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Bedford Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter Schools

Minutes

Monthly Board Meeting

Date and Time
Tuesday June 21, 2022 at 6:00 PM

Location
Meeting is open to the public.

Trustees Present
Cecelia Russo, Joseph Sciame, Josue De Paz, Kevin Nesbitt, Mikhael Edouard, Victor Rivera

Trustees Absent
Doris Givens

Ex Officio Members Present
Nicholas Tishuk

Guests Present
Cynthia Aker, Lisa-Renée Brown, Patricia Bramwell

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 Jun 21, 2022 at 6:05 PM.

C. Approve 5-17-22 Minutes

Cecelia Russo made a motion to approve the minutes from Monthly Special Board Meeting on 05-17-22.
Joseph Sciame seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

D. Approve 5-24-22 Minutes

Josue De Paz made a motion to approve the minutes from Monthly May Board Meeting on 05-24-22.
Kevin Nesbitt seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Academic and Family Life Committee

A. Committee Update

Cecelia M. Russo asked all to review minutes of June 16th call with correction of number of 8th grade graduates to be made. Minutes accepted.

Nicholas Tishuk reported on the “Freedom Rider’s Project. He was able, along with10 BSNBCS students, 5 chaperones, to meet in San Diego June 15th to June 19th at the Anniversary Celebration and 60th reunion. They met Lewis Zuchman and Luvaughn Brown original members of the 1961 Freedom Riders Group and participated in “Intergenerational story circles”, meeting the other groups participating. The BSNBCS students were the youngest. They were impressed. Many pictures were taken; a video showing their impressions will be made to be presented in the fall. Please refer to the handout of the initiative previously sent to all Board members. The school is already incorporating into the social studies curriculum with positive results. If anyone wants to learn more, contact Nicholas. More to come when school returns in the fall.

Victor Rivera complimented the school’s SMT, teachers, staff and students on another successful 8th grade Graduation Ceremony held Saturday, June 18th at Medgar Evers College. Board attendees were Victor Rivera, Mrs. Rivera , Doris Givens, Cecelia M. Russo, Mikhael Edouard and Mrs. Edouard.

III. Governance Committee

A. Committee Update

No report official as committee chair not present. However, Chair, Victor Rivera stated that that committee is following up with confirmation of Shawn Carter, and processing of other candidates to be Board members.

Terms of Kevin Nesbitt and Doris Givens being up, Chair Rivera asked of each, if would consider being voted as Board members for another three- year term-2022-2025. Upon acceptance, motion was made by Joseph Sciame; seconded by Josue DePaz; all Board members present approved Kevin Nesbitt and Doris Givens for another three years as Board Members.
Joseph Sciame made a motion to Approve Kevin Nesbitt and Doris Givens for additional three year terms as Trustees.
Josue De Paz seconded the motion.

Terms of Kevin Nesbitt and Doris Givens being up, Chair Rivera asked of each, if would consider being voted as Board members for another three- year term-2022-2025. Kevin abstained from vote on his own term.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call	
Joseph Sciame	Aye
Victor Rivera	Aye
Josue De Paz	Aye
Kevin Nesbitt	Abstain
Mikhael Edouard	Aye
Cecelia Russo	Aye
Doris Givens	Absent

IV. Finance Committee

A. Finance Committee Update

Lisa Renee advised projected number of students for 2022-23: 146 Students with Disabilities, 714 total students;

2021/22 enrollment as of June 21 was 709 with 147 being students with disabilities. Nicholas reviewed terms of lease with committee for consideration moving forward.

Board Chair, Victor Rivera advised Michael Edouard to prepare a presentation to review facilities moving forward.

V. New Business

A. Updates

Nicholas and Josue attended the June meeting of the National Charter School Conference in Washington, DC. This was a great opportunity to network with other Charter Schools. It was also a reaffirmation for Nicholas and Josue that BSNBCS is addressing the needs of our students to be successful.

Board chair Rivera reminded the group that BSNBCS has a presence on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube.

The Chair reminded the board that there will be a public meeting at the school opn the afternoon of July 29th, following the Board Retreat.

VI. Public Comments

A. Public comments

There were no public comments.

VII. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

Cecelia Russo made a motion to adjourn meeting.
Josue De Paz seconded the motion.
Meeting adjourned at 7:01pm.
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 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cecelia Russo