

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

Meeting of June 1, 2010

Members Present: Joseph Sciamè; Patricia Bramwell; Victor Rivera Jr.; Angel Charriez; Cecelia Russo; Michael Nieves; Thomas Alwood; Kevin Nesbitt; Leticia Theodore.

Members Absent: Mike Gaffney.

Also Present: Josh Morales (Consultant to Board); Karen Jones (Academic Leader); Valerie Babb (Director, Charter Parent Advocacy Network).

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A quorum being present, the Meeting commenced at 5:40 pm.

Mr. Morales introduced Valerie Babb, Director of the Charter Parent Advocacy Network, to discuss her organization, its goals and its ability to help the School with advocacy and fundraising.

Mr. Nesbitt and Ms. Theodore arrived.

Mr. Sciamè raised the issue of whether the By-Laws had been adopted and Mr. Rivera advised that he believed they were, but would verify the information for the next meeting.

Mr. Sciamè then noted that the agenda of the meeting should be made public prior to the meeting. Mr. Rivera noted that he believed that the agendas were posted on the website and Mr. Morales noted that was generally the case, but the agenda for this meeting had not been posted because of an issue with the website that he was trying to address.

Mr. Sciamè advised the Board of his concern over Joseph Martucci's status and the Board discussed Mr. Martucci's failure to provide invoices for his services after an initial payment and whether the School needed him as a consultant after the hiring of Karen Jones as Academic Leader for the School.

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Ms. Jones advised the Board that she, Mr. Morales, Ms. Park and members of EdCom and the Outreach Committee ("OutCom") had already interviewed potential teachers and was looking to hire 10 candidates to participate in demonstration lessons. The candidates for the demonstration lessons would be coming to a second round of panel interviews Mr. Morales and Ms. Jones noted that the possible imminent laying off of teachers in NYC would create a much larger pool for the School to consider. Mr. Morales also noted that candidates for the curriculum coordinator, dean, and instructional assistant positions would also be interviewed.

The Board then discussed the Saturday school requirement, what the Saturday program might possibly contain, and the number of Saturday sessions that might be required.

Mr. Morales noted that Latin would be eliminated as a requirement in the 3rd Grade, thus reducing the need to hire a Latin Teacher in the first year.

Mr. Morales suggested that the School hold a fund-raiser in the Fall, but was reminded by Mr. Nieves that it was an election year, which would vastly diminish the amount of available money.

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Charriez and seconded by Mr. Nieves, the Board unanimously voted 9-0 to authorize Mr. Morales to negotiate with CSBM regarding its proposal and to authorize the Finance Committee to enter into an agreement when negotiated.

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Bramwell and seconded by Ms. Theodore, the Board unanimously voted 9-0 to consolidate the Finance and Operations Committees.

Pursuant to the consolidation, the committee assignments were as follows:

<u>Executive</u>	<u>Finance/Ops</u>	<u>Education</u>	<u>Engagement</u>	<u>Development</u>
J. Sciamè	M. Nieves	C. Russo	K. Nesbitt	M. Nieves
P. Bramwell	A. Charriez	K. Nesbitt	V. Rivera	P. Bramwell
V. Rivera	T. Alwood	T. Alwood	P. Bramwell	J. Sciamè
C. Russo	J. Sciamè		L. Theodore	L. Theodore
A. Charriez				

Mr. Sciamè reminded the Committees that they needed to meet and Ms. Theodore noted that it was the responsibility of the Committee chairperson to ensure that the meetings took place.

Mr. Morales then reviewed upcoming dates for the Board: 6/18 (Next Board Meeting); 6/23 (Reception for New Schools at Tweed Courthouse).

At Mr. Sciamè's request, the Board by acclamation authorized him to approach Mr. Martucci regarding his status and the need for invoices.

Mr. Sciamè noted that the School's charter had been received and presented it to the Board for

