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# Bedford Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter Schools

# Minutes

## Regular monthly Board Meeting

**Date and Time**
Wednesday October 25, 2017 at 6:00 PM

**Location**
82 Lewis Avenue

**Trustees Present**
Cecelia Russo, Dalia Oberlander, Doris Givens, Kevin Nesbitt, Leticia Theodore-Greene (remote), Marlena Mondesir, Nancy Cavaluzzi, Patricia Bramwell, Victor Rivera

**Trustees Absent**
Joseph Sciame

**Trustees who arrived after the meeting opened**
Doris Givens, Kevin Nesbitt

**Ex Officio Members Present**
Nicholas Tishuk

**Guests Present**
Aisha Graham, Kateema Boatwright, Lisa-Renée Brown, Marilyn Julienne, Raemona Lilley-Bostic, Silbia Pagan, Tylicqua Inman, Vicky D'Anjou-Pomerleau, Wanda Morales

### I. Opening Items

**A.**

**Record Attendance and Guests**

### B. Call the Meeting to Order

Patricia Bramwell called a meeting of the board of trustees of Bedford Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter Schools to order on Wednesday Oct 25, 2017 at 6:01 PM.

### C. Approve Minutes

Victor Rivera made a motion to approve minutes from the Regular monthly Board Meeting on 09-26-17 with corrections Regular monthly Board Meeting on 09-26-17.
Cecelia Russo seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

## II. Committee Reports

### A. School Management Team Report

Doris Givens arrived.
The school is full swing. The focus is on the SPED program with the nice of new SPED team members. The school has received with local media coverage on the initiatives to support Puerto Rico's recovery from Hurricane Maria. The school welcomed two students from the Caribbean who were displaced due to the hurricane and support families. The school will continue the AM program (3&4 graders) and the Saturday program and the planning is being handled to accommodate.

### B. Executive Committee Report

### C. Finance Committee Report

Victor Rivera presented for the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee met for a public session last week. The committee reviewed the draft audit report from our auditors, which was given to the board for review. The report was a clean report and no financial and operational recommendations to report.  Ms. Brown gave a report on her communication with Capital One. Through her talks with the bank, they informed her of potential grants the school may be eligible for and Ms. Brown will continue the communication. The committee has recommended that the board be adopted and the management letter. Once this is done, the final report and letter will be filed.
Kevin Nesbitt arrived.
Victor Rivera made a motion to adopt the auditor's report and the management letter, which will result in a final report and letter to be prepared.
Doris Givens seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

### D. Education Committee Report

Cecilia Russo presented for the Education Committee. The committee did not meet but Ms. Russo shared her experience during her visit recently. Ms. Pagan gave an update on the middle school progress. The second quarter starts on Friday and the first quarter awards invitations will be sent to the board.

### E. Family Life Committee Report

Kevin Nesbitt presented for the Family Life Committee. The committee met on the 13th via conference call. The structure of the meeting allowed parent to attend. The committee has scheduled meetings for the rest of the calendar year and will schedule the 2018 school year in November. The PFO's main focus is the Community Harvest scheduled for November 17th. The PFO will discuss at the next meeting potential ways that the Family Life Committee can support the PFO and how they can support the board. The PFO conducted their sock drive with the school and mailed to a school in Houston. The PFO asked the board and/or Family Life committee presence at the school and events as well as feedback on how to grow and expand in their structure. Mr. Rivera brought up the issue of the parent board member and how they can assist the board in this initiative.

### F. Development Committee Report

Vicky D'Anjou-Pomerleau presented for the development committee. The school received a letter from Governor Cuomo thanking the school for walking with him in the West Indian Day Parade last September. The school received a Certificate of Achievement at the Exceptional Leadership level by Operation Smiles, our partner for the in school dental program. Community leaders met in the school cafeteria for a visioning activity as part of the Parks Department progress in renovating in the Lewis Avenue Playground. The Brooklyn Edge ran a story about the Charter Center's sector-wide supplies drive and mentioned the school's name in the article.

## III. New Business

### A. Public Comments

Ms. Bramwell introduced the project Dalia Oberlander presented to the board the American Ballet Theater program called Project Plie. It identifies children of various ethnic backgrounds ages 8-10 and trains the students with potential careers in dance. Dalia will continue researching this project and will wok with the school to continue the progress.

The Chairman Sciame asked that the December holiday dinner/party be scheduled and planned.

Leticia Theodore Green presented a friend raising event in the computer lab with a slide show of the school. The culinary club will present the snacks for the event. Leticia will send the email invite and the ask is that the board send three-five names they would like to invite to this event. The event will be 6:30-8:00 on November 8th. This event will be a partnership of the Family Life and the Development committee.

### B. Vote into Executive Session

Victor Rivera made a motion to for the board to go into executive session.
Cecelia Russo seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

### C. Report from Executive Session

The board discussed legal and personnel issues.
Marlena Mondesir made a motion to to leave executive session.
Victor Rivera seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

## IV. Closing Items

### A. Adjourn Meeting

Cecelia Russo made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Kevin Nesbitt seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** 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 7:53 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patricia Bramwell