

# THE CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL FOR LAW AND SOCIAL JUSTICE



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**Minutes–Board of Trustees Meeting, May 18,,2023**

By Zoom Conferencing: Linnet Tse, Christian Bannerman, Charmon Adams, Jumaane Sanders, Denis O'Rourke, and., Socrates Solano, Janine Azriliant, Rick Marsico

In-person: John Callahan, Chairperson, Executive Director Richard Burke, Sarah Fuentes

Absent: Amy Fuller

Guest: Robin Sharpe, Liz Runco, Principal

Welcome, and Call to Order - Mr. John Callahan welcomed and called the Meeting to Order at 6:05 PM. He thanked everyone that attended the Academic Committee held at 5 PM 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 130 days of cash (\$2047386.00). Mr. Burke stated that this was the 9th month of the year. Like last month, he said we are right on course and will end with a \$53,806.00 surplus. He said that our ESSER grants were approved and received in this statement, putting us in the black. He reviewed how this was done and said that we transferred most of the cash on hand to IDB and are making 4.3% of that money. Mr. Burke showed the line item with Dividend and interest that showed \$30,054.

Executive Director Report –

Mr. Burke talked about the Renewal and the status of the Renewal.

He reported we had the visit and renewal report and had made a factual edit that our visit was in person, not remote. He noted that we were now responding to their evaluative edits.

-We met seven benchmarks and approached 3-one;

-he had sent a letter to SED stating that in Benchmark 10 that said we did not respond to a February 2021 email asking to revise some policies that we had, and our Attorney had



revised them. They were submitted, and Vickie's email said she had them and would review them.

-We never heard anything further, but now it is apparent she did not forward them to SED legal.

-He said that the other two benchmarks that say we are close or at the target on graduation rates were off because the past admin had not removed students in a timely fashion, and even though our per pupil were never above 449, the ATS (State numbers) had us at 511.

-We removed 51 names, which was very involved and took longer than usual due to the pandemic. Because of this, we meet the targeted graduation rate and other measurements of achievement, and we have been talking to SED about this for years and hope they can consider that.

-Our letter outlining these issues will be submitted with our renewal report.

Mr. Burke spoke about the acceptance to colleges by our Seniors and the excitement in the school. Ms. Runco joined in, saying seeing our Seniors get accepted is very exciting. Ms. Runco spoke about regents prep and school activities.

Chairman Report - Mr. Callahan spoke and then updated us on the building options for the Middle School and the status of the temporary space until the building is finished. Mr. Callahan called for Committee Reports.

Finance - Mr. Callahan mentioned that the Finance Committee had met and reviewed the May Financials; Mr. Burke had spoken to the financials earlier. He said Mr. Burke said that the budgets for the High School and Middle School would be voted on in June.

Academic Committee - Ms. Fuentes said they had just had a very informative and positive Academic Committee. She stated that the school Leadership reviewed the Interim Assessments and Mock regents with the Committee. Ms. Fuentes said the interaction with the Leadership team was very constructive for the Academic Committee and went into detail about the Mock Regents and Interim Assessment. She praised the positive movement in the school.

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 no new business.



Mr. Adams moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Tse, and approved at 7:15 PM. Mr. Callahan asked everyone to consider attending the Graduation at CMSV at 11 AM.

Next Meeting: July 19, 2023, 6:00 PM. This will be the Annual Meeting.



John Callahan

4/12/23

