



THE CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL FOR LAW AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

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Minutes—Board of Trustees Meeting July 16, 2020, 6:00 p.m.

All by Zoom Conferencing: Rick Marsico, Janine Azriliant, Renardo Wright, Janet Sanderson, Linnet Tse, Jack Callahan, Jumaane Saunders, Denis ORouke

Executive Director Richard Burke

Guest: Robin Sharpe, Ginny Connelly, Floriande Buckman

1. Jack 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, and Mr. Callahan noted that the June minutes were on the Consent Agenda and asked if there were any changes or comments. The minutes were accepted,
2. Financials—Mr. Burke began reviewing the financials and shared his screen. Mr. Burke reported that we would end the year with a surplus. Mr. Burke mentioned that there had been a Finance Committee phone call earlier in the week that went into great detail on the financials. There was a discussion of improvements to be made in the yard and cafeteria for next year and of the possible financial challenges associated with this work.
3. Executive Director Report- Mr. Burke discussed:
 - a. Mr. Burke spoke of the plans for reentry of the students and staff into the School and programs for looking at ways for social distancing etc.
 - b. Mr. Burke stated that Dashboard was the same as June since nothing had changed.
 - c. He reviewed the numbers for 9th graders that now have 100 fully enrolled and 15 in the works with another 17 who have parts of their enrollment in. Mr. Burke said he was confident in enrollment, but until we see what happens in September, we are continuing to enroll. They had called all returning families to confirm they will come back.
 - d. Mr. Burke confirmed that the partnership with the College of Mt. St. Vincent has been renewed, and we will have four student teachers working at the School.
 - e. Mr. Burke also mentioned that we had hired 3 Teach For America corps members this year.
4. Chairman Report- Mr. Callahan discussed the cost of the improvement in the back yard and the decision to do just a Shed due to the costs.

He then discussed the need to set up a Board Development Committee and asked if anyone knows people that may be interested to reach out to him.

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There was a discussion of potential new board members. A few names were mentioned, and Mr. Callahan suggested contacting them.

Mr. Callahan asked for Committee reports.

He mentioned that the Finance Committee had reported in the earlier discussion of the financials and budget.

Academic- Mr. Saunders reported that our engagement of Board On Track was moving forward. Mr. Saunders stated that he was planning for the Board Retreat meeting in August. He asked all Board members to go on Board On Track and fill out the Board assessment. The Plan for the Board retreat is on August 20 to start early and put about 4 hours into it then move into the Board meeting.

7 New Business:

Mr. Callahan went down the items on New Business:

1. Election of Officers of the Board of Trustees
2. Rick Marsico moved nad Mr. Saunders seconded: It was 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 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021**, except as otherwise noted:

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

2. Appointment of Committee Members
3. Rick Marsico moved nad Ms. Azriliant seconded: It was 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 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021**. (See attached)

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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)

Rick Marsico moved nad Mr. Saunders seconded: It was approved:

3. Approval of PPP Loan

Rick Marsico moved nad Mr. Saunders seconded: It was approved:

It is hereby RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of The Charter High School for Law and Social Justice that

After consultation with the Finance Committee and Executive Committee of the Board, and due to the urgent time limits for application, the Executive Director, as directed, applied for the Payroll Protection Program. Our participation was approved by the program.

The Charter High School for Law and Social Justice Board of Trustees wishes to confirm and formalize this action.

Whereas, The Charter High School for Law and Social Justice (the School) has been severely impacted and forced to cease normal operations due to the COVID-19 health crisis (COVID-19); and Whereas, because of COVID-19 the School was not able to drive its enrollment efforts in the month leading up to its admissions deadline, which could hamper enrollment and therefore funding, and faces Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this board of trustees meeting was held entirely via Zoom. The meeting was recorded and transcribed in accordance with the NYS policy.

Considering that The Charter High School for Law and Social Justice Bronx, NY 10453 has the prospect of reduced public funding going forward due to likely citywide and statewide cuts driven by COVID-19. Whereas, the School is aware of the Payroll Protection Program that is part of the federal Coronavirus Aid,

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Relief, and Economic Security Act, recently established by Congress to help employers with fewer than 500 employees endure the financial challenges posed by COVID-19. Expenditure of these funds will be subject to review and approval by the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Callahan called for a motion to go into Executive Session, which was moved by Mr. Marsico and second by Mr. Saunders.

Mr. Burke put the outside members into the waiting room.

The Executive Session ended at 7:35

Mr. Burke returned to the meeting.

Mr. Burke asked all Board members to return their Financial Disclosure Forms by August 1, 2020.

- 8 Mr. Callahan asked for a motion to adjourn, which was given by Mr. Marsico and seconded by Mr. Saunders. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40

Mr. Callahan then thanked everyone and mentioned that the next meeting: August 20 at 6:00 pm and stated that an invite would be coming for the Retreat and

John Callahan
Board Chair

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