

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
for the
BEDFORD-STUYVESANT NEW BEGINNINGS
CHARTER SCHOOL**

Meeting of July 29, 2011

Members Present: Joseph Sciame; Patricia Bramwell; Victor Rivera Jr.; Cecelia Russo; Angel Charriez; Thomas Alwood; Kevin Nesbitt.

Members Absent: Mike Nieves; Leticia Theodore-Green.

Also Present: Karen Jones (CAO); Joshua Morales (COO); Kashani Stokley (Dir. Ops.).

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A quorum being present, the Meeting commenced at 3:12 pm.

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Bramwell and seconded by Ms. Russo, the minutes of the June 23, 2011 meeting were adopted with all necessary corrections by a vote of 7 - 0.

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Nesbitt and seconded by Ms. Russo, the following persons were elected to be the officers of the Board:

President:	Joseph Sciame	6 - 0 - 1 (Mr. Sciame abstaining);
Vice-President:	Patricia Bramwell	6 - 0 - 1 (Ms. Bramwell abstaining);
Secretary:	Victor Rivera Jr.	6 - 0 - 1 (Mr. Rivera abstaining).

A vote on the election of a new Board Treasurer was tabled until the next Board Meeting to allow Mr. Nieves and Mr. Charriez to both be present for the vote.

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Mr. Sciame discussed the importance of the just-concluded Board Development program and noted areas in which Board could focus in 2011/12. He further advised that the Board members should review the Board self-assessment template distributed at the retreat.

The Board discussed with Mr. Morales the Strategic Outlook for the 2011/12 school year.

The Board reviewed the proposed budget for the 2011/12 academic year. Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Charriez and seconded by Ms. Bramwell, the proposed budget was adopted unanimously.

The Board, upon a motion duly made by Mr. Rivera and seconded by Mr. Charriez, unanimously adopted the recommendation of the Education Subcommittee to extend the Academic Leader's employment with the School through the 2011/12 academic year. Ms. Jones accepted the Board's offer.

The Board, upon a motion duly made by Mr. Alford and seconded by Ms. Bramwell, unanimously voted to extend the Director of Operation's employment with the School through the 2011/12 academic year, pending his evaluation. Mr. Stokley accepted the Board's offer.

The Board heard the report of the Engagement Committee.

The Board was advised of the following dates for the School:

- 8/16: Teachers report for orientation/planning;
- 8/25: "Meet Your Teacher" session at the School;
- 8/29: First day of School.

The Board agreed that meetings would be held on the third Thursdays of each month and scheduled the remaining meetings for 2011 for the following dates: 9/15, 10/20, 11/17 and 12/15.

On a motion by Mr. Rivera, seconded by Mr. Nesbitt, the Board unanimously voted to recess the meeting at 4:19 p.m.