

BEAVER COUNTY EDUCATIONAL TRUST
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
Friday, November 11, 2022

President Michael Jones called the meeting to order at 11:48 am.

Trustees Present: Daniel Rossi-Keen, Lincoln Kretchmar, Mark Breedlove, Dan Donnelly, Dennis Nichols, Victor Raskovsky, David Wytiaz, Yvonne Connor, Roger Davis and Executive Director Jamie Connelly

Trustees Absent: Joseph Guarino, Jodi Oliver, Joe Rubino, Jim Masterson, Todd Todorich

Procedural Actions:

Victor Raskovsky motioned the acceptance of the meeting minutes for the August 19, 2022 minutes, seconded by Dennis Nichols. Motioned carried.

Treasurer, Lincoln Kretchmar, presented the Treasurer's report for approval. Motion to accept made by Mike Jones, seconded by Mark Breedlove. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Board Governance Committee:

Mark Breedlove presented the nominees for the Executive Committee and also asked if there were any other nominations. With no additional nominees Mark asked for a vote to elect the following officers:

Chairman/Board:	Michael Jones
Vice Chairman:	Daniel Rossi-Keen
Secretary:	Yvonne Connor
Treasurer:	Lincoln Kretchmar
Executive Director:	Jamie Connelly

A vote to accept all was made and passed.
Mark Breedlove presented the class list.

We have three retiring Board members this year. They are Mark Breedlove, Jodi Oliver and Todd Todorich.

The following classes were voted on and approved with the moving of Dennis Nichols from the class of 2022-2024 to the class of 2023-2025.

2023-2023 (4)

Jim Masterson

Dan Donnelly

Daniel Rossi-Keen

Joe Rubino

2022-2024 (4)

Victor Raskovsky

Joseph Guarino

Lincoln Kretchmar

Yvonne Connor

2023-2025 (4)

Dave Wytiaz

Roger Davis

Michael Jones

Dennis Nichols

Fundraising Committee:

Dennis Nichols reviewed the minutes from the September 27, 2022 Fundraising and Event Committee meeting. Outreach to new and existing donors on a regular basis along with uncovering potential new donors will be a priority. Some suggested avenues for new donors were graduates of Growing with Books, Chamber of Commerce members and other public service organizations. Development of Associate dues paying members was also discussed. The next public event, Coming Together for Education, is being planned for this coming April or May.

Finance Committee:

Lincoln Kretchmar reviewed the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on November 2, 2022. He highlighted the investment portfolio and the Financial Statements as of this date. BCET received \$25,000 from Beaver County – Recovery Act and \$45,000 from Lincoln Learning, (30,000 for Mini Grants and 15,000 for Growing with Books).

Lincoln also discussed whether BCET should do a full audit. The Audit committee will meet with Ken Herman, the BCET accountant, to discuss the benefit/need of a full audit and the cost.

Marketing Committee:

Lincoln Kretchmar reviewed the social media numbers for the year. He also told the board that we were moving on from Trailblaze and will be looking at other companies for proposals for marketing the Trust. Suggested that an intern might be the way to go instead of a firm.

New Business:

Executive Director, Jamie Connelly acknowledge the receipt of \$1000 from Tusca Ridge for a gardening mini grant. Received 33 applications for mini grants. 30 were awarded. 9 Story walks were granted and 4 Steam walks.

Victor Raskovsky, thanked Mark Breedlove for his, many, many years of service. The entire board concurred.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

Board of Trustees:

February 17, 2023

May 12, 2023

August 18, 2023

November 10, 2023.

Adjournment of Meeting:

Motion to adjourn at 1:10pm was made by Victor Raskovsky and seconded by Dan Donnelly. Motion carried.