APPROVED

Bedford Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter Schools

Minutes

February Monthly Board Meeting

Date and Time
Wednesday February 15, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Location
82 Lewis Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11206

Trustees Present
Cecelia Russo, Cynthia Aker, Doris Givens, Joseph Sciame, Kevin Nesbitt, Shawn Carson, Victor Rivera

Trustees Absent
Josue De Paz

Ex Officio Members Present
Nicholas Tishuk

Guests Present
Lisa-Renée Brown, 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 Feb 15, 2023 at 6:04 PM.

C. Approve January minutes

Joseph Sciame made a motion to approve the minutes from January Monthly Board Meeting on 01-18-23.
Cecelia Russo seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

II. Academic and Family Life Committee

A. Committee Update

Committee Cecelia described the work of the committee, including recent events in the school. There will be a Young Men and Young Women's leadership conference that the Board is invited to attend.

Patience described the school's academic progress; we are two days away from Midwinter Recess. As is our custom, the school will provide Academic instruction and camp/enrichment activities over the school break. There will be a second Brain Camp during Spring Break as well. We are eager to welcome families back in the person for in-person conferences this year, as well.

Q2 Reviews for employees are upcoming, as we plan for staffing for 2023-24 school year and beyond, including the initial staffing of our proposed high school. We continue to prioritize leadership opportunities for staff in the building through our model. Chair Victor noted the success of the school's student journalists who participate in our 82 News Program.

III. Governance Committee

A. Committee Update

Doris updated the board on the work of the Governance Committee. We are ready for a reset of the governance framework, including recruitment, board assessment and related governance matters.

IV. Finance Committee

A. Finance Committee Update

Shawn discussed the work of the Finance Committee. There were no unusual expenditures, and the committee reviewed the school's bank balances and student enrollments and the school remains in good financial health. Shawn is the new chair and described his transition into this role.

Nick described the school's master budgeting process for FY24, including an initial draft budget in March, the in-person meeting of the Finance Committee, open to the public, in April and the review and approval of the FY24 budget for May 2023.

Lisa-Renee described the school's budget, including the efforts of the school to maintain its enrollment. The school is at 99% of its full allowable enrollment and has fared comparably to other public charter and district schools in NYC for our high level of enrollment, which has seen large year-over-year decreases.

V. Public Comments

A. Public comments

There were no public comments.

VI. Closing Items

A. Vote to Enter Executive Session

Executive Session was not required for this meeting.

B. Adjourn Meeting

Kevin Nesbitt made a motion to adjourn meeting.
Joseph Sciame 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 6:51 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nicholas Tishuk