



## ***Increasing the Knowledge, Skills and Effectiveness of Ohio's CHARTER SCHOOL BOARDS***

### ***“THE BOARD DOCTOR” SHARES INSIGHTS AIMED AT PREVENTING CHARTER SCHOOL CLOSURES***

Buckeye Charter Schools Board (BCSB) welcomed nationally recognized charter school expert Dr. Brian L. Carpenter as a guest speaker at the second session of its dynamic Winter Board Development Series delivered via Zoom to charter school board members from across the Buckeye State.

Dr. Carpenter shared strategies outlined in his recently published book, *Save Your Ship!: How to Protect Your Charter School Through Systematic Risk Management*.

“Broadly speaking, ERM (enterprise risk management) is a construct that refers to systematically identifying and managing organizational risk through a framework of principles and practices,” explained Dr. Carpenter, who has applied the model commonly used in various business sectors specifically to charter schools.

He outlined, and provided examples of, the **3Ps of charter school risk**:

- ◆ PEOPLE including students, staff, directors, parents, visitors and volunteers;
- ◆ PROPERTY including money, facilities, equipment, vehicles and reputation/goodwill; and,
- ◆ Programs including the school’s charter, PTO/Booster Club, etc., Title funds, before/after school programs, and food/bus/grants.

Dr. Carpenter also shared his **6-I Model for Charter School Systematic Risk Management**:

- ◆ **INSTILL** an ethos among all board members and executives that ethical conduct is the first condition of their service to the school;
- ◆ **INFORM** yourself and others about risks and their causes common to a charter school’s 3Ps;
- ◆ **INVEST** time and resources in the formation and development of a risk management team;
- ◆ **IDENTIFY** the reasonably foreseeable risks to each subset of your school’s 3Ps;
- ◆ **INTEGRATE** a variety of risk response strategies which avoid/transfer/mitigate and accept risk throughout operations by means of a risk management plan; and,
- ◆ **ITERATE** your risk management plan as needed by monitoring changes to the internal and external risk environment.

Session participants will each receive a copy of *Save Your Ship!: How to Protect Your Charter School Through Systematic Risk Management* compliments of the National Charter Schools Institute.

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## **"THE BOARD DOCTOR" — continued**

If you missed this informative and thought-provoking session, be sure you don't miss the final session of the series — *Proactive Boards Plan Ahead* — next month (see brief description below).

Special thanks Dr. Carpenter, participating charter school board members, and BCSB's event partner, the National Charter Schools Institute.

### **OHIO CONSTRUCTION ACADEMY MEETS ITS NEW iPAL!**

BCSB's Board Chair Rod Hale joined psi's Director of School Partnership Bruce Henson in delivering the grand prize from BCSB's 2021 statewide conference – a customized iPal Robot – to the board of the Ohio Construction Academy, a dropout prevention and recovery school located in Columbus.



The iPal Robot, which presents educational content in an engaging manner that supports social development and encourages interest in science and technology, was jointly sponsored by BCSB and psi. Ohio Construction Academy's board member Penn Berens, who attended BCSB's *Bridge to Excellence* fall conference, was the lucky prize drawing winner.

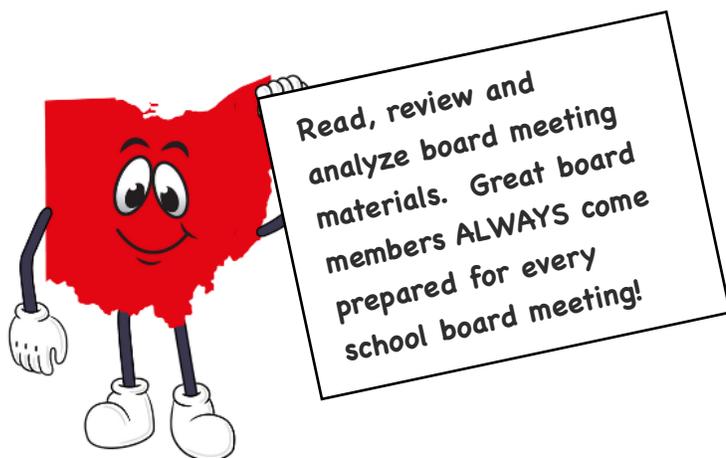
"We congratulate BCSB and Ohio Construction Academy in its latest addition – iPal Robot!," Henson said. "These robots can be used to deliver virtual speech therapy and title services, as well as your curriculum. Kids love this exciting way to learn!"



*BCSB Board Chair Rod Hale introduces the school's new iPal to members of the Ohio Construction Academy's board.*

### **A TIP FROM BOBBY BUCKEYE**

Bobby loves to quote Alexander Graham Bell who said: *Before anything else, preparation is the key to success.* That's certainly true for charter school board members!



### **DON'T MISS: PROACTIVE BOARDS PLAN AHEAD!**

The third and final session of BCSB's **Winter Board Development Series**, scheduled for **March 15, 4 to 5 p.m.**, will feature author and charter school expert Dr. Brian L. Carpenter and National Charter Schools Institute Vice President for Leadership and Learning Mark J. Weinberg. The two will share their unique perspectives during this dynamic one-hour Zoom session *Proactive Boards Plan Ahead!* Mark your calendars now and look for registration information to come in future BCSB newsletters and emails.