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# Bedford Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter Schools

## Minutes

### Board Meeting

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#### **Date and Time**

Tuesday November 29, 2016 at 6:00 PM

#### **Location**

82 Lewis Avenue

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#### **Trustees Present**

Cecelia Russo, Dalia Oberlander, Joseph Sciame, Kevin Nesbitt, Marlena Mondesir, Patricia Bramwell, Victor Rivera

#### **Trustees Absent**

Angel Charriez, Leticia Theodore-Greene

#### **Trustees who arrived after the meeting opened**

Kevin Nesbitt

#### **Ex Officio Members Present**

Nicholas Tishuk

#### **Non Voting Members Present**

Nicholas Tishuk

#### **Guests Present**

Lisa- Renee Brown, Nicole Knight- Parent, Reina Raju, Silbia Pagan, Vicky D'Anjou-Pomerleau, Wanda Morales

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**I. Opening Items**

**A. Record Attendance and Guests**

**B. Call the Meeting to Order**

Joseph Sciamè called a meeting of the board of trustees of Bedford Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter Schools to order on Tuesday Nov 29, 2016 at 6:05 PM.

**C. Approve Minutes**

Chairman Sciamè and Mr. Russo presented corrections for the October meeting minutes. Ms. Mondesir informed the board how to send corrections to before the meeting. M. Mondesir will receive a copy of the corrections for the September and October meeting and make the necessary changes by December 9th.

Cecelia Russo made a motion to approve minutes Board Meeting on 10-20-16.

Victor Rivera seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

Angel Charriez	Absent
Marlena Mondesir	Aye
Patricia Bramwell	Aye
Dalia Oberlander	Aye
Leticia Theodore-Greene	Absent
Joseph Sciamè	Aye
Cecelia Russo	Aye
Victor Rivera	Aye
Kevin Nesbitt	Aye

**D. Approve New Board Members**

Cecelia Russo made a motion to approve Nancy Cavaluzzi and Doris Givens as new board members, which will start the approval process through our authorizers.

Victor Rivera seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

Patricia Bramwell	Aye
Leticia Theodore-Greene	Absent
Victor Rivera	Aye
Cecelia Russo	Aye
Marlena Mondesir	Aye
Kevin Nesbitt	Absent
Dalia Oberlander	Aye
Joseph Sciamè	Aye
Angel Charriez	Absent

## II. School Status Update

### A. 2016 Audit Review

Kevin Nesbitt arrived.

Victor Rivera made a motion to accept audit results.

Patricia Bramwell seconded the motion.

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

#### Roll Call

Joseph Sciamè	Aye
Victor Rivera	Aye
Patricia Bramwell	Aye
Marlena Mondesir	Aye
Angel Charriez	Absent
Dalia Oberlander	Aye
Kevin Nesbitt	Abstain
Cecelia Russo	Aye
Leticia Theodore-Greene	Absent

### B. Presentation by the School Management Team

Mr. Tishuk gave a brief description of the PD that was conducted during the Monday through Wednesday before Thanksgiving. The scholars were given the week off to allow the teachers this time. The mid year evaluation has also started after the Thanksgiving holiday.

Lisa Raye introduced Raina Raju as new HR associate.

## III. Committees Reports

### A. Executive Committee Report

Chairman Sciamè gave a brief overview of the process the new board members will experience from our authorizer.

### B. Family Life Committee Report

Mr. Nesbitt gave a brief overview of the a call the committee experienced after the last meeting. During this call, the parents frustrations were discussed and how to properly address parents concerns as well as support the school membership. The committee had two meetings with the parents. The first meeting discussed how to structure the PFO elections and include the entire parent and family participants. The second meeting firmed up the election protocol. The two takeaways from the meeting presented a parent meeting on December 8th from 7:30-9am to meet potential candidates for office. A flyer was backpacked with scholars in English and Spanish on December 29th. The parents who have participated as an advisory group will organize a holiday event. The following

week December 12-16, parents can vote, using a candidate guide that the school will provide. The officers for election are president, vice president, secretary and treasurer.

Due to the fact that this organization will be a separate organization from the school, any monies they receive will be their responsibility and will not have any connection with the school. Mr. Rivera mentioned that it will be need to be clear that the organization is a separate organization and not an "arm" of the school and should be reflected in all documentations presented by this organization. The issue arose about if the school should have someone to liason with this organization for guidance. Mr. Nesbitt asked for all advice and concerns to be sent to him.

### C. Education Committee Report

Ms. Russo presented an overview of the education committee call on November 15th. Patience and Silbia attend the call. The meeting discussed the parents frustrations at the October meeting, potential replacements, the school trip to St. John's in December and how to address the school alumni.

### D. Finance Committee Report

Mr. Tishuk will send the board a quarterly financial report for review.

## IV. New Business

### A. Public Comments

### B. Executive session

Cecelia Russo made a motion to to go into executive session.

Victor Rivera seconded the motion.

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

#### Roll Call

Joseph Sciamie	Aye
Angel Charriez	Absent
Dalia Oberlander	Aye
Leticia Theodore-Greene	Absent
Cecelia Russo	Aye
Marlena Mondesir	Aye
Kevin Nesbitt	Aye
Patricia Bramwell	Aye
Victor Rivera	Aye

Kevin Nesbitt made a motion to close executive session.

Patricia Bramwell seconded the motion.

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

#### Roll Call

Angel Charriez	Absent
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**Roll Call**

Patricia Bramwell	Aye
Dalia Oberlander	Aye
Kevin Nesbitt	Aye
Joseph Sciamè	Aye
Cecelia Russo	Aye
Marlena Mondesir	Aye
Leticia Theodore-Greene	Absent
Victor Rivera	Aye

**C. Return to public meeting**

**D. Report from the executive session**

Chairman Sciamè announced that there were no decision required from executive session. The Board discussed legal and personal issues.

**E. New Business**

Chairman Sciamè presented the list of committees and their participants:

Executive- Joe

Marlena

Patricia

Angel

Cecilia

Finance- Angel

Victor

Patricia

Education- Cecilia

Kevin

Marlena

Dalia

Family Life- Kevin Chair

Patricia

Leticia

Marlena

Cecilia (ad Hoc)

Fundraising- Leticia

Leticia

Victor

Grievance-Victor

Cecilia  
Kevin

Chief Executive Review Committee- Joe  
Marlena  
Cecilia  
Kevin

Chairman Sciame addressed last month's public comments section. Mr. Nesbitt stated that he addressed the tension with the parent advisory group. The group decided that they will address how to address public comments.

## **V. 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 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joseph Sciame

Victor Rivera made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Kevin Nesbitt seconded the motion.

The motion did not carry.