BEEKMAN CHARTER SCHOOL
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2026
6:00 PM (IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING COMMITTEE MEETINGS)
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: Mike Edmonds, Sarah Ellingburg, Keith Huntsman, Tamika Jones, Mike Stephens, Lori Wallace
   - Members absent: Mario Bershell
   - Others in attendance: Samantha Mann, John Merritt, Zemarcus Mays, Abigail Kilcrease, Amy Dantzler, Kayce Waller, 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 May 26, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes.
   The minutes were approved with no revisions.

5. **To receive June 11, 2026 Committee Meeting action item reports:**
   a. Building and Properties – Mike Stephens
      i. *To ear mark debt service money for capital improvements.*
      Mike Stephens moved to ear mark debt service money for capital improvements. Seconded by Sarah Ellingburg. Motion carried.
   b. Personnel and Student Affairs- Lori Wallace
      i. *Communihealth to present the possibility for a school based clinic at BCS.*
      This item was discussion only. No action was taken.
      ii. *HB283 Teachers Shield Act. Interpretation by admin.*
      This item was for discussion only. No action was taken.
   c. Finance Committee- Tamika Jones
      i. *To receive and approve the May, 2026 Financial Report.*
      Tamika Jones moved to approve the May, 2026 Financial Report. Seconded by Mike Stephens. Motion carried.
   d. Academic Excellence Committee- Sarah Ellingburg
      i. *There are no items on the agenda for this committee.*

6. **To renew Board members terms. –Keith Huntsman**

Mario Bershell and Mike Stephens are eligible to renew terms for two years. Sarah Ellingburg and Lori Wallace are eligible to renew terms for three years. Motion to renew all eligible terms was made by Tamika Jones. Seconded by Mike Edmonds. Motion carried.

7. **To elect officers for the Board of Directors. –Keith Huntsman**
   President of the Board of Directors is Keith Huntsman. Vice-president is Michael Edmonds. Secretary/Treasurer is Tamika Jones. Motion to re-elect the current officers was made by Lori Wallace. Seconded by Sarah Ellingburg. Motion carried.

8. **To elect an official journal. –Keith Huntsman**
   The official journal for BCS is The Ouachita Citizen. Motion to elect The Ouachita Citizen as the official journal for BCS was made by Tamika Jones. Seconded by Lori Wallace. Motion carried.

9. **To accept a nomination for an alternate board member. –Keith Huntsman**
   Keith Huntsman presented a nomination for an alternate board member, Earl Crumley. Motion to nominate Earl Crumley as an alternate board member was made by Keith Huntsman. Seconded by Mike Stephens. Motion carried.

10. **To approve flooring bids for classrooms 201, 202, and 203. –Zemarcus Mays**
    Rainwater flooding caused water damage to the tiles, causing them to come uplifted from the flooring. Mr. Mays obtained three quotes for the necessary repairs, and would like to accept the bid of $14,740.00 by Joe Banks from Mangham, LA. A motion to approve the flooring bid for classrooms 201, 202, and 203 was made by Tamika Jones. Seconded by Sarah Ellingburg. Motion carried.

11. **To approve the final FY2026 budget revision. –Abigail Kilcrease**
    The final budget revision reflects a deficit of up to $861,523.00. Mrs. Kilcrease explained that the amount reflects out of the ordinary, large ticket items such as the $700,000.00 loan payoff, invoices for Taylor Wallace, invoices for legal services related to bond issuance, and completion of the Tiger Athletic Facility. Motion to approve the final FY2026 budget revision was made by Tamika Jones. Seconded by Mike Stephens. Motion carried.

12. **To receive the FY2027 initial budget. –Abigail Kilcrease**
    The initial budget for the 2026-2027 school year reflects an excess of $68,171.00. It has been created based on a student count of 970. No action was necessary at this time.

13. **To approve the 2025-2026 audit engagement letter. –Abigail Kilcrease**
    Motion to approve the 2025-2026 audit engagement letter was made by Tamika Jones. Seconded by Lori Wallace. Motion carried.

14. **To approve moving an Instructional Facilitator from a 10 month to a 12 month employee effective July 1, 2026. –Samantha Mann**

Mrs. Mann expressed a need to move this employee to a 12 month position due to new state standards. She will also be looking into new curriculum for the future and working on scope and sequence all summer. Motion to approve moving an Instructional Facilitator from a 10 month to a 12 month employee effective July 1, 2026 was made by Mike Stephens. Seconded by Lori Wallace. Motion carried.

15. **To approve pay scale revisions effective July 1, 2026. –Abigail Kilcrease**
The pay scale revisions included a one-time certified and support staff stipend required per Executive Order 26-047, a $500.00 annual increase for all staff with over 25 years experience, and an update to the instructional facilitator's salary schedule. Tamika Jones provided data that compared BCS' salary schedule to other schools for the Business Manager and Operations Manager positions. She would like to see BCS offer competitive salaries for these positions, and requested that Mrs. Mann bring the pay scale back next month to review and approve with those suggested changes. Motion to approve the current pay scale revisions effective July 1, 2026 was made by Mike Edmonds. Seconded by Sarah Ellingburg. Motion carried.

16. **To approve operational contracts for FY 2026-2027. –Zemarcus Mays**
A motion to approve operational contracts for FY 2026-2027 was made by Tamika Jones. Seconded by Lori Wallace. Motion carried.

17. **To authorize Mrs. Mann to gather information and or an application to convert our Type 3 charter agreement to a Type 2 charter agreement. –Keith Huntsman**
At this time, some shared services that BCS relies on Morehouse Parish for are: cafeteria services, SPED, speech, adaptive P.E., and others. The Board would like Mrs. Mann to create a chart that details the pros and cons of becoming a Type 2 charter school. She will present that data at the next scheduled Board of Directors meeting. No action was taken.

18. **To request that, unless already attended, Mays, Mann, Merritt, Dantzler, and Waller attend a zoom meeting with Zoey Reed regarding daily deposits, crisis management, dark website, etc. –Keith Huntsman**
Mr. Huntsman praised the informative benefit of attending a zoom meeting with Zoey Reed. Mrs. Mann asked that Mr. Huntsman provide her with contact information to schedule this session. No action was taken.

19. **To receive Administrative Reports from:**
    a. Zemarcus Mays, Operations Manager
        Mr. Mays highlighted summer work being done to prepare for the upcoming year by the maintenance, janitorial, and IT departments. He also provided updates on facilities projects.
    b. John Merritt, Principal
        Mr. Merritt's report included staffing, athletics, trainings, and more.
    d. Samantha Mann, Executive Director
        Mrs. Mann reported on staffing, conferences, CMAR, Bond Issue, and more. She also included informational fliers regarding the Governor's proposal to redirect a portion of non-instructional MFP funding toward educator stipends.

20. **To enter into executive session to discuss a pending legal issue and lawsuit with counsel. –Samantha Mann**
    A motion to enter into executive session was made by Tamika Jones. Seconded by Lori Wallace. A roll call vote was conducted. The results were as follows:
    - Mario Bershell: absent
    - Mike Edmonds: yes
    - Sarah Ellingburg: yes
    - Keith Huntsman: yes
    - Tamika Jones: yes
    - Mike Stephens: yes
    - Lori Wallace: yes

    Motion carried.
    Mrs. Mann was given authority by the Board to speak with the attorney about sending the demand letter. No motion was made. The Board remained in executive session to continue with the next item on the agenda.

21. **To enter into executive session to conduct the annual evaluation for the executive director. –Sarah Ellingburg**
    The Board remained in executive session from the previous item on the agenda.

    A motion to exit executive session was made by Sarah Ellingburg. Seconded by Lori Wallace. A roll call vote was conducted. The results were as follows:
    - Mario Bershell: absent
    - Mike Edmonds: yes
    - Sarah Ellingburg: yes
    - Keith Huntsman: yes
    - Tamika Jones: yes
    - Mike Stephens: yes
    - Lori Wallace: yes

    Motion carried.

    The evaluation was completed. No action was taken.

22. **Adjourn**
    The meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.