

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

Meeting of June 23, 2011

Members Present: Joseph Sciame; Patricia Bramwell; Victor Rivera Jr.; Cecelia Russo; Mike Nieves; Angel Charriez; Leticia Theodore-Green.

Members Absent: Thomas Alwood; Kevin Nesbitt.

Also Present: Karen Jones (CAO); Joshua Morales (COO).

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A quorum being present, the Meeting commenced at 6:00 pm.

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Bramwell and seconded by Mr. Nieves, the minutes of the May 19, 2011 meeting were adopted with all necessary corrections by a vote of 6 - 0, with Ms. Theodore-Green not present.

Ms. Theodore-Green arrived.

The Board discussed the election of Mr. Sciame, Ms. Russo and Mr. Charriez for renewal terms of 3 years each, in accordance with the By-Laws of the School. After determining, at the request of Mr. Nieves, that proper notification of the elections to be held at this meeting had been made to the public at large, the Board voted, pursuant to motions duly made by Ms. Bramwell and seconded by Mr. Rivera, as follows for the election of the following persons to the Board for a term of 3 years commencing July 1, 2011 and continuing through June 30, 2014:

Joseph Sciame:	6 - 0 - 1 (Mr. Sciame abstaining);
Cecelia Russo:	6 - 0 - 1 (Ms. Russo abstaining); and
Angel Charriez:	6 - 0 - 1 (Mr. Charriez abstaining).

After a discussion of the need to give absent Board members an opportunity to be present for the election of Board officers for the 2011/12 year, the Board, on a motion duly made by Ms. Russo and seconded by Ms. Bramwell, to extend the terms of office of the present Board members to the next scheduled Board meeting, at which time a vote for new officers will be held. The Board then discussed a possible date for the next Board meeting and, after discussion and upon the recommendation of Mr. Morales, Mr. Morales was authorized to arrange for a Board Development retreat to take place on either July 29, 2010 or July 30, 2010, from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm, at a centrally located place. The next Board meeting will take place as an adjunct to that retreat.

Ms. Jones reported to the Board that a preliminary assessment by the DOE of the results of state-wide testing had revealed that 48 of 49 3rd graders (98%) had passed the Math exam and 43/49 3rd graders (88%) had passed the ELA exam. Ms. Jones noted that this meant that the "passing" students had achieved a level of 2 on the exam, which was sufficient for promotion. Ms. Jones reminded us that the School's internal barometer of success was a 3 or higher. Until the raw results were received, we will not know how many of our students got a 3 or higher. Ms. Jones further noted that the students who had not passed had been placed in summer school programs after some initial resistance from other schools who were unwilling to take our students for the summer.

Ms. Jones noted that the review from DOE regarding its inspection of the School was going to be further delayed, but she was confident that the School would grade out well. Ms. Russo sought and received confirmation that the report had not yet been received and that the expectation was based on informal discussions with the participating DOE reviewers.

The Board next discussed staffing issues for the forthcoming academic year and how the SPED population increase would be treated. Ms. Jones noted that parents were now more forthcoming in identifying children as ELL students, which would also impact the need for the School to provide services. Ms. Jones advised that, had parents identified ELL students earlier, academic achievements by those students could have been maximized with additional resources.

Mr. Nieves and Ms. Theodore Green left the meeting.

Mr. Rivera asked about the timing of any material amendment to the School's charter and was advised by Mr. Morales that such an amendment would be prepared after the Board Development retreat.

The Board then discussed the after-school programs and the possible entry into a contract with the present vendor for fitness services to provide such next year for free as part of an in-kind exchange for space in the facility.

Mr. Morales advised the Board that the contractor who had performed all of the work on the School prior to and throughout the academic year had been paid in full.

Mr. Morales next advised the Board that a Parent Organizer would be hired as part of the staff next year. The Organizer would serve as the School's liaison with the Parent Organization and relieve some of the burden on the Engagement Committee.

The Board next considered Mr. Morales' recommendation that Mr. Stokeley, the current Director of Operations, be elevated to Chief Operational Officer, with Mr. Morales moving into a consultancy role with the Board. After some discussion, it was determined that no action would be taken at present with respect to Mr. Stokeley, but Mr. Morales advised the Board that action on Mr. Stokeley needed to be taken soon.

Mr. Morales then reported on possible efforts to raise money for the School for the forthcoming School year, including, but not limited to, the possibility of incubating a charter school for a short term in the building. Mr. Morales noted that such an arrangement could raise approximately \$200,000 for the school and advised that the Landlord had stated to him that it would approve of such an arrangement.

Ms. Bramwell then reported to the Board on the meeting of the Engagement Committee with the Parent Organization, noting that a significant part of the meeting was spent explaining the PO's role and the need to follow structure. Ms. Bramwell advised that the PO had provided the Committee with draft By-Laws to review and noted that she had arranged with Mr. Morales to get the PO into contact with the Charter School Center's Parent Outreach Coordinator to help them with their role.

At this point, the Board went into Executive Session to discuss the proposed Evaluation rubric for the Academic Leader.

At the request of Ms. Russo, on a motion duly made by Mr. Sciamme and seconded by Mr. Charriez, the Education Committee was authorized to issue the evaluation guideline to Ms. Jones so as to have an evaluation in hand on or before July 8 and make a recommendation on Ms. Jones' retention to the Board.

On a motion by Ms. Bramwell, seconded by Mr. Rivera, the Board unanimously voted to recess the meeting at 7:55 p.m.