



Brighter Choice Charter Schools

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday September 9, 2021 at 9:30 AM

Trustees Present

M. Snyder (remote), P. Romain (remote), T. Hanmer (remote), Z. Nelson (remote)

Trustees Absent

N. Maresca, N. Velilla, R. McLaughlin

Guests Present

K. Ford (remote), K. Mclean (remote), L. Licygiewicz (remote), S. Jahn (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

M. Snyder called a meeting of the board of trustees of Brighter Choice Charter Schools to order on Thursday Sep 9, 2021 at 8:40 AM.

C. Approve Minutes

P. Romain made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting on 07-15-21.

T. Hanmer seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Academic Policy

A. Report

T. Hanmer reported the Principal reports submitted by Karen Mclean and Kristina Ford. Enrollment data is positive and above budgeted numbers.

T. Hanmer reported that staffing needs will include supports for students returning to school with academic and social deficits. K. Mclean expressed a need for a building sub and two additional TAs to be housed in K. Kindergarten scholars need another adult to support their learning.

M. Snyder asked P. Augello to estimate if our budget would accommodate. We would need a few additional scholars to support paying for these positions.

K. Mclean is targeting scholars in grades with some room to add.

M. Snyder expressed that as long as we are focused on getting additional scholars then we should absolutely increase needed support positions. P. Augello confirmed we should be able to go ahead and hire these positions.

K. Ford would like two Teaching Fellows and a Teaching Assistant. Right now, if BCCS-G stays at current enrollment there should be financial room to hire these positions.

M. Snyder would like to make one amendment to the Principal reports to include a COVID update.

K. Ford has had two scholars that are positive for COVID and their close contacts (within 6 feet) were alerted as was the Health Department.

III. Governance

A. School Calendar

Motion to Amend the calendar to include 185 days for the 2021-22 school year.

P. Romain seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

A material change to our charter will need to go to the Regents and be submitted by December. So far a 185 day school year would not require a material change.

T. Hanmer made a motion to Submit to SED a calendar change proposal to have a minimum of 185 days beginning SY 2022-2023.

P. Romain seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

IV. Other Business

A. Executive Session

P. Romain made a motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel matters.

T. Hanmer seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

T. Hanmer made a motion to end executive session.

P. Romain seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

V. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 9:33 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Z. Nelson