APPROVED

Bedford Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter Schools

Minutes

August Board Meeting

Date and Time
Wednesday August 16, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Location
82 Lewis Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11206

Trustees Present
Cynthia Aker, Doris Givens, Kevin Nesbitt, Shawn Carson

Trustees Absent
Cecelia Russo, Joseph Sciame, Josue De Paz, Victor Rivera

Ex Officio Members Present
Nicholas Tishuk, Patricia Bramwell

Guests Present
John Matos

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Kevin Nesbitt called a meeting of the board of trustees of Bedford Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter Schools to order on Wednesday Aug 16, 2023 at 6:15 PM.

C. Approve June minutes

Shawn Carson made a motion to approve the minutes from June Monthly Board Meeting on 06-28-23.
Doris Givens seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

D. Introduction of Trustee Candidate

Doris introduced John Matos, a Trustee candidate, who described his professional and personal background and his interest in Bedford Stuyvesant New Beginnings.

II. Academic and Family Life Committee

A. Committee Update

Mr. Tishuk updated the Board on the school's Summer planning for staff. K-8 open houses are happening next week for our Middle School Families (August 23rd), 1st-5th grade families (August 24th) and new Kindergarten family orientations (August 25th) respectively. Students return for the beginning of the school year on August 28th, 2023. The school's instructional framework for 2023-24

The BSNBCS2 planning team has submitted the application to the SUNY Charter Schools Institute and expects to receive a full review by the SUNY Committee in October 2023.

B. Review and Approval of 2023-24 Building-Level Emergency Response Plans and District-Wide Safety Plan

Cynthia Aker made a motion to approve the 2023-24 Building-Level Emergency Response Plans and District-Wide Safety Plan.
Doris Givens seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

III. Governance Committee

A. Committee Update

Ms. Givens updated the Board on the current status of the governance committee. The governance committee will be recommending new candidates in the Board in the upcoming meeting.

IV. Finance Committee

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Finance Committee Update

Mr. Carson updated the board on the finances of the school. He reiterated the school's strong financial position, with no unusual expenditures or changes. He discussed the school's recent receipt of a Summer grant from Bloomberg philanthropies. Mr. Tishuk discussed the school's goal of receiving additional funding from foundations and federal grants.

V. Development

A. Development Update

The Vision 2023 Fundraiser is being planned for the Fall; the Board is seeking additional private donations as a part of this campaign to support the school's growth and operations. Ms. Givens was happy to share the event's MC will be Errol Lewis, from NY1 and the Committee is actively seeking sponsors for the event.

VI. Public Comments

A. Public comments

Ms. Bramwell raised the state of the teaching profession and the Board and Mr. Tishuk discussed the school's commitment to its staff. Mr. Matos thanked the board for their hospitality.

VII. Closing Items

A. Vote to Enter Executive Session

Shawn Carson made a motion to enter Executive Session.
Cynthia Aker seconded the motion.
To discuss personnel matters.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Adjourn Meeting

Kevin Nesbitt made a motion to return to Regular session and Adjourn the public meeting.
Shawn Carson seconded the motion.
The Board discussed a personnel matter in Executive Session and returned to regular session, by unanimous vote.
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 7:37 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nicholas Tishuk