

THE CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL FOR LAW AND SOCIAL JUSTICE



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Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes August 14, 2019, 7:00 p.m.

Board: Janine Azriliant and Linnet Tse by Zoom Conferencing both in a public place and notice being given. John Callahan, and Richard Marsico present. Kate Smelas was absent.

Executive Director: Richard Burke

Guests: Michael Kohlhagen, CEO of CEI, Alice Bartley (CEI), Louis Cuglietto, all present and Ginny Connelly (CEI) and Jumaane Saunders by Zoom Conferencing.

1. Welcome and Call to Order by John Callahan, Chairman
The Chair welcomed all members and guests. The roll was taken.
2. Consent Agenda (Items on the Consent Agenda are automatically approved unless a Board member removes an item from the consent agenda. In that event, the item will be subject to Board approval by majority vote.)
 - No items on the Consent Agenda
3. Financial Report: The Executive Director reviewed the unaudited June 30, 2019, Financial Statements which showed a small surplus. Mr. Burke stated that there are some past bills still coming in and he expected this to be reduced and a small deficit may occur.
4. Executive Director's Report:
 - Mr. Burke discussed the Dashboard and the enrollment for September. The enrollment is at 448 as of today. The school is still actively recruiting SPED and ELL scholars since all the waitlist have been given an opportunity to enroll.
 - He also informed the Board that as of last Friday **76 Seniors** had graduated or **77%**, surpassing the District which was 71% and that 15 Senior have taken the August Regents and we will know how many additional passed next week but it looks positive we will hit 80% graduation rate. The decision to have summer school made a big difference in the graduation rate.
 - 89% of graduated with a Regents Diploma.
5. New Business:

On the Renewal Application and items to be voted on tonight, Mr. Marsico opens a discussion on points in the Renewal Narrative that he felt was not a full picture of what had happened in the past 4 years. A discussion on how the document was limited to 45 pages and documents from SED and how that limited the scope of what was possible to add to the narrative. Mr. Marsico voiced his disapprove of the lack of the positive aspects of the past four years and the rush nature of the writing

process. The Executive Director apologized for this but stated with the transition to new leadership and our new Institutional Partner involvement the process had begun much later and was more involved. We acknowledge Mr. Marsico concerns and make them part of the record.

- On the Motion by Linnet Tse and second by Rick Marsico, the Board unanimously voted to approve the resolution approving the Renewal submissions:

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

The Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the Charter High School for Law and Social Justice, a New York not-for-profit education corporation (the "School"), at a duly constituted meeting of the Board held on August 14, 2019, does hereby (i) approve and adopt the following resolutions and (ii) direct that these resolutions be recorded among the minutes of the proceedings of the Corporation.

WHEREAS, the School has been engaged in preparing its application for renewal (the "Renewal Application") of its charter (the "Charter") that is due to be submitted to the New York State Education Department ("NYSED") by August 15, 2019 to renew the School's charter, which is set to expire at the end of the 2019-20 school year; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the submission of the Renewal Application, the School desires to submit three (3) requests to amend its Charter prior to the renewal as follows: 1) a request for a non-material revision to the School's Charter to provide enrollment preferences for applicants who are English Language Learners, Students with Disabilities or children of full-time employees of the School consistent with the New York State Charter Schools Act (the "Non-Material Revision Request"); 2) a request for a material revision to the School's Charter to revise the School's Key Design Elements as set forth on Exhibit A attached hereto (the "Design Element Revision Request"); and 3) a request for a material revision to the School's Charter to contract with the educational support organization Center for Educational Innovation ("CEI") who will provide certain services as set forth in the Memorandum of Understanding (the "MOU") attached hereto as Exhibit B (the "ESO Revision Request"); and

WHEREAS, the Board believes it to be in the best interest of the School and necessary and advisable to submit the Renewal Application, Non-Material Revision Request, Design Element Revision Request, ESO Revision Request (together, the "NYSED Submission") and enter into the MOU with CEI;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby approves the NYSED Submission and the MOU with CEI; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver the NYSED Submission and MOU with CEI and such further agreements, assignments, pledges, instruments, consents and any other documents ancillary to the NYSED Submission and MOU with CEI necessary, proper and/or advisable in the determination of any Proper Representative (as defined below) and the payments related thereto as set forth above;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any Trustee or officer of the School or the Board's designee (each, a "Proper Representative"), be and hereby is authorized and directed, jointly and severally, to execute and deliver the NYSED Submission and MOU with CEI and any other documents consistent with the transactions described above and such further agreements, assignments, pledges, instruments, consents and documents ancillary to the NYSED Submission and MOU with CEI or necessary in the determination of any Proper

Representative, in the name of and on behalf of the School, and to pay all such expenses and taxes as in their judgment shall be necessary, proper and advisable in order to fully carry out the intent and accomplish the purposes of the foregoing resolutions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all actions heretofore taken by any Proper Representative, for and on behalf of the School in connection with the above including, but not limited to, the execution of the NYSED Submission and MOU with CEI shall be and hereby are ratified and approved, and that the authority given hereunder shall be retroactive and any and all acts hereunder performed prior to the passage of these resolutions are hereby ratified and approved.

Adopted: August 14, 2019

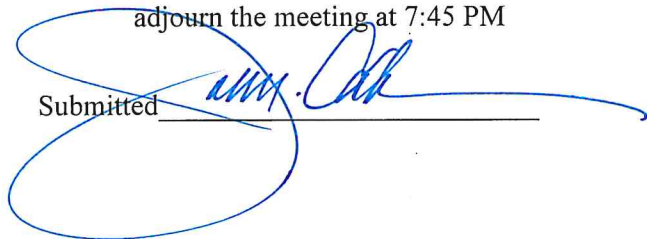
- On a motion by Linnet Tse and seconded by John Callahan on approving the contract with Accounting Solutions of New York which will replace CSBM as the outside financial Consultant.

“ It is hereby RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Charter High School for Law and Social Justice approve the contract with Accounting Solutions of New York be accepted” The Board unanimously voted to approve.

No further business was needed.

6. Comment: No public signed up
7. The next board meeting will be on Monday, September 17, 2019 at 6:00 pm at the school.
8. On the motion by Rick Marsico and second by Linnet Tse the board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM

Submitted



Date Submitted August 14, 2019