



Boston Renaissance Charter Public School

Minutes

Board of Trustees

Date and Time

Wednesday November 14, 2018 at 8:00 AM

Location

Boston Renaissance Charter Public School, Main Office Conference Room, 1st Floor, 1415 Hyde Park Ave., Hyde Park, MA

MISSION

The mission of the Boston Renaissance Charter Public School is to nurture and develop academic, social and emotional competence while building confidence, character and citizenship among its students.

Trustees Present

A. Buckmire, A. Kesler, K. Williamson, L. Bispham, S. Dibinga

Trustees Absent

B. Keith, E. Alphonse, F. Lowery

Guests Present

D. Warwick

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

L. Bispham called a meeting of the board of trustees of Boston Renaissance Charter Public School to order on Wednesday Nov 14, 2018 @ 8:00 AM at Boston Renaissance Charter Public School, Main Office Conference Room, 1st Floor, 1415 Hyde Park Ave., Hyde Park, MA.

II. Approve Minutes

A. Approve Minutes

A. Buckmire made a motion to approve minutes from the Board of Trustees on 09-19-18.

L. Bispham seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

III. Audit Review

A. Audit Review

Kristopher L. presented summary of auditor's report.

Clean opinion on financial statements. Very minor compliance issue. No prior audit issues from fiscal year 2017. Overall, healthy audit, only a few adjustments.

Discussed net unrestricted assets. What's its purpose and who has authority and responsibility to govern how those assets are managed.

IV. Head of School Update

A. Head of School Update

Ms. Buckmire presented MCAS results.

Top priority this year is charter renewal and focus for whole school.

New MCAS went into effect last school year. New accountability indicators beyond test scores. Discontinued accountability levels 1-5 (old system).

Based on results, focus will be on improving score for Growth category. Performance in the Achievement category was good, but need to focus on growth. Similarly, new Chronic Absenteeism category strongly negatively impacts school.

V. Finance Update

A. First Quarter Financials

Phil L. presented September financial statement.

Highlighted \$14M unrestricted assets. Liabilities of \$8M. One option is to pay off all debt using unrestricted assets. Two changes to budget, both already approved or understood by Board. On target to be on budget for year end. Finance committee will provide update at end of year.

B. Capital Plan

Phil L. presented capital plan.

Changes from plan presented to Board in May:

1. Security system for front door/front desk. Cost is \$50,000. Suggestion to replace windows on first floor.

2. Highlighted upgrade to obsolete switches. Majority of cost covered by a grant. Minimal cost to school - \$15,000

3. Covered Walkway - a couple of proposals under way. Nothing decided yet.

Board will schedule an interim phone meeting to vote on this capital plan, since not a quorum to vote on this plan today.

VI. Governance

A. Nomination of Craig Engerman

Craig E. met with board and shared history and relationship with the school, hopes for serving on board.

Motion by Lupita B. to have Craig Engerman join board. Ms. Buckmire seconded the motion.

Vote taken on the motion:

Ayes: 5

Nayes: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion so passed.

B. Nomination of Parent Tamika Jones

Tamika J. met with Board to share her passion for and involvement with the school. Shared her role on the Parent Board. Her son is a 6th grader, so he will graduate at the end of this school year. Board is considering pool of parent candidates, of which Tamika J. is one.

VII. Executive Session

A. Executive Session

Motion made by Lupita B. to enter executive session to discuss a legal matter. Mr. Kesler seconded.

Lupita
Shaumba
Aaron
Kelly
Alexandra

VIII. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

L. Bispham made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

K. Williamson seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.