

THE CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL FOR AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

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Minutes–Board of Trustees Meeting

July 15, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

In person: John Callahan, Dan Sang

By Zoom Conferencing: Jumaane Saunders, Christian Bannerman, Rick Marsico, Janine Azriliant, Denis ORourke, Linnet Tse, Sarah Fuentes, Charmone Adams

No Absent:

Executive Director Richard Burke, In-person,

Welcome and Call to Order- Mr. John Callahan welcomed and called the Annual Meeting to Order at 6:10 PM, thanked everyone for attending, and informed the Board that Charmone Adams was now a voting member. Everyone congratulated Mr. Adams.

Mr. Callahan asked if anyone had any questions on Consent Agenda, and no one did, so it was accepted. He then stated that some members needed to leave at or around 7 PM to move directly to voting on open issues as outlined in the agenda.

New Business:

1. Election of Officers of the Board of Trustees. Moved by Rick Marsico, 2nd Mr. Saunders
All approved

It is hereby RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of The Charter High School for Law and Social Justice that the following individuals are elected as officers of the Board of Trustees of The Charter High School for Law and Social Justice for a term of one year from **July 1st, 2021 – June 30th, 2022**, expect as otherwise noted:

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| John Callahan | Chairperson |
| Jumaane Saunders | Vice-Chairperson |
| Janine Ariliant | Secretary |
| Linnet Tse | Treasurer |

2. Appointment of Committee Members: Moved by Jumaane Saunders, 2nd Christian Bannerman
All approved

It is hereby RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of The Charter High School for Law and Social Justice that the following individuals are appointed as members of committees of the Board of Trustees as follows for a term of one year, from **July 1st, 2021 – June 30th, 2022**.

Audit Committee
Educational Accountability Committee
Executive Committee (the Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary serve on the Executive Committee pursuant to the school's by-laws)



Finance Committee
Fundraising Committee

3. Approval of Board Calendar (Attached): Moved by Denis O'Rourke, 2nd Linnet Tse
All approved

After the vote, Mr. Marsico introduced Alice Tenney, a school supporter, who may consider joining the Friends Board. The Board welcomed her attendance.

Mr. Callahan introduced the idea of beginning to think of our renewal and that we need to address how to deal with the significant deficiencies of our entering students and the School leadership idea of opening an elementary school and middle school with the desire to address that issue.

Mr. Callahan asked Mr. Burke to speak to this idea, and Mr. Burke reviewed the presentation he had sent out with the Board materials asking for the Board approval that the leadership begins investigating the possibility and come up with ideas and timelines. Mr. Burke mentioned that this is only asking the Board for direction and that he would not go to SED without their approval and guidance on this issue.

After the discussion, Mr. Calhan proposed a motion: Dr. Bannerman moved, and Mrs. Tse 2nd.

The motion was approved.

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

Whereas, The Charter High School Law and Social Justice has concluded that the path to success for the school is likely best pursued through the expansion of our charter to create an associated elementary school;

Whereas, an initial review has indicated that such an expansion could be viable financially and could potentially be approved under our next charter renewal with NYSED;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of The Charter High School Law and Social Justice authorizes the Executive Director and staff to begin planning and discovery to develop a detailed plan of the proposed expansion;

Further, be it resolved that a planning structure be put in place by the Executive Director to understand that regular updates will be provided to the Board.

Mr. Calhan then turned the meeting back to our Agenda items and asked Mr. Burke To review the Financials.

Financials-

Mr. Burke began reviewing the financials and shared his screen. Mr. Burke said that our finances are in good shape. Mr. Burke mentioned that there had been a Finance Committee phone call earlier in the week that went into great detail on the financials. He reviewed the main points of the Financials, and there were no questions.

Executive Director Report:



Mr. Burke then reviewed the Dashboard. Mr. Burke reviewed how our Summer School program was doing. He reviewed hiring and the difficulty of finding good candidates.

Chairman Report –

Mr. Callahan then reviewed details about this summer construction

Mr. Callahan then called for Committee Reports-Mr. Callahan reported that we had discussed the Finance Committee earlier, and there was a meeting this past Tuesday.

Academic Committee- Mr. Saunders reviewed items from Academic Committee, which met at 5 PM earlier in the evening. Mr. Saunders stated that we would have more details from the school leadership at the August meeting on how the school plans to move our students in reading and move the STAR results.

Mr. Callahan spoke about the Board retreat on September 18th and Mr. Saunders asked that, like last year, each Board member talk about themselves. Mr. Callahan mentioned that he and Mr. Sang would speak with Mr. Rivera, who coordinates the Retreat.

Fundraising Committee-No meeting and Mr. Callahan said once we are back in person There would be more planning.

Mr. Callahan asked that everyone do the Board evaluation and ED resolution.

Mr. Callahan then asked if Ms. Tenney, who was present, had anything to say, and she spoke of her history supporting the school. ,

Mr. O'Rourke moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Azriliant, and approved at 7:40 PM.

Next Meeting: August 19th. 2021, 6:00 PM

John Callahan