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Bedford Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter Schools

Minutes

December Monthly Board Meeting

Date and Time
Wednesday December 21, 2022 at 6:00 PM

Location
82 Lewis Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11206

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

Trustees Absent
Shawn Carson

Trustees who arrived after the meeting opened
Cynthia Aker, Kevin Nesbitt, Victor Rivera

Ex Officio Members Present
Nicholas Tishuk

Guests Present
Hana Seligman, Lisa-Renée Brown, Patience Brown, Patricia Bramwell

I. Opening Items

A.

Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Josue De Paz called a meeting of the board of trustees of Bedford Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter Schools to order on Wednesday Dec 21, 2022 at 6:12 PM.

C. Approve November minutes

Cecelia Russo made a motion to approve the minutes from November Monthly Board Meeting on 11-16-22.
Doris Givens seconded the motion.
all present approved minutes with any corrections, 5-0
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

II. Academic and Family Life Committee

A. Committee Update

Brief meeting this month but the committee thanked the school for the coaches corner as well as the TV studio work. Dr Johnson faced the school and the visit was positive. The school is also facing an uptick in triple threat cases – masks will be worn moving forward as a community until further notice. The Bread and Puppet Theatre Company visited the school, thanks to Nick reaching out to them (NYC was their final stop of their campaign). The team will share photos with the board.

III. Governance Committee

A. Committee Update

Discussed the results of the public hearing – the team was impressed with the level of school involvement as well as commentary and testimonials from teachers, board members, students, and other community members. Patience did a great job in organizing the speakers to ensure our voices were heard in the room.

Dr. Johnson from the DOE Chief of Charter Partnerships visited the school and was impressed by our school. The recruiting cycle will start again in January for new Board

Trustees after a strong recruitment year with the board adding four new members in 2022.

Kevin Nesbitt arrived at 6:19 PM.

IV. Finance Committee

A. Finance Committee Update

Reviewed the detailed bank statements as we do on a monthly basis and there were no significant updates - our enrollment is steady and we have the highest enrollment we've had in five years, above our pre-pandemic numbers. Lisa Renee reported that we received an increase in the rate from our bank. We've also switched providers for medical insurance to provide better support to employees.

Victor announced that Shawn will be elevated to Chair of the Finance committee starting effective January 1st, 2023 and we're thankful to Doris for her service.
Cynthia Aker arrived at 6:27 PM.
Victor Rivera arrived at 6:29 PM.

V. Public Comments

A. Public comments

Joseph Sciame mentioned our public attendance today is the highest since the public audit meeting. Victor spoke to the extraordinary outpouring of support from the school community. Victor thanked the board for a great year of service to help achieve the results we've attained and the families we've been able to serve as well as the school management team for their efforts and for always going above and beyond.

VI. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

Josue De Paz made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Cynthia Aker seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Joseph Sciame	Aye
Mikhael Edouard	Aye
Shawn Carson	Absent
Cecelia Russo	Aye
Doris Givens	Aye
Cynthia Aker	Aye
Josue De Paz	Aye
Victor Rivera	Aye

Roll Call

Kevin Nesbitt Aye

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Josue De Paz