

THE CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL FOI AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

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Minutes—Board of Trustees Meeting September 17, 2020, 6:00 p.m.

All by Zoom Conferencing: John Callahan, Rick Marsico, Janine Azriliant, Linnet Tse, Christian Bannerman

Executive Director Richard Burke,

Absent: Denis ORourke, Jumaane Saunders

Guest: Sarah Fuentes, Marisol Alcantara, Dan Sang

Welcome, and Call to Order -John Callahan welcomed and called the meeting to Order at 6:10 pm and thanked everyone for attending via Zoom. He went through a list of those present, including Sarah Fuentes, Dan Sang, and Marisol Alcantara, who are potential Board members. Mr. Callahan mentioned that Mr. ORourke had a personal issue that came up today and is unable to attend. Mr. Callahan noted that the July minutes were on the Consent Agenda and asked if there were any changes or comments. The minutes were accepted,

Financials- Mr. Burke began reviewing the financials and shared his screen. Mr. Burke reported that our finances are in good shape, although there continues to be a threat of a 20% cut of state funding. Mr. Burke mentioned that there had been a Finance Committee phone call earlier in the week that went into great detail on the financials

Executive Director Report

Mr. Burke reported that with the successful start of the school the enrolled population is at our maximum though it is likely to decline to levels similar to last year which is the number we have budgeted for.

Mr. Burke spoke of the start of remote learning and the small group of students who are using the gym for remote learning. He reported that the first days were going well and he spoke of the new teachers and staff, the PD held this summer, and help from Shared Space. Mr. Burke spoke of the student teachers from Mt. St. Vincent and the plan for them. We have four student teachers working at the School.



Chairman Report - The Shared Space PD non-profit application is underway. When this is complete we will initiate the Institutional Partner approval process with SED.

We propose to provide Vickie Smith of SED a status report on the board and the past year before the next board meeting.

Friends of CHSLSJ board will be passing a resolution to confirm that excess funds from 2019-2020 will be used on facilities next summer (2021) the proposed work continues to be re-doing the exterior space at the rear and carving a portion of the cafeteria out for multipurpose room use.

Specifics about the new committee were discussed.

Board Governance Committee- with Responsibilities of Board Training, Board Recruitment, and Keeping Track of Rules and Compliance

Proposed Members: Jumaane S, Rick M, Jack C, possibly Dan S.

Committee Reports-Mr. Callahan reported that we had discussed the finance earlier and there was a meeting this past Tuesday.

Academic Committee-Mr. Saunders was absent so they postponed the report till the next meeting

Fundraising Committee- Mr. Callahan stated it is on hold until the situation with COVID is more clear.

New Business: Two proposed potential Board members introduced themselves.

Marisol Alcantara and Dan Sang spoke.

Mr. Callahan said we have a resolution for the approval of Sarah Fuentes as a New Board Member:

He read the resolution and Rick Marsico moved, Mr. Bannerman second and the

**RESOLUTIONS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THE CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL FOR LAW AND SOCIAL JUSTICE**

The Charter High School for Law and Social Justice Board of Trustees, having conducted a thorough background check visa a fingerprint scan as required for Sarah Fuentes and having discovered no State or Federal criminal history, or have provided such history to SED if found,



has voted to elect Sarah Fuentes as final candidates to its Board of Trustees, with a term expiring on June 30, 2022, pending approval by SED was approved.

Mr. Callahan read the second resolution accepting the School Yearly Calendar for the 2020-21 School year.

Ms. Tse made a motion to accept the calendar and was seconded by Mr. Marsico. It was accepted.

Mr. Callahan then said there were no members of the public to make a statement so he thanked Ms. Fuentes, Ms. Alcantara and Mr. Sang for coming and mentioned they would be going into an Executive Session and said Mr. Burke would be in touch on the next steps. They exited.

Ms. Tse then moved that they go into Executive Session and Ms. Azriliant seconded and went into executive session.

The Board moved out of Executive Session and Mr. Marsico moved to adjourn which was seconded by Dr. Bannerman and approved at 7:25 PM.

Next Meeting: October 15, 2020, 6:00 pm


John Callahan