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Bedford Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter Schools

Minutes

May 15th Board Meeting

Date and Time
Wednesday May 15, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Location
82 Lewis Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11206

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

Trustees Absent
John Matos, Josue De Paz, Kevin Nesbitt

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 May 15, 2024 at 6:09 PM.

C. Approve April minutes

Doris Givens made a motion to approve the minutes from April Board Meeting on 04-17-24.
Cynthia Aker seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

D. Approve May 14th Board Meeting Minutes

Cecelia Russo made a motion to approve the minutes from May 14th Board Meeting on 05-14-24.
Cynthia Aker seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Academic and Family Life Committee

A. Committee Update

Today was the final day of grades 3-8 ELA testing, which was done via the newly implemented Computer Based Testing program in NYS. CAO Patience Brown described the school's new hiring goals and additional goals prior to the end of the school year. She described the partnership with the Beijing National Delegation and additional international dialogue.

8th grade graduation/stepping up is occurring on Saturday, June 15th at Bishop Loughlin HS; Trustees are encouraged and welcome to join.

III. Governance Committee

A. Committee Update

Governance Chair Doris Givens raised the issue of a Summer Board retreat and the need to establish an agenda and list of priorities.

The school was accepted by Boardlead for additional access to strong trustee candidates. Trustees expressed interested in joining the kickoff meeting later this month.

IV. Finance Committee

A. Finance Committee Update

CFO Lisa-Renee Brown updated the Board on the school's Finances for May. The school is meeting its enrollment targets for both general and special education students.

CAO Patience Brown explained the school's special education framework, including its staffing model and its implication for school finances and the response to intervention framework which precedes the recommendation of an IEP to the Committee on Special Education.

The school received the final Per Pupil payment for FY24. There were no major expenditures that were out of the ordinary.

CFO Brown updated the Board on the activities of the Board of the Friends Of BSNBCS meeting and support of the school through its acquisition and leasing of facilities to support the school.

B. Vote on Building Leases

Chair Victor Rivera updated the Board on the new leases for the school for its K-8 facility and 9-12 facility. Trustee Aker asked the process in which the leases may be updated, changed or extended and Chair Rivera shared that any changes would be subject to negotiation with the Friends Of BSNBCS.

Cynthia Aker made a motion to approve the resolution approving certain real estate transactions.
Joseph Sciame seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

V. Public Comments

A. Public comments

There are 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 7:23 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nicholas Tishuk

Documents used during the meeting

- AFL May 9, 2024 minutes.pdf
- Board Resolutions Approving Real Estate Transactions - BSNBCS (May 15, 2024).pdf