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# Bedford Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter Schools

# Minutes

## Monthly Board Meeting

**Date and Time**
Tuesday January 18, 2022 at 6:00 PM

**Location**
Meeting open to the public; call

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**Trustees Present**
Doris Givens (remote), Joseph Sciame (remote), Kevin Nesbitt (remote), Leticia Theodore-Greene (remote), Tyler McConnell (remote), Victor Rivera (remote)

**Trustees Absent**
Cecelia Russo

**Ex Officio Members Present**
Nicholas Tishuk (remote)

**Guests Present**
Josue DePaz (remote), Lisa-Renée Brown (remote), Mikhael Edouard (remote), Patience Brown (remote)

### 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 Jan 18, 2022 at 6:04 PM.

### C. Review of the minutes

November 16th meeting minutes reviewed. No comments tor corrections.

### D. Vote to approve minutes

Kevin Nesbitt made a motion to approve the minutes from Monthly Board Meeting on 11-16-21.
Tyler McConnell seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

## II. Academic and Family Life Committee

### A. Committee Update

The school made the decision to shift to remote learning effective Jan 4. Teachers completed training Jan 3. Every student has been given a hotspot and a tablet.

From 8AM - 12PM, the students participate in asynchronous learning. The students are on a call with their camera turned on to learn  lessons presented by the teacher. One block of lesson is for reading, one block for math and one block is for writing. We provide students with electives, 30 minutes daily which include electronic programs for their grade levels. From 1PM-4PM there is small group targeted instruction.

Today was a professional learning day. Faculty spent time discussing gaps and success learning. Every teacher presented a negative COVID test. Every staff member and person entering the building must be negative. Every other week a vendor will render testing.

160 students are participating optionally in rapid testing. We pivoted to one of remote schedules when we had a positive case in one of the classrooms. Our meal service automatically converts to a grab and go model when we go remote. NYS does not require vaccination and testing.

## III. Governance Committee

### A. Committee Update

We have 5 trustee candidates in the pipeline.
The Board Assessment is 100% complete.

A date for our Board Retreat must be finalized. A Doodle will be sent out.

## IV. Finance Committee

### A. Committee Update

Our enrollment is solid at 715. Special Education is at 151. Balances continue to be strong. Automating Bill.com to make electronic payments. No unusual or extraordinary payments over the last two cycles. Retention of staff is good and we are able to pivot to use our contractors to serve as substitute teachers. We received our school funding for the grants. Pretty substantial investments were made in HEPA Filters (to improve airflow and air cleaning). We purchased 8.000 N95 masks, which are  in short supply. We invested in a vendor to provide Antigen testing. The Finance Committee aims to provide the Board with financial statement analysis training offered by our external auditor during our Feb or Mar Session,

## V. New and Old Business

### A. Federal ARP Funding

Discussed Federal Corona Virus relief funding ESSER -- Largest transfer funding to support ongoing operations and impacts. This translates to a $2.2M grant. Our application was approved. We will discuss with the public, parents, board members and update twice a year in January and June.  The restricted funding supports summer programs, afterschool, masks, air filters, software, Yale and Bank Street online professional development.  We were able to get it done in house. This can offset expenses.

The Board congratulated Nick and the team for all of their hard work and effort.

### B. Old Business

## VI. Public Comments

### A. Public comments

No comments

## VII. Closing Items

### A. Adjourn Meeting

Remind there is a Meet and Greet for potential Board members.
Joseph Sciame made a motion to to adjourn meeting.
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 6:53 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Doris Givens

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**Documents used during the meeting**

*None*