APPROVED

Bedford Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter Schools

Minutes

April Board Meeting

Date and Time
Wednesday April 17, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Location
82 Lewis Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11206

Trustees Present
Cecelia Russo, Cynthia Aker, Doris Givens, John Matos, Kevin Nesbitt, Victor Rivera

Trustees Absent
Joseph Sciame, Josue De Paz, Shawn Carson

Ex Officio Members Present
Nicholas Tishuk

Guests Present
Brian Blough, Lisa-Renée Brown

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 Apr 17, 2024 at 6:11 PM.

C. Approve March Minutes Regular Meeting

John Matos made a motion to approve the minutes from March Board Meeting on 03-20-24.
Doris Givens seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Academic and Family Life Committee

A. Committee Update

Ms. Russo updated the Board on the Academic and Family Life committee meeting; the school completed its lottery earlier this month and is actively enrolling students in all grades 2-9.

Principal Blough attended a session at St. Thomas Aquinas College, where he met former BSNBCS students enrolled there. The session was facilitated by Vice Chair Nesbitt, and we strengthened our relationship with the college.

The Board discussed the science education program related to the recent partial solar eclipse, which students and staff participated here in NYC.

The School continues to prepare students for the upcoming NYS 3-8 Exams in Science, ELA and Mathematics. The Board and staff discussed the nature of the Computer Based Testing framework, which is the first time the school participated in this new program.

Ms. Russo and Principal Blough discussed the upcoming visit of educators from Beijing to the school tomorrow. We look forward to the cultural exchange and sharing our school community with these international educators.

III. Governance Committee

A. Committee Update

We are registered for Boardlead, and is pursuing additional candidates for new trustees.

Tuesday, June 18th is the new is the June Meeting. Our retreat is on July 10th, 2024.

The Board discussed the upcoming meeting on May 14th to discuss the FY25 Budget and other financial matters.

The Trustees acknowledged the passing of Treasurer Shawn Carson's mother, as an extended member of the school community and a long time Bedford Stuyvesant resident.

IV. Finance Committee

A. Finance Committee Update

Chief Finance Officer Lisa-Renee Brown discussed the school's current financial position from our finance committee call. We are fully enrolled at 729 students and 156 students with disabilities. We had no extraordinary expenses and our finances are otherwise in order.

Ms. Brown discussed the school's efforts to support members of the community experiencing loss, with the school's provision of a grief counselor for all interested staff. Interest was triple the initial allocation, and the school continues to work closely with needs of our staff, to support their mental and physical health, as well as our retention of staff.

B. Presentation of Draft FY25 Budget

Mr. Tishuk presented the FY25 draft budget, describing the anticipated Income and Revenues as of the current time period. He answered questions from Trustees regarding the assumptions that will be shared in the May Board meetings.

C. Financial Policies and Procedures

The Board is required to review any changes of the Financial Policies and Procedures document. Trustees reviewed the document and voted to approve the new document.
Doris Givens made a motion to approve the updated Financial Policies and Procedures document.
Cecelia Russo seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

V. Public Comments

A. Public comments

There were no public comments.

VI. 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 7:28 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nicholas Tishuk