



Brighter Choice Charter Schools

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday April 11, 2024 at 9:30 AM

Location

250 Central Ave. Albany, NY

Trustees Present

M. Snyder (remote), N. Clement, N. Velilla, T. Hanmer, Z. Nelson

Trustees Absent

None

Guests Present

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

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 Apr 11, 2024 at 9:53 AM.

C. Approve Minutes

N. Velilla made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting on 03-14-24.

T. Hanmer seconded the motion.

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

II. Committee Reports

A. Financial Update

Finance met on March 27th, and the meeting included a strategy meeting for next year and focused on significant enrollment strategies with Carol Morrisson. In terms of this academic year, we are tracking on budget but with some extra revenue and the board is discussing the use of ERC funds. We continue to have discussions around staff retention, including merit, pay scales and potential opportunities for the Teacher Retirement System.

B. Governance Report

Robert McLaughlin has resigned from the board as of March 27, 2024 due to a conflict of interest. He will likely rejoin the board after the conflict is resolved. Noah Clemente has officially joined the board.

Items from the school reports include enrollments, which seem steady from the previous month's report. Enrollment growth for the Boys; school will be focusing on K and lower grades. There are

A note that assessments are taking place this week and next week. Fifth grade will be taking the tests online for the first time. Luke reported the options for health insurance increases and the board is focused on not shifting those costs to staff. The board also discussed the Comino Nuevo methadone clinic whose move has been delayed. The board and school will continue to engage county and city stakeholders, and potentially call attention to it via media. There was a board meet and greet this morning with two attendees who are interested in joining the board.

III. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

N. Clement made a motion to adjourn.

N. Velilla seconded the motion.

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

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 10:06 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Z. Nelson