn

Motion by Dr. Cameron, seconded by Ms. Crebase, to adjourn the open meeting at 10:26 a.m. The motion passed unanimously.