

**BEEKMAN CHARTER SCHOOL
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2026
6:00 PM
CAFETERIA**

1. Call to Order. Keith Huntsman

The Beekman Charter School Board of Directors meeting was called to order by Keith Huntsman.

2. Roll Call.

Roll call results were as follows:

- Members present: Mario Bershell, Mike Edmonds, Sarah Ellingburg, Keith Huntsman, Tamika Jones, Mike Stephens
- Members absent: Lori Wallace
- Others in attendance: Samantha Mann, John Merritt, Zemarcus Mays, Abigail Kilcrease, Amy Dantzer, Kayce Waller, Jessica Allred, Abigail Atkins

3. Pledge and Prayer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sarah Ellingburg.

The prayer was led by Mike Edmonds.

4. Consent Agenda.

A. To approve the March 12, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes.

The minutes were approved with no revisions.

5. To receive and approve the March, 2026 Financial Report. –Abigail Kilcrease

Mrs. Kilcrease presented the March, 2026 Financial Report. Revenue collected was \$10,205,255.73. Expenditures were \$10,431,929.98. Excluding CD and Money Market investments, the General Fund cash balance as of March 31, 2026 was \$1,588,669.95. BCS Total Cash Assets, including CD and Money Market investments as of March 31, 2026 was \$5,290,952.21. Motion to approve the March, 2026 Financial Report was made by Tamika Farrell. Seconded by Sarah Ellingburg. Motion carried.

6. To receive Administrative Reports from:

a. Zemarcus Mays, Operations Manager

Mr. Mays included updates for various operations departments, insurance, the Jr. High building project, safety, and more. He also provided an ownership map of the school that included the number of classrooms owned by the parish or by BCS. Mr. Mays will make a few updates to the ownership map as soon as possible.

Mr. Mays explained that he would like to use our in-house custodians to wax the floors during summer break this year instead of contracting out these services. In order to do that, the custodians will move from nine month employees to twelve month employees. Tamika Farrell made a motion to approve moving the custodial

staff from nine month to twelve month employees. Seconded by Michael Edmonds.

He updated the Board on the progress of the auction, and asked to use the funds to offset the cost of purchasing a new tractor. He has found a 2026 John Deere tractor that would meet the needs of the maintenance department. A motion to approve the purchase of a tractor to meet the needs of the maintenance department was made by Tamika Farrell. Seconded by Michael Edmonds. Motion carried.

b. Amy Dantzler, Assistant Principal

Mrs. Dantzler provided an opinion of student loss in Morehouse Parish based on enrollment data pulled over the last 10 years. In her opinion, enrollment has been affected by the declining population of the area, which may be directly influenced by industry that has moved out of the area.

c. John Merritt, Principal

Mr. Merritt's report included updates on academics such as observations and testing, campus activities such as ACT boot camp, and athletics. He also provided his opinion of the trend at BCS regarding Jr. High through High School retention. He explained that we've averaged 75-80% retention rates, and that is an encouraging number. Mr. Huntsman touched on the importance of retention, recruiting, and reviewing the data for trends and patterns.

d. Samantha Mann, Executive Director

Mrs. Mann provided charts including debt service information, District 12 payoff information, BCS projects since becoming a charter school, and more.

Mrs. Ellingburg also provided an update to the board in reference to Mrs. Mann's evaluation process. It is too late in the year to make changes to the rubric. It will remain the same for the June evaluation. They will look into making changes after that.

7. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.