APPROVED

Bedford Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter Schools

Minutes

September Board Meeting

Date and Time
Wednesday September 20, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Location
82 Lewis Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11206

Trustees Present
Cynthia Aker, Doris Givens, Joseph Sciame, Kevin Nesbitt, Victor Rivera

Trustees Absent
Cecelia Russo, Josue De Paz, Shawn Carson

Ex Officio Members Present
Nicholas Tishuk

Guests Present
Lamar Renee Garcia, 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 Sep 20, 2023 at 6:05 PM.

C. Approve June Minutes

Doris Givens made a motion to approve the June minutes with amendments.
Cynthia Aker seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

D. Approve August minutes

Doris Givens made a motion to approve the minutes from August Board Meeting on 08-16-23.
Kevin Nesbitt seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Academic and Family Life Committee

A. Committee Update

Chief Academic Officer Patience Brown updated the Board on the school's academic program in the last month since reopening for the 2023-24 school year. The school is fully staffed and near its maximum capacity of student enrollment. She described the school's capacity to support any new ELLs or migrant students, who may be entering the school in the current school year.

K-8 Principal Lamar Garcia shared updates from the first four weeks of school with our elementary and middle school programs. She discussed the school's Response to Intervention and Social Emotional Learning programs. She discussed Latin Heritage Month's activities and the capstone activity and celebration on October 13th from 12pm-3pm.

HS Principal Brian Blough was introduced to the Board. He discussed his work with the founding high school staff, focused on our current 8th grade cohort and middle school students. He discussed the family engagement, curriculum development and work with potential partners in the planning for the upcoming school year. He described recruitment efforts for new students entering in the 9th grade.

B. Approve Safety Plan

Doris Givens made a motion to adopt and ratify the Safety Plan voted on in the August meeting.
Kevin Nesbitt seconded the motion.
The text of the safety plan, discussed and voted on in August, can be found at https://bsnbcs.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/2023-24-Emergency-Response-Plan-District-Wide-Safety-Plan.pdf

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

III. Governance Committee

A. Committee Update

Trustee Doris Givens gave an updated on the work of the Governance Committee, including recruitment of new Trustees.

B. Vote on Trustee Candidacy

Joseph Sciame made a motion to approve John Matos to join the Board of Trustees.
Cynthia Aker seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

IV. Finance Committee

A. Finance Committee Update

Chief Finance Officer Lisa-Renee Brown presented on the financial status of the school, including general education and special education enrollment and the corresponding funding. The school is in a strong financial position and has had no unusual expenses or revenues in the recent most recent period.

V. Development Committee

A. Development

Trustee Doris Givens presented on the work of the development committee, including the upcoming Board organized Gala for the school.

VI. Public Comments

A. Public comments

There were no public comments.

VII. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Victor Rivera