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Bedford Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter Schools

Minutes

April Monthly Board Meeting

Date and Time
Wednesday April 19, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Location
82 Lewis Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11206

Trustees Present
Cecelia Russo, Cynthia Aker, Doris Givens, Josue De Paz, Kevin Nesbitt, Shawn Carson, Victor Rivera

Trustees Absent
Joseph Sciame

Trustees who arrived after the meeting opened
Cynthia Aker

Ex Officio Members Present
Nicholas Tishuk

Guests Present
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 Apr 19, 2023 at 6:00 PM.

C. Approve March minutes

Doris Givens made a motion to approve the minutes from March Monthly Board Meeting on 03-22-23.
Kevin Nesbitt seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

II. Academic and Family Life Committee

A. Committee Update

Patience sent an email detailing all of the activities from now to the end of the year. Testing started this week for ELA state tests and had a pep rally yesterday to get students excited and ready for the day. Patience gave our regular student and staff update – we are fully staffed.

Math state testing will be the first week of May. No major concerns noted. Staff that will be asked back will be going out in late May. The test is not a comparison test, as it's been changed quite a bit from last year.

Graduation venues been hard to find, but we've confirmed a location and date - June 17th at 11am.

Cynthia Aker arrived at 6:09 PM.

III. Governance Committee

A. Committee Update

Nick shared that we're been working on additional Board recruits – using Boardstrong to find people interested in our school. Josue also spoke to a parent who's potentially interested in the board. Next week we'll discuss if we'll be going back to meeting on Tuesdays or keeping the meeting on Wednesdays or another day that is ideal for the Trustees.

IV. Finance Committee

A. Finance Committee Update

Shawn talked about the detailed bank statements as we do on a monthly basis and there were no subsantives updates to note. Shawn also mentioned that the time for the meeting may change moving forward.

B. Presentation of Draft FY24 budget

The board discussed the FY24 Budget, detailing the changes YoY, especially with regard to the high school and one-time ARP funding. The state budget hasn't been finalized yet, so we can't finalize that until we hear about that dynamic. The after school program has helped us to retain students (professional services bucket) and will be increasing in the budget next year, along with staff professional development, which helps retain staff. Facilities also increased with our expected high school expansion and need of a new high school building. We'll be covering the rest of fundraising next week.

C. Board Fundraising Event

Doris explained the gala concept for our fundraising in November, where she detailed her initial plan. Victor mentioned that a gala committee would be very helpful - Doris and Cynthia would co-Chair it together and set an introductory meeting via Zoom.

V. Public Comments

A. Public comments

N/A

VI. Closing Items

A. Vote to Enter Executive Session

Cecelia Russo made a motion to enter executive session.
Shawn Carson seconded the motion.
Made at 6:57 - we discussed personnel issues related to the Executive Director.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

B. Vote to Re-enter Normal Session

Doris Givens made a motion to Re-enter normal session.
Cynthia Aker seconded the motion.
Kevin stepped out of the room prior to the vote.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

Josue De Paz made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Doris Givens seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

C. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Josue De Paz