

THE CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL FOR LAW AND SOCIAL JUSTICE



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Minutes–Board of Trustees Meeting, April 20,2023

By Zoom Conferencing: Linnet Tse, Sarah Fuentes, Rick Marsico, Charmone Adams, Socrates Solano, and Jumaane Saunders, principal Liz Runco

In-person: John Callahan, Chairperson, Executive Director Richard Burke, Robin Sharpe (Dir. SPED), and Amy Fuller

Absent: Christian Bannerman, Denis O'Rourke, Janine Azrilant

Guest: Rina Beder by Zoom, Amy Fuller in person

Welcome, and Call to Order - Mr. John Callahan welcomed and called the Meeting to Order at 6:05 PM.

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 February financials. Mr. Burke said our finances showed we had 98.8 days of cash (\$3,419,000). Mr. Burke stated that this was the 8th month of the year. 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 also said that we transferred most of the cash on hand to IDB and are making 4.3% on that money.

Executive Director Report –

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

Mr. Burke discussed the lottery which we had 450 applicants for 9th grade. We were accepting 150 on the 9th. We also had 50 each in 10th and 11th and would accept about 10 in each. Mr. Burke also said they had 107 in 6th grade, but we could expect more in 6th in the coming weeks. We would continue our outreach in the 6th grade.

Mr. Burke spoke about the acceptance to colleges by our Seniors and the excitement in the school. Ms. Runco joined in, saying it is very exciting seeing our Seniors get accepted and that our focus is now on regents prep with less than 40 days to regents.



He talked about the shooting threat and bomb scare and how that had been consuming for the week leading up to Spring break. Mr. Burke talked more about middle school hiring next year. Mr. Burke spoke about what happened in the school during March, including testing, Honor Roll, trips, and activities. Mr. Burke was asked about Shared Space and He said they would no longer be our Institutional partner with the Renewal, but we may use them for Professional Development.

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 at the monthly meeting and reviewed the March Financials, Mr. Burke had spoken of the financials earlier.

Academic Committee - Ms. Fuentes said that they would have a meeting in May and Report at the May meeting.

Governance - Mr. Callahan said the Governance Committee would be reorganizing and will schedule a meeting shortly.

Fundraising Committee - Mr. Callahan said nothing was happening in fundraising.

Mr. Callahan said the new business is voting on the Amendment to the lease, changing the date due to the Regents vote being in May or June, and approving the Tax return 990 with changes. Mr. Callahan asked if anyone had questions about the draft budget, and there was a short discussion. Mr. Burke stated that we could vote on that in May.

1. draft budget 23-24

2. Mr. Callahan asked if anyone had questions concerning the Amendment to the lease with the date change due to the SED approval date change. No one did. He ask for a motion to accept the Amendment. Ms. Tse moved, and Mr. Solano 2nd approved the lease change based on the new dates for SED approval of the Renewal. The motion was accepted unanimously.



3. Mr. Callahan asked if anyone had questions concerning the Tax return 990. No one did, and he requested a motion to approve the Tax Return 990. Mr. Solano moved, and Ms. Tse 2nd, and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Adams moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Tse, and approved at 7:15 PM.

Mr. Callahan asked everyone to try to plan on attending the Graduation at CMSV on June 23, 2023 at 11 AM.

Next Meeting: May 18. 2023, 6:00 PM.



John Callahan

5/8/23

