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Bedford Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter Schools

Minutes

Monthly Board Meeting

Date and Time
Tuesday September 15, 2020 at 6:00 PM

Location
82 Lewis Avenue,
Brooklyn NY 11206

Trustees Present
Cecelia Russo, Doris Givens, Joseph Sciame, Kevin Nesbitt (remote), Leticia Theodore-Greene (remote), Patricia Bramwell, Tamikka Pate (remote), Tyler McConnell, Victor Rivera

Trustees Absent
Neil Samen

Ex Officio Members Present
Nicholas Tishuk

Guests Present
Lisa-Renée Brown, Patience Brown

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B.

Call the Meeting to Order

Victor Rivera called a meeting of the board of trustees of Bedford Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter Schools to order on Tuesday Sep 15, 2020 at 6:08 PM.

C. Review of the minutes

Minutes were reviewed.

D. Vote to approve minutes

Joseph Sciame made a motion to approve the minutes from Monthly Board Meeting on 08-06-20.
Patricia Bramwell seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Victor Rivera	Aye
Tyler McConnell	Aye
Joseph Sciame	Aye
Doris Givens	Aye
Neil Samen	Absent
Patricia Bramwell	Aye
Cecelia Russo	Aye

II. Governance

A. Review of the Governance Committee's Goal and Dashboard Metrics

Started 6:10pm, ended 6:18pm
Doris Givens reported. The governance tool Board on Track (BOT) is being used to support the ED evaluation process and board assessments. The Governance Committee is leveraging BOT resources for intentional work and the improvement of goal completion for each board committee. Engagement metrics are another area of focus through the Board on Track framework. Recruitment of additional board members is an ongoing process and work is underway.

III. Academic and Family Life Committee

A. Review of the Academic and Family Life Committee's Goal and Dashboard Metrics

Started 6:18pm, ended 6:50pm
Cecelia Russo provided minutes and a packet for distribution to the board. A discussion was had regarding the opening of the school, the establishment of a vision and goals, dashboard items and goals for the committee. Principal Patience Brown described remote learning practices, in person learning practices, assessments for benchmarks, synchronous programming and the school’s parent engagement framework

IV. Finance

A. Review of the Finance Committee's Goal and Dashboard Metrics

6:50pm- 6:57pm
Tyler McConnell discussed the school's annual audit process, the application for the PPP loan forgiveness and the scheduling of a public meeting for the Finance Committee's next meeting on October 19th. The school currently has 717 students enrolled.

V. Development

A. Review of the Development Committee's Goal and Dashboard Metrics

6:57pm-7:07pm
Development Chair Tamikka Pate reported that a virtual fundraiser is tentatively scheduled to coincide with Giving Tuesday in November and that the school's Gala will be rescheduled to May 2021 due to the pandemic. A "Doodle" will be sent to board members to determine a May 2021 date.

VI. New and Old Business

A. New Business

7:07pm-7:15pm
For new business, Executive Director Tischuk, shared the new compliance policy related to protecting Personally Identifiable Information. In 2020, the NYS legislature updated the Education Law with Section 2-d to include additional data safeguards for students, teachers, and principals. These mandates include a Parent's Bill of Rights, which has already been posted on our website, and a Board policy to protect the confidentiality of Personally Identifiable Information. The school is working on developing this policy with the Board so that it can be reviewed and adopted during the October 20th meeting.

B. Old Business

For old business, Joseph Sciame, outgoing Board chair, recognized Victor Rivera in his newly accepted role as Board Chair. Mr. Sciame passed the gavel to Mr. Rivera and Mr. Rivera recognized Mr. Sciame's work as a school founder and his ten years as the leader of the Board.

Mr. McConnell shared news of a possible corporate donation for a health program and access to financial literacy programming, in partnership with Junior Achievement, in late October for the members of the school community.

There was a brief discussion directed to CFO Lisa-Renee on the need to clarify what our next steps are pertaining to contributions sent in for tickets for the Sept 2019 Gala, which was postponed due to COVID-19.

VII. Public Comments

A. Public comments

7:15pm
There were no public comments.

VIII. Executive Session

A. Vote to enter executive session

7:15PM
Mr. Rivera informed the board of the need for an executive session to discuss legal and personnel issues.
Cecelia Russo made a motion to go into Executive Session.
Tyler McConnell seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Cecelia Russo	Aye
Neil Samen	Absent
Tyler McConnell	Aye
Victor Rivera	Aye
Doris Givens	Aye
Patricia Bramwell	Aye
Joseph Sciame	Aye

B. Discussion of legal and personnel matters

C. Vote to return to public session

Mr. Rivera informed the board of the need to return to public session.
Joseph Sciame made a motion to return to public session at 8:05pm.
Cecelia Russo seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Tamikka Pate	Aye
Cecelia Russo	Aye
Tyler McConnell	Aye
Patricia Bramwell	Aye
Doris Givens	Aye
Victor Rivera	Aye
Joseph Sciame	Aye

Roll Call	
Neil Samen	Absent

D. Report from the executive session

Mr. Rivera reported back in a public session that the Board discussed a legal and personnel matter of the school, and that the Board is adopting the Executive Director's recommendation on a personnel matter.

Patricia Bramwell made a motion to Adopt the Executive Director's recommendation on a personnel matter.
Doris Givens seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call	
Neil Samen	Absent
Patricia Bramwell	Aye
Victor Rivera	Aye
Doris Givens	Aye
Cecelia Russo	Aye
Tyler McConnell	Aye
Joseph Sciame	Aye

IX. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

Mr. McConnelll made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ms. Russo seconded it and it was approved unanimously at 8:10pm.
There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Doris Givens

Documents used during the meeting

- Fin_Comm_Call_Notes_-_September_10_2020.docx
- Committee Report on Development September 2020.docx