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Bedford Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter Schools

Minutes

October Monthly Board Meeting

Date and Time
Wednesday October 19, 2022 at 6:00 PM

Location
82 Lewis Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11206

Trustees Present
Cecelia Russo, Doris Givens, Josue De Paz, Kevin Nesbitt, Mikhael Edouard, Victor Rivera

Trustees Absent
Joseph Sciame, Shawn Carson

Guests Present
Cynthia Aker, Patience 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 Wednesday Oct 19, 2022 at 6:20 PM.

C. Approve September minutes

Josue De Paz made a motion to approve the minutes from September Monthly BOARD Meeting on 09-21-22.
Doris Givens seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

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

II. Academic and Family Life Committee

A. Committee Update

Connected about the testing outcomes released recently, how we did comparatively, and the media around the national performance. In today's meeting, we reviewed an exams analysis presented by Patience Brown that showed the school outperforming grade by grade for both ELA and Math in 2022 State Exams, including making major strides in ELA. There is a continued focus on math from the school leadership team to ensure we continue to outperform at the rate we'd like, especially in 7-8th grade, and the team is actively working to add additional resources and bandwidth for those grades. NY State will be releasing their data in several weeks, which we're eager to review. Cecelia will be coming to the school to work with the team to identify where our graduates went for high school.

III. Governance Committee

A. Committee Update

Doris let us know that the website is up to date with headshots and biographies for the entire Board. We are waiting for Cynthia Aker to be approved by the DOE. The committee also issued and circulated our first draft of our Trustee handbook, a culmination of ideas collected in our Board retreat. Cynthia provided feedback and the committee is implementing it.

We're also refreshing our candidate pipeline in order to continue to recruit board members for January 2023 and additionally, considering parent perspective in particular.

IV. Finance Committee

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Finance Committee Update

Doris went over our current financial status – general ed and enrollment continue to exceed projections as of October 11th. Our audit is proceeding and we expect to meet the deadline. The public audit is scheduled for Monday, November 14th at 6pm, in-person at the school. We expect no major findings in the audit.

Additionally, the committee discussed per-pupil payments and calendar to better understand future cash flow and income. Our investment policy continues to get feedback but has been put on hold until after the audit is complete.

V. Public Comments

A. Public comments

N/a

VI. Executive Session

A. Executive Session

Kevin Nesbitt made a motion to Move to executive session.
Cecelia Russo seconded the motion.
The Board discussed personnel and legal matters.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.
Josue De Paz made a motion to close executive session.
Mikhael Edouard seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

VII. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

Cecelia Russo made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Doris Givens 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 8:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Josue De Paz