

THE CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL FOR LAW AND SOCIAL JUSTICE



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Minutes–Board of Trustees Meeting, June 15, 2023

By Zoom Conferencing: Christian Bannerman, Socrates Solano, Rick Marsico, Amy Fuller

In-person: John Callahan, Chairperson, Executive Director Richard Burke, Sarah Fuentes, Denis O'Rourke, Linette Tse, Rina Beder

Absent: Charmon Adams, Jumaane Sanders, Janine Azriliant,

Guest: Robin Sharpe-in person, Liz Runco, Principal via Zoom

Welcome, and Call to Order - Mr. John Callahan welcomed and called the Meeting to Order at 6:05 p.m. He thanked everyone for coming via Zoom and in person.

Mr. Callahan asked if anyone had questions about items on the Consent Agenda, which was accepting the minutes. The consent agenda had no comments, and it was accepted.

Mr. Callahan asked Mr. Burke to review the Financials-.

Mr. Burke began reviewing the May financials. Mr. Burke said our finances showed we had 127.9 days of cash (\$1,178,517). Mr. Burke stated that this was the 11th month of the year. Like last month, he said we are on course and will end with a \$5,962.00 surplus. He repeated that our ESSER grants were approved and received in this statement, putting us in the black. Mr. Burke showed the line item with Dividend and interest that showed \$30,054.

Executive Director Report –

Mr. Burke discussed the call the SED Charter Office had with Mr. Callahan and Mr. Burke when they told us they recommended a 4-year renewal with all revisions except moving to a middle school. He discussed how the SED Charter Office leaders said we could reapply this fall for the expansion.

Mr. Burke reviewed the issue with our enrollment and how even though our per pupil is accurate, the names of former students still needed to remove 19, which should happen this summer. There was a general discussion with the Board on what this meant and how we would move forward.



Mr. Burke spoke about the Graduation on the 23rd, our Seniors' acceptance to colleges, and the school's excitement. Ms. Runco joined in, saying seeing our Seniors get accepted is very exciting.

Chairman Report - Mr. Callahan spoke and then updated us on the building options we still will have for the Middle School and how we would discuss with Barone and the Archdiocese what is possible.

Mr. Callahan reviewed the Committee Reports and restated that the July Board meeting was our Annual meeting when we would vote on Committee assignments, the calendar, and other business.

Finance - Mr. Callahan mentioned that the Finance Committee had met and reviewed the May Financials; Mr. Burke had spoken to the financials earlier. Mr. Burke said that the Budget for the High School was part of the new business.

Academic Committee - Ms. Fuentes said they had expected to get data from the Regents and discuss it in the July meeting.

Governance - Mr. Callahan said the Governance Committee would meet to review the by-laws next month.

Fundraising Committee - Mr. Callahan said nothing was happening in fundraising.

Mr. Callahan said there was a budget to vote on and asked if anyone had any questions on the Budget, which had been reviewed months earlier and was sent with this month's Board material. He also stated that the Finance Committee had reviewed and approved the Budget. Ms. Tse moved to accept the Budget, and Mr. O'Rourke seconded and approved it unanimously.

Ms. Tse moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Beder, and approved at 7:15 p.m. Callahan asked everyone to consider attending the Graduation at CMSV at 11 a.m.

Next Meeting: July 20, 2023, 6:00 p.m. This will be the Annual Meeting.

John Callahan

7/12/23