

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FOR THE
BEDFORD STUYVESANT NEW BEGINNINGS CHARTER SCHOOL
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**DECEMBER 17, 2010
5:00-7:00PM**

The Meeting was called to order at 5:20pm by the Chairman, Joseph Sciame, who indicated that Secretary Victor Rivera was unable to attend the meeting owing to a conflict in schedule and holiday party. Leticia Theodore-Greene and Tom Atwood requested to be excused owing to family activities. However, a quorum would be present to conduct business as all other members of Board were in attendance.

ATTENDANCE: Joseph Sciame, President/Chair; and Board Members: Patricia Bramwell, Vice-President/Chair; Angel Charriez, Kevin Nesbitt, Mike Nieves and Cecelia Russo. As well, Academic Leader Karen Jones and Chief Operating Office Josh Morales were also in attendance, as non-voting members of the Board. In addition, DOO Kishani Stokely was also in attendance for the meeting.

REVIEW OF MINUTES OF November 19, 2010 – Joseph Sciame read a summary of the proceedings from his notes of the meeting of November 19, 2010, as the Secretary was unable to provide them at this time. They will be reviewed and adopted at the forthcoming Friday, January 21, 2011 meeting of the Board.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT & UPDATE – The Chairman reported in that all seemed to be proceeding in a favorable way. He did speak to the point of attendance for Board meetings. Though we can appreciate the fact of conflicts at times, he requested that all Board members note the forthcoming meetings for 2011. Since not all Board members were at the December meeting, it would be probable that the next meeting would be on a similar, third Friday of the month, and that would be January 21, 2011.

As well, the chairman spoke to the point of the importance of timely notification of whatever it is that is needed for meetings, such as the Minutes and Agenda. As there is generally a four to five week hiatus between meetings, he felt that it was reasonable to expect that we have the materials in time. All seemed to agree. A further discussion emanated about the possibility of a "recorder" and then the minutes could be done by outsourcing them. They would then have to be proofread, etc., and there would be an expense. The Chair indicated that for this first full year of activity, we would continue with the Secretary doing the minutes and if need be we might even rotate the responsibilities from time to time.

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SCHOOL STATUS:

Academic Report – Provided by Academic Leader Karen Jones and was distributed to all present. For those not present, they may request such copies from the DOO and AL. Some highlights of the report for which some time was expended in discussion, included:

A. PTO President was selected following several meetings. Some discussion concerned whether the Parent Trustee had to be the president or another rep as designated by the president and/or PTO. All agreed it might be best for the President to be the rep. The matter was to be reviewed further as to whether the Parent Rep would have a vote. This will be looked into in terms of other charter schools and a decision will be made at a future meeting. No matter what, the Board meetings are “open” and as such any member of the PTO can attend without a vote. The Engagement Committee, in concert with findings by the COO will bring about closure on this issue.

B. Late Registrants – Based on the data provided by the AL and DOO, it appears that some students have been registering beyond the commencement of classes on September 13, 2010 and as such oftentimes present challenges as new students in a classroom to the teachers. This issue was fully discussed with all of its ramifications, most of which were financial. It was agreed that this is a “public” charter school, and that the teachers need to understand what this entails.

Operating Report – provided by Josh Morales who indicated that a decision would have to be reached re the matter of ongoing work on the 4th and 5th Floors, and how far into indebtedness would the Board want to go. Felipe has been good about awaiting reimbursement for funding.

Payables are all caught up at the Charter School, while the Department of Charter Schools does have pending grants.

A discussion emanated about reimbursement for Joe Martucci, for which invoices provided totaled \$20,000, but were reviewed by the COO and brought down to \$10,000. Mike Nieves felt that this matter must be checked further as to what Mr. Martucci agreed to do, and whether he was duly informed in writing as to his responsibilities, etc. Josh Morales and Mike Nieves agreed to finalize all of this issue by Monday, December 20, 2010. All present agreed that a final payment to Mr. Martucci needed to take place.

PERMANENT COMMITTEES – Deferred to forthcoming January meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: Chairman Sciame indicated his disappointment in that the Friday, November 19, 2010 event for the Ribbon Cutting was so well attended and such a good PR event, but he had not seen anything in print and/or some article in local news. All concurred, but it was a matter of timing and other pressures on individual schedules. If



such information is created, it would be included in a forthcoming bulletin and/or newsletter.

It was noted that a committee for just web posting might be needed. Cecelia Russo will look into some students from St. John's University, either volunteering/interning or being paid.

NEW BUSINESS: Josh Morales brought up for discussion that sometime in Spring 2011, the Board might wish to consider and then apply for a charter for K-8. Several members present felt that with the discussions held at the meeting, pending ongoing progress academically and financially, that it might be best to await such a decision. Mr. Morales concurred.

Mr. Sciame thanked all for the year's work and he hoped that the New Year 2011 would be filled with much success for the children for the Bedford Stuyvesant New Beginnings Charter School.

The meeting adjourned with a motion by Angel Charriez and seconded by Mike Nieves at 6:30pm. All concurred.

Respectfully submitted,

Cecelia M. Russo
Board Member for the Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'C Russo', written in a cursive style.