

THE CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL FOI AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

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Minutes–Board of Trustees Meeting October 15, 2020, 6:00 p.m.

All by Zoom Conferencing: John Callahan, Rick Marsico, Janine Azriliant, Christian Bannerman, Denis ORourke,
Arrived late: Jumaane Saunders

Absent: Linnet Tse

Executive Director Richard Burke,

Guest: Sarah Fuentes, Dan Sang

Welcome, and Call to Order -John Callahan welcomed and called the meeting to Order at 6:10 PM and thanked everyone for attending via Zoom. Mr. Callahan mentioned that we had a list of new hires in the consent agenda. Mr. Callahan asked if there were any comments on either item. The new hires and minutes were accepted with no comment.

Financials- Mr. Burke began reviewing the financials and shared his screen. Mr. Burke reported that our finances are in good shape, although there continues to be a threat of a 20% cut of state funding. Mr. Burke mentioned that there had been a Finance Committee phone call earlier in the week that went into great detail on the financials

Executive Director Report

Mr. Burke reported that the school year's successful start continued and that the scholars were tested with STAR testing. Mr. Burke then reviewed the Dashboard and the Star testing that showed more than 50-75% ½ of the school is two or more years behind in reading and math, similar to what we saw last year. Mr. Burke discussed the plans for intervention and improvement with the unknown of remote learning hovering over it all. Mr. Burke mentioned that the "Shared Space" was presently going into classes and would give us a report on what they saw and recommendation, which Mr. Burke said he would share with the Board.

Members asked about the students that show above grade level and how do we support them. Mr. Burke reported on our College Now program that has approximately 13 Seniors taking courses at BCC and the Princeton Program ALA that has eight 11th and 12th graders in it. He also mentioned our AP program and the upcoming programs with



the College of Mt. St. Vincent and Mercy College Saturday programs that will start in 2021.

Chairman Report – Mr. Callahan mentioned that The Shared Space approval as our IP is on the agenda.

Mr. Callahan stated that he would provide Vickie Smith of SED a status report on the Board and the past year before the next board meeting.

Mr. Callahan mentioned we are voting on approval of a contract with a company that put the plastic shields on the desk and other protections due to COVID.

Mr. Callahan then called for Committee Reports-Mr. Callahan reported that we had discussed the finance earlier, and there was a meeting this past Tuesday.

Academic Committee-Mr. Saunders was late coming in and said there was nothing to report.

Mr. Callahan mentioned that the Governance Committee would be organized for the next meeting, and Dan Sang would be a member. Mr. Callahan asked the Board to go to Board on Track and check out the wealth of materials on Board Committees and Board training. Mr. Callahan mentioned the training from the consultant from CEI and stated we would share those with the new Board members.

Mr. Callahan and the Board discussed fundraising, and Mr. Burke stated he would provide a Development/Fundraising proposal for the next meeting.

Mr. Callahan moved to new business to vote on Dan Sang, who has to leave the meeting.

Mr. Callahan asks for a motion on accepting Dan Sang as a new Board Member, Mr. Marsico moves, and Dr. Bannerman seconds, and the motion was approved.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL FOR LAW AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

The Charter High School for Law and Social Justice Board of Trustees, having conducted a thorough background check via a fingerprint scan as required for Dan Sang and having discovered no State or Federal criminal history, or having provided such history to SED if found, has voted to elect Dan Sang as final candidates to its Board of Trustees, with a term expiring on June 30, 2022, pending approval by SED.



The Board congratulated Dan Sang, who thanked everyone and then exited the meeting.

Mr. Callahan read the SED approval motion to change Institutional Partners, Dr. Bannerman moves, and Ms. Azriliant seconds, and the motion is approved.

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Whereas, The Charter High School Law and Social Justice has been required by the NYS Board of Regents as a condition of charter renewal to identify and engage an institutional partner;

Whereas, our agreement with our previous institution partner has been terminated; and
Therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of The Charter High School Law and Social Justice propose to engage Shared Space Educational Services, Inc., a non-profit company, as an institutional partner; and

Further, be it resolved that the terms of this proposed partnership will be submitted to NYSED for review and approval. Upon approval by NYSED, the Board will execute a contract with Shared Space Educational Services, Inc.

Mr. Callahan reads the motion and asks for a motion to vote to approve the purchase of plexiglass barriers for desks from SWITCH CONSTRUCTION LLC for \$29,860.00.

Ms. Azriliant moves to accept the motion, and Mr. Marsico seconds.

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The Charter High School for Law and Social Justice Board of Trustees approves the purchase of Desk shields for all desks in the school with Switch Construction LLC for \$29,860.00.

Mr. Callahan then said there were no public members to make a statement, so he mentioned they would be going into an Executive Session

Mr. Marsico moved that they go into Executive Session, and Ms. Azriliant seconded and went into executive session.

The Board moved out of Executive Session, and Mr. Marsico moved to adjourn, which was seconded by Dr. Bannerman and approved at 7:35 PM.

Next Meeting: November 19, 2020, 6:00 PM



John Callahan