

Movement School Bridge View
Board Meeting Minutes
When: Thursday, May 8, 2025 - 6:00pm
Location: Zoom

Board Members in Attendance:

Ed Butler
De'Andre Cherry
Dennis Crawford
Tameka Howell
Michael Wade

Other Attendees:

DeAnna Bruce - Superintendent Movement Bridge View
Laetitia Dowd - CFO Movement Schools

Notes:

- Call to Order - 6:08pm, quorum present
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Missions Statement
- Roll Call
- Consent Agenda
- Previous minutes - approved
- Public Comments - none
- Informational Items:
 - Superintendent's Report:
 - Financial Update - Laetitia Dowd
 - Cash position - \$264,000; continues to decrease as year goes on (this is normal)
 - Possibly need more cash this year; don't need full \$400,000 that was approved
 - Other current assets:
 - Outstanding USDA claims; Some prepaid expenses; some reimbursements
 - Grants: working on new grants for cash influx
 - Liabilities:
 - Accrued: bussing, Movement Foundation
 - Year to Date:
 - Loss of \$230,000 (reporting) - on track with cash to cover it in the form of the loan from Movement.
 - April actual/budget:
 - Actuals were ~\$14,000 better than budget
 - Utilities on budget this month
 - Budget for next year:
 - Good feedback from grant writers for funds
 - Using formula we used for this year as far as state funding goes
 - Variables - students who qualify for certain categories that would increase funding
 - Liabilities:
 - Staffing: assuming we meet enrollment goals. 3 K classes (1 teacher and 1 asst. per class); 2 first, 2 second (1 teacher and 1 asst per cohort); Specials will be in house, part time employees; SPED, Nurse, multiple admin, Custodian (helps with expenses)
 - Many assumptions deal with meeting our enrollment
 - Rent - first year of paying rent
 - Board will receive budget to review and comment on for next meeting

- A little heavy on personnel expenses - but not out of line with what we're trying to do with our school
- Actively working to gain grants to support budget
- DeAnna Bruce:
 - Enrollment update:
 - Focus is registration - returners and registered students
 - Need around 91 students in all grades to register; we have enough applications in the pipeline; we just need to convert them to registered
 - Registration rallies to boost families registering; focusing on converting families rather than recruiting.
 - Pre-K Update:
 - Struggling having them process our application - we have been timely and responsive with all parts of the application.
 - Have over 100 families interested - great demand. Would likely help with other enrollment figures to have more options for families with multiple students.
 - Should have an answer by mid-May about a confirmation
 - Welcome to Movement Day - May 31 from 10:30-12:00
 - Potential new board member:
 - Ashley Harwyn - local to Charleston; healthcare field
 - Comments/Additional Agenda Items:
 - Concerns with budget cuts to charter schools reported by Chris Neely
 - Vote to approve motion to sign contract with Movement Schools - all approved
- Meeting adjourned - 6:52

Next meeting - Thursday, June 12, 2025 | 6pm | Zoom