



Bedford Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter Schools

Minutes

BSNBCS Board of Trustees Meeting

Date and Time

Tuesday June 27, 2017 at 6:00 PM

Location

82 Lewis Avenue, Brooklyn NY 11206

Trustees Present

Cecelia Russo, Doris Givens, Joseph Sciamé, Leticia Theodore-Greene, Marlena Mondesir, Nancy Cavaluzzi, Patricia Bramwell, Victor Rivera

Trustees Absent

Dalia Oberlander, Kevin Nesbitt

Trustees who arrived after the meeting opened

Doris Givens, Leticia Theodore-Greene, Victor Rivera

Ex Officio Members Present

Nicholas Tishuk

Non Voting Members Present

Nicholas Tishuk

Guests Present

Patience Brown, Silbia Pagan, Tyler McConnell, Vicky D'Anjou-Pomerleau, Wanda Morales

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

Chairman Sciame introduced Tyler McConnell, a friend of Victor Rivera.

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Joseph Sciame called a meeting of the board of trustees of Bedford Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter Schools to order on Tuesday Jun 27, 2017 at 6:02 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

Victor Rivera made a motion to approve minutes from the BSNBCS Board of Trustees Meeting on 05-23-17 BSNBCS Board of Trustees Meeting on 05-23-17.

Patricia Bramwell seconded the motion.

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

II. School Update Status

A. Presentation by the School Management Team

Nicholas Tishuk gave an update of the end of the school year. During the summer, the SMT will conduct strategic planning for the new school year.

Ms. Patience Brown gave an update on the retention of students in the lower classes. Ms. Brown stated the process as follows:

- Families are informed in January if their child was a potential risk
- Families are then informed in April if they have not made any progress
- The number has been reduced from January.
- If a family wanted to appeal, they went through the process with Ms. Brown.

Kindergarten had their graduation and fourth grade had their step up ceremony.

Ms. Silbia Pagan gave an update for the middle school. The middle school team will work on academic plan for students that have struggled in the past academic year, especially in math. The 8th grade class had their prom and graduation. The last day of school the school had an international day, where they celebrated various cultures.

Ms. Wanda Morales gave an update for facilities, the school is looking for more space and working on cosmetic concerns. The school has a stretch goal of 76 students (all grades). The school will use bus ads for promotion and who will run starting in July.

Vicky, Wanda and Lisa Renee went to Harvard for the Leadership Institute for non instructional staff as well as planning for the next academic year.

Lisa Renee gave an financial update for the board. The school will use another accounting firm but same team to conduct the annual audit for the school.

Victor Rivera arrived.

Doris Givens arrived.

Leticia Theodore-Greene arrived.

III. Committee Reports

A. Executive Committee Report

Chairman Sciamme informed the board that the Executive Director contract has been renewed for the new academic school year as well as the School Management Team.

B. Finance Committee Report

Mr. Victor Rivera gave the financial committee update. Enrollment is ahead of the projected levels and after all debts are finalized, the school is in the black. The committee reviewed potential capital projects (short term & long term) and have some recommendations.

C. Education Committee Report

Ms. Cecilia Russo gave an education committee update. The committee did not have a formal call this month. The committee is comfortable with the information and explanation given regarding the retention period.

D. Family Life Committee Report

E. Development Committee Report

Ms. Leticia Green Theodore gave an update of the development committee. The committee decided to postpone the cocktail party and to use the retreat to focus to development foundation.

IV. New Business

A. Election of Trustees

Victor Rivera made a motion to to elect Joseph Sciamme and Cecilia Russo for a three year term as trustees starting July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2020.

Leticia Theodore-Greene seconded the motion.

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

Victor Rivera made a motion to elect Marlena Mondesir as a full term board member with a three year term starting July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2020.

Leticia Theodore-Greene seconded the motion.

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

Victor Rivera made a motion to elect Doris Givens and Nancy Cavaluzzi to a two year terms as members of the board of trustees, starting July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2019.

Leticia Theodore-Greene seconded the motion.

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

B. Election of Officers for 2017-18

The Board decided to vote on officers during the July meeting.

C. Public Comments

A candidate for the board of trustees, engaged in a lively conversation with the Board and will follow the trustee procedure.

D. Vote to go into Executive Session

Victor Rivera made a motion to go into executive session.

Nancy Cavaluzzi seconded the motion.

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

E. Executive Session

F. Return to public Meeting

Victor Rivera made a motion to close out executive session and return to public session.

Patricia Bramwell seconded the motion.

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

G. Report from the Executive Session

The Board discussed legal and personnel issues.

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 8:36 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marlena Mondesir

Victor Rivera made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Leticia Theodore-Greene seconded the motion.

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