



Bedford Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter School

May 15th Board Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday May 15, 2024 at 6:00 PM EDT

Location

82 Lewis Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11206

Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
I. Opening Items			6:00 PM
Opening Items			
A. Record Attendance and Guests		Victor Rivera	1 m
B. Call the Meeting to Order		Victor Rivera	1 m
C. Approve April minutes	Approve Minutes	Victor Rivera	3 m
D. Approve May 14th Board Meeting Minutes	Approve Minutes	Victor Rivera	3 m
II. Academic and Family Life Committee			6:08 PM
A. Committee Update	Discuss	Cecelia Russo	15 m

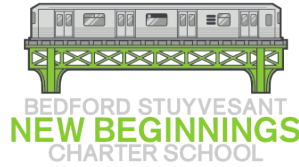
	Purpose	Presenter	Time
III. Governance Committee			6:23 PM
A. Committee Update	Discuss	Doris Givens	5 m
IV. Finance Committee			6:28 PM
A. Finance Committee Update	Discuss	Lisa-Renée Brown	10 m
B. Vote on Building Leases	Vote	Victor Rivera	20 m
Discussion and vote on Leases for Lewis Avenue and North 10th Street facilities.			
V. Public Comments			6:58 PM
A. Public comments	FYI	Victor Rivera	1 m
VI. Closing Items			6:59 PM
A. Adjourn Meeting	Vote	Victor Rivera	1 m

Coversheet

Approve April minutes

Section: I. Opening Items
Item: C. Approve April minutes
Purpose: Approve Minutes
Submitted by:
Related Material: Minutes for April Board Meeting on April 17, 2024

APPROVED



Bedford Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter School

Minutes

April Board Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday April 17, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Location

82 Lewis Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11206

Trustees Present

Cecelia Russo, Cynthia Aker, Doris Givens, John Matos, Kevin Nesbitt, Victor Rivera

Trustees Absent

Joseph Sciame, Josue De Paz, Shawn Carson

Ex Officio Members Present

Nicholas Tishuk

Non Voting Members Present

Nicholas Tishuk

Guests Present

Brian Blough, Lisa-Renée Brown

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B.

Call the Meeting to Order

Kevin Nesbitt called a meeting of the board of trustees of Bedford Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter School to order on Wednesday Apr 17, 2024 at 6:11 PM.

C. Approve March Minutes Regular Meeting

John Matos made a motion to approve the minutes from March Board Meeting on 03-20-24.

Doris Givens seconded the motion.

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

II. Academic and Family Life Committee

A. Committee Update

Ms. Russo updated the Board on the Academic and Family Life committee meeting; the school completed its lottery earlier this month and is actively enrolling students in all grades 2-9.

Principal Blough attended a session at St. Thomas Aquinas College, where he met former BSNBCS students enrolled there. The session was facilitated by Vice Chair Nesbitt, and we strengthened our relationship with the college.

The Board discussed the science education program related to the recent partial solar eclipse, which students and staff participated here in NYC.

The School continues to prepare students for the upcoming NYS 3-8 Exams in Science, ELA and Mathematics. The Board and staff discussed the nature of the Computer Based Testing framework, which is the first time the school participated in this new program.

Ms. Russo and Principal Blough discussed the upcoming visit of educators from Beijing to the school tomorrow. We look forward to the cultural exchange and sharing our school community with these international educators.

III. Governance Committee

A. Committee Update

We are registered for Boardlead, and is pursuing additional candidates for new trustees.

Tuesday, June 18th is the new is the June Meeting. Our retreat is on July 10th, 2024.

The Board discussed the upcoming meeting on May 14th to discuss the FY25 Budget and other financial matters.

The Trustees acknowledged the passing of Treasurer Shawn Carson's mother, as an extended member of the school community and a long time Bedford Stuyvesant resident.

IV. Finance Committee

A. Finance Committee Update

Chief Finance Officer Lisa-Renee Brown discussed the school's current financial position from our finance committee call. We are fully enrolled at 729 students and 156 students with disabilities. We had no extraordinary expenses and our finances are otherwise in order.

Ms. Brown discussed the school's efforts to support members of the community experiencing loss, with the school's provision of a grief counselor for all interested staff. Interest was triple the initial allocation, and the school continues to work closely with needs of our staff, to support their mental and physical health, as well as our retention of staff.

B. Presentation of Draft FY25 Budget

Mr. Tishuk presented the FY25 draft budget, describing the anticipated Income and Revenues as of the current time period. He answered questions from Trustees regarding the assumptions that will be shared in the May Board meetings.

C. Financial Policies and Procedures

The Board is required to review any changes of the Financial Policies and Procedures document. Trustees reviewed the document and voted to approve the new document. Doris Givens made a motion to approve the updated Financial Policies and Procedures document.

Cecelia Russo seconded the motion.

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

V. Public Comments

A. Public comments

There were no public comments.

VI. 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 7:28 PM.

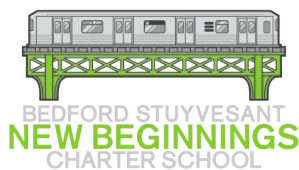
Respectfully Submitted,
Nicholas Tishuk

Coversheet

Approve May 14th Board Meeting Minutes

Section: I. Opening Items
Item: D. Approve May 14th Board Meeting Minutes
Purpose: Approve Minutes
Submitted by:
Related Material: Minutes for May 14th Board Meeting on May 14, 2024

APPROVED



Bedford Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter School

Minutes

May 14th Board Meeting

Date and Time

Tuesday May 14, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Location

82 Lewis Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11206

Trustees Present

Cecelia Russo, Cynthia Aker, Doris Givens, John Matos, Shawn Carson, Victor Rivera

Trustees Absent

Joseph Sciame, Josue De Paz, Kevin Nesbitt

Ex Officio Members Present

Nicholas Tishuk

Non Voting Members Present

Nicholas Tishuk

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Victor Rivera called a meeting of the board of trustees of Bedford Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter School to order on Tuesday May 14, 2024 at 6:07 PM.

II. Financial Review

A. Review and Vote on FY25 Budget

Cynthia Aker made a motion to approve the FY25 budget as presented.

Shawn Carson seconded the motion.

Mr. Tishuk presented the proposed FY25 budget. Versions of this budget were reviewed and discussed in previous meetings of the Board and Finance Committee in March and April. The Board discussed the projections and asked questions regarding the expectations around the per pupil numbers, staffing and increased revenues from Foundations.

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

III. Closing Items

A. New Business

Chair Victor Rivera asked Mr. Tishuk to discuss the impact of the increase in enrollment driven by the school's expansion, enrollment increase and the acquisition of a new facility for the high school and the new lease framework to be discussed at the next board meeting.

B. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

C. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nicholas Tishuk

Coversheet

Committee Update

Section: II. Academic and Family Life Committee
Item: A. Committee Update
Purpose: Discuss
Submitted by:
Related Material: AFL May 9, 2024 minutes.pdf

BSNBCS Academic Family Life Committee Call

Minutes of May 9, 2024

On Call- School Staff- Patience Brown, Brian Blough, Lamar Garcia
Board - Cecelia M. Russo

Agenda

1. Per CAO Ms. Brown-both K-8 and High School principal report to her for academics.
2. Q-2 evaluation of staff has been completed. Those in good standing with qualifications and willing to improve are being mentored and will likely be asked back in addition to those with good academic standing at end of Q-2 evaluations. Hiring 8 possible positions for K-8 .
Non-returning teachers are due to not being asked back, moving up in the school or not returning on their own.
3. High School recruiting is going well and looks good to meet the 135 for September. Currently 65 BSNBCS going to our High School.
Outreach is being done by dropping off recruitment packages and visits to other charter schools
Subjects: English, Math. Science. Social Studies, Language, Music, Art and Careers e.g. computers and coding.
NYS is designating all new Special Educations certs as K-12. Cert coincide with Masters' Degrees but there are no years of teaching requirements. The same teaching assistant designations and other non-teacher of record and non-core content teacher rules and flexibilities apply.

Graduation for 8th Graders is Saturday, June 15th at Bishop Loughlin Memorial HS.

4. Grades 3-7 Students were prepared for this week's NYS Math test and are looking forward to ELA test, May 14 and 15.
5. High schools our 8th graders will attend in September is in packet. 4 are accepted to a specialized high school. This is as of May 9th.

Recruitment conducted by Julissa to NYCHA building; visits to community day care centers; brochures to community businesses;5/18 a community event at 303 Vernon Ave

6. Everyone should look at the pictures of the Beijing visit. They visited schools in Chicago, Cleveland, Boston, New Jersey. Some locals were Midwood High School, Brooklyn Tech.

Even visited Yale University!

As to choosing us it seems they googled schools. Not sure what criteria used or where they visited after us. There were no repercussions from anyone in the community.

However, perhaps the Board could be notified earlier.

Thank you to Trustee Aker for attending and for bringing Regent Pratts.

The only request from the administration of Board , at this time is to visit the school, if able.

All should look at www.bsnbcs.org for updates and calendar.

Respectfully submitted.

Cecelia M. Russo

5/12/24

Coversheet

Vote on Building Leases

Section: IV. Finance Committee
Item: B. Vote on Building Leases
Purpose: Vote
Submitted by:
Related Material:
Board Resolutions Approving Real Estate Transactions - BSNBCS (May 15, 2024).pdf

BEDFORD STUYVESANT NEW BEGINNINGS CHARTER SCHOOL

**RESOLUTIONS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
APPROVING CERTAIN REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS**

May 15, 2024

The Board of Trustees (the “**Board**”) of Bedford Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter School, a New York not-for-profit education corporation (the “**School**”) does hereby adopt the following resolutions at a duly held and noticed meeting on the date set forth above.

I. Lease Assignment and Sublease for 82 Lewis Avenue, Brooklyn, NY

WHEREAS, the School is a tenant at the facility located at 82 Lewis Avenue, Brooklyn, New York (the “**Lewis Ave Premises**”) pursuant to that certain Lease dated as of September 1, 2010 (the “**Lewis Ave Lease**”) by and between The Roman Catholic Church of St. John the Baptist, in the Borough of Brooklyn, in the City of New York (“**Lewis Ave Landlord**”) and the School; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with Friends of Bedford Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter School, Inc. (“**Friends**”), in order to meet the School’s long-term real estate needs and for strategic purposes, the Board has determined it is in the best interest of the School to assign the Lewis Ave Lease to Friends pursuant to an assignment and amendment of lease agreement (the “**Assignment**”), whereby Friends will assume the School’s obligations under the Lewis Ave Lease and sublease the Lewis Ave Premises back to the School; and

WHEREAS, the School desires to sublease the Lewis Ave Premises from Friends pursuant to a sublease (the “**Lewis Ave Sublease**”), as more fully set forth in the Lewis Ave Sublease; and

WHEREAS, under the terms of the Assignment, as a material inducement to the Lewis Ave Landlord to approve the Assignment and Sublease, the School is required to guaranty the payment of rent and other expenses set forth in the Lewis Ave Lease, pursuant to a guaranty of lease (the “**Guaranty**”), and the School desires to issue the Guaranty to satisfy the Lewis Ave Landlord’s requirements; and

WHEREAS, subject to additional minor additions and changes (the “**Minor Modifications**”) to be made to the Assignment, Lewis Ave Sublease and the Guaranty through negotiations between the Lewis Ave Landlord and the Lewis Ave Landlord’s legal counsel and the School’s Proper Representatives (defined herein) and the School’s and Friends’ legal counsel, as applicable, the School wishes to enter into the Assignment, the Lewis Ave Sublease and the Guaranty for the Lewis Ave Premises so that Friends can enter into the Lewis Ave Lease for the Lewis Ave Premises;

II. Sublease for 217 North 10th Street, Brooklyn, NY

WHEREAS, Friends is the tenant pursuant to that certain Lease dated December 22, 2023 (the “**N 10th Street Lease**”) by and between 215 N 10 Partners LLC and Friends for

those certain premises located at 217 North 10th Street, Brooklyn, NY (the “**N 10th Street Premises**”); and

WHEREAS, Friends desires to sublease the N 10th Street Premises to the School and the School desires to sublease the N 10th Street Premises from Friends pursuant to a sublease (the “**N 10th Street Sublease**”) as more fully set forth in the N 10th Street Sublease (collectively, the N 10th Street Sublease and the Lewis Ave Sublease shall be referred to herein as the “**Subleases**”); and

WHEREAS, subject to Minor Modifications to be made to the N 10th Street Sublease through negotiations between the School’s and Friends’ legal counsel, the School wishes to enter into the N 10th Street Sublease;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby approves the Assignment, the Subleases and the Guaranty, and authorizes the School’s Proper Representatives to work with the School’s and Friends’ legal counsel to finalize the Assignment, the Guaranty and the Subleases with Minor Modifications;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any Trustee or officer of the School or the Board’s designee or the School’s Executive Director (each, a “**Proper Representative**”), be and hereby is authorized and directed, jointly and severally, to execute and deliver the Assignment, the Subleases, the Guaranty and any other documents consistent with the transactions described above and such further agreements, assignments, pledges, instruments, consents and documents ancillary to the Assignment, the Subleases, the Guaranty or necessary in the determination of any Proper Representative, in the name of and on behalf of the School, and to pay all such expenses and taxes as in their judgment shall be necessary, proper and advisable in order to fully carry out the intent and accomplish the purposes of the foregoing resolutions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all actions heretofore taken by any Proper Representative, for and on behalf of the School in connection with the Assignment, the Subleases, or the Guaranty including, but not limited to, the execution of the Assignment, the Subleases, and the Guaranty shall be and hereby are ratified and approved, and that the authority given hereunder shall be retroactive and any and all acts hereunder performed prior to the passage of these resolutions are hereby ratified and approved.

SECRETARY’S CERTIFICATE

The undersigned does hereby certify that the foregoing resolutions of Bedford Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter School were duly adopted by the Board of Trustees of Bedford Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter School on May 15, 2024.

Josue de Paz, Secretary