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# Bedford Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter Schools

## Minutes

### Monthly Board Meeting

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#### **Date and Time**

Tuesday March 16, 2021 at 6:00 PM

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#### **Trustees Present**

Cecelia Russo, Doris Givens, Joseph Sciamè, Kevin Nesbitt, Patricia Bramwell, Victor Rivera

#### **Trustees Absent**

*None*

#### **Ex Officio Members Present**

Nicholas Tishuk

#### **Non Voting Members Present**

Nicholas Tishuk

#### **Guests Present**

Patience Brown

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### **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 Mar 16, 2021 at 6:02 PM.

**C. Review of the minutes**

Joseph Sciame made a motion to approve the minutes from Monthly Board Meeting on 01-19-21.

Patricia Bramwell seconded the motion.

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

**D. Vote to approve minutes**

Cecelia Russo made a motion to approve the minutes from Monthly Board Meeting on 02-23-21.

Doris Givens seconded the motion.

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

**II. Academic and Family Life Committee**

**A. Committee Update**

Opting in will be done on a quarterly. The second quarter ended until Feb 22nd. 2/3rd's are in .

Applied for a waiver not do testing in NYS. Instead of a 2-3 day assessment it will be a 1 day assessment. We have tentative dates. We are doing internal assessments to compare the school's performance to our peers. One day all multiple choice test.

Faculty recognition - completed evaluations. Survey of staff completed to determine who will be returning. We are prepared and are already hiring. We have done accommodations for staff members have gone above and beyond. We are hosting staff appreciation during the first week of May.

Graduation ceremony is potentially doing an outdoor graduation. Floyd Bennett Field. Up to 20% of capacity of venue. The Saturday before Father's Day.

Planning an outdoor trip to Hershey Park in June...2 buses for 40 people.

**III. Governance Committee**

**A. Committee Update**

Purpose of Distinguish Trustee Policy (recognition and reduction in workload - does get a chance to vote) and Emeritus Policy (no voting rights - former trustee) Trustee Policy - no obligation to participate on committees.

Send request for feedback to all trustees with a target date. Invite all trustees to attend our 2nd Thursday 5PM (April 8th)

#### **IV. Finance Committee**

##### **A. Committee Update**

Reviewed financial statements. No material expenses outside of normal operating. 707 students. 554 are gen ed students. Above budget of 690. Next committee call on April 18th. We believe we are eligible for complete forgiveness on the PPP loan. We are waiting for the portal to open. We have one more per pupil payment.

#### **V. Development**

##### **A. Committee's Update**

Class E donation portal, using student Assets. Created a portal for different ways to donate to the school. This is a great tool for trustees to solicit individual donors. There are development webinars for trustees to participate in. (March 23rd 10AM) A link is provided for trustees. Board on Trustees can provide trustee virtual training for trustees to participate.

Vicki and Nick are working on institutions, corporations and foundations for grant giving..

#### **VI. Closing Items**

##### **A. Adjourn Meeting**

Joseph Sciame made a motion to Adjourn.

Kevin Nesbitt 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 7:53 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Doris Givens