



Brighter Choice Charter Schools

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday February 10, 2022 at 8:30 AM

Location

Meeting will be remote. For information please email Luke at llicygiewicz@brighterchoice.org

Trustees Present

M. Snyder (remote), N. Maresca (remote), N. Velilla (remote), P. Romain (remote), R. McLaughlin, T. Hanmer (remote), Z. Nelson (remote)

Trustees Absent

None

Guests Present

Amalia Ortiz (remote), K. Ford (remote), K. Mclean (remote), L. Licygiewicz (remote), Tamara Frazier (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 Feb 10, 2022 at 8:35 AM.

C.

Approve Minutes

P. Romain made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting on 01-13-22.

T. Hanmer seconded the motion.

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

D. Approve Minutes

II. Governance

A. Governance Committee Report

M. Snyder discussed the Governance committee meeting. COVID trends are down. A new Charter school is opening in Schenectady K-1 in the fall. KIPP and Troy Prep have merged. BCCS need to lean into the things that make us unique in a competitive environment. Continue to solidify our relationships with Green Tech and Albany Leadership.

K. McLean shared the enrollment data and budgeting, academic benchmarking, and updates and COVID response for the Boys' school. There are two teaching volunteers from SUNY Albany in classrooms and they and the boys are positive about the additions. A Black History Month Celebration will take place next week.

K. Ford shared the enrollment data and budgeting, academic benchmarking, and updates and COVID response for the Girls' school.

There are Teaching Assistants helping out in the classrooms from local colleges as well. Black History Month events include an author read (a parent), art gallery, and Q and A. Family survey data is coming in. K. Ford will present the data at a future board meeting.

III. Finance

A. Finance Committee Report

M. Snyder went over the budget strong financial standing, due to the bond refinance, good enrollment, and sound leadership decisions. The schools have net revenue that can be used for bonuses for the faculty and staff.

B. Revised Budget Vote

T. Hanmer made a motion to Approve the budget revisions for the first quarter.

P. Romain seconded the motion.

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

IV. BCCS 20th Anniversary Celebration

A. Planning updates

N. Velilla reached out to the school leads on the 20th as well as Marvelous Events and another event coordinator. N. Velilla and P. Romain are taking the lead on coordinating on behalf on the board. An event is being planned for Fall 22.

V. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

Prior to adjourning, the board introduced themselves to Tamara Frazier, a potential Board member and parent representative. T. Frazier is a parent of a Kindergartener.

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
M. Snyder