

**BADEN ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting**

May 18, 2026

Call to order

The meeting was called to order on Monday, May 18, 2026 at 6:01 pm by Mr. Ward

Roll Call

Present:

Tom Ward
Debbie Bufalini
Megan Burgess
Roylin Petties
Sara Portoulas

Excused:

Chris Mazur

Doug Sharp
Terrence Smith

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to Adopt the Agenda

Motion: Mr. Petties
Seconded: Mr. Sharp
Discussion:
Passed unanimously

Recommend that the Board approve the minutes from the April 20, 2026 regular Board meeting.

Motion: Mr. Smith
Seconded: Mrs. Bufalini
Discussion:
Passed unanimously

Correspondence –

2 items were sent to the Board last week.

- The first was a letter from teachers stating their concerns and some questions.
- The other were letters and a petition for keeping the Media Lab in its current location.

Public Comment –

Arlo Smith - 5th Grader at BACS speaking regarding keeping the Media Lab in its place

Sophie Panella - Former Students, Sophomore at Lincoln Park. Speaking regarding the Media Lab and it staying where it is.

Maddison Dimond - Former Students, Sophomore at Lincoln Park. Speaking regarding the Media Lab and it staying where it is.

Devon Yova - Parent of second grader, works with some of the clubs. Speaking regarding the Media Lab and it staying where it is.

Valerie Stumpf - Former Grandparent and Volunteer. Speaking regarding the Media Lab and it staying where it is.

Langston Ramos - 6th Grader at BACS speaking regarding keeping the Media Lab in its place. Collected 100 signatures.

Robin Felder - Former Baden mom and employee, speaking regarding the Media Lab and it staying where it is.

Rhonda Dimond - Former parent speaking regarding the Media Lab and it staying where it is.

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Chelsey Reinheimer - 6th Grade Teacher want to make Baden Academy a better place. Looking for areas of growth, transparency.

Dana DiBasilio - 4th Grade Teacher. Concerns about open dialogue. Wants to know what happens after you follow the chain of command.

Administrator's Report

- We celebrated bus driver appreciation week the last week of April with a special welcome for the bus drivers a treat for each one!
- Arts at the Academy was a huge success this year with a color run, beautiful art displays, vendors, food trucks, an alumni celebration, children's activities and live music.
- BACS 6th Grade students won the "Battle of the Books" at Penn State Beaver this year. An annual reading competition where teams from local school districts answer trivia style questions based on a pre-determined list of books.
- We helped our campus neighbors plant trees on Friday, May 8th. Volunteers from the Sister's and Concordia worked with us to plant trees and various flowers throughout the campus.
- Our spring showcases were held on May 12, 13 and 14 and were well attended despite Mr. Jeffers' dad jokes!
- Career week will be held this week as we celebrate creativity confidence and future dreams!

Financial Report

- a. **Recommend the Board approve the list of invoices paid in April in the amount of \$427,430.33 from the general fund.**
- b. **Recommend the Board approve the financials dated April 2026.**

Motion: Ms. Burgess
Second: Ms. Portoulas
Discussion:
Passed Unanimously

Recommend that the Board approve the 2026-2027 Preliminary Budget.

Motion: Mr. Petties
Seconded: Ms. Burgess
Discussion:
Passed unanimously

Recommend that the Board approve the United Health Care quote.

Motion: Ms. Burgess
Seconded: Mr. Sharp
Discussion: Tom thinks we need to take a deeper dive for next year's insurance and check more options.
Passed unanimously

Recommend the Board approve the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust invoice in the amount of \$14,546.00.

Motion: Mr. Smith
Second: Mrs. Portoulas

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Discussion:
Passed unanimously

Recommend the Board approve the Nye Technical services quote in the amount of \$19,887.56.

Motion: Mr. Smith
Second: Mr. Sharp
Discussion: PCDE safety grant. We did receive other quotes. The advantage with them is they were the cheapest and they will work with our current system.
Passed unanimously

Recommend the Board approve the dates listed below for School Board Meetings for the 2026-2027 School year.

Regular Meetings

July 20, 2026
August 17, 2026
September 21, 2026
October 19, 2026
November 16, 2026
December 21, 2026
January 25, 2027
February 22, 2027
March 15, 2027
April 19, 2027
May 17, 2027
June 21, 2027

Working Board Sessions

July 15, 2026
August 12, 2026
September 16, 2026
October 14, 2026
November 11, 2026
December 16, 2026
January 20, 2027
February 17, 2027
March 10, 2027
April 14, 2027
May 12, 2027
June 16, 2027

Motion: Mr. Petties
Second: Mr. Sharp
Discussion:
Passed unanimously

Executive Session

Recommend the Board go into executive session to discuss legal and personnel matters, in accordance with Pennsylvania's *Sunshine Law*, 65 Pa.C.S.A. § At 6:29 pm

- **Threat Assessment Teams and Report 2026**
- **2026-2027 School Safety Improvement Plan**

Motion: Mr. Petties
Second: Mr. Smith
Discussion:
Passed: Unanimously

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Recommend the Board come out of executive session at 7:19 pm.

Motion: Mr. Petties

Second: Ms. Burgess

Discussion:

Passed: Passed Unanimously

Recommend the Board approve the Personnel Report Dated May 2026.

Motion: Ms. Burgess

Second: Mr. Smith

Discussion:

Passed unanimously

Board Member Questions & Comments:

Date of next Board Meeting is June 15, 2026 at 6:00 pm on Zoom.

Adjourn at 7:20 pm.

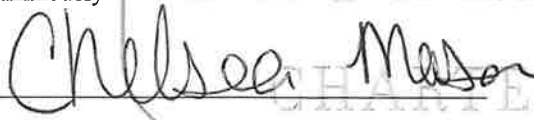
Motion: Mr. Smith

Second: Mr. Petties

Discussion:

Passed: Unanimously

Signed by:



Mrs. Chelsea Mason

Secretary