

APPROVED



Boston Renaissance Charter Public School

Minutes

Board of Trustees

Date and Time

Wednesday March 20, 2019 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, B. Keith, C. Engerman, E. Alphonse (remote), F. Lowery (remote), K. Williamson (remote), L. Bispham, S. Dibinga, T. Jones

Trustees Absent

None

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 Mar 20, 2019 @ 8:07 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

Corrected Lori's spelling for her first name

Added Craig Engerman as attendee

L. Bispham made a motion to approve minutes from the Board Retreat on 02-02-19.

K. Williamson seconded the motion.

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

B. Approve Minutes

L. Bispham made a motion to approve minutes from the Board of Trustees on 01-16-19.

K. Williamson seconded the motion.

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

III. Welcome and Public Comment

A. Welcome and Public Comment

Visitor Naeemah Fuller raised concern with the recent amendment to the Bylaws, which reduced the requirement for parent, staff, and teacher representation on the board to 1 member each. Board members discussed the rationale for instituting the amendments and expressed belief that our current parent representative is equipped to represent the voices of the families at the school.

IV. Head of School Update

A. Head of School Update

MCAS testing starting very soon. School will have spirit week to support the testing students. Teachers focused not only on content in preparation, but teaching students test taking strategies each week.

Finalizing charter school application. Plan to have board vote on May board meeting. Will be available to board in April to review.

Distributed questionnaire for parents to share input of what language school offers. 36 parents have completed the survey so far will be taking more efforts to get greater participation. Top result was Spanish, then Chinese. Far 3rd and 4th were Creole and French, respectively. Decision to be made prior to charter application is submitted, because included in application.

V. Finance Update

A. FY20 Budget

Phil L. presented 2019-2020 school budget. Graphs in budget summarize trends with spending at the school over the last 5 years. Main trend is shift in dollars from non-personnel related expenses to direct spending in the classrooms, including regular increases in staff salaries.

Lupita B. made a motion to approve the proposed FY 2019-2020 fiscal budget. Kelly W. seconded the motion.

Board voted in favor of approving the budget, which two abstentions.

VI. Committee Updates/Review

A. Parents of Renaissance update

Parents of Renaissance event tonight.

Movie night turn out was great and had great feedback from parents.

Parents committee working to remind parents of upcoming events - MCAS and graduation

B. Academic Excellence

MCAS is full focus at the moment.

C. Governance

Recruitment tailored event for both boards to generate interest in board membership. Event to be planned after joint board meeting.

VII. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

L. Bispham made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

A. Buckmire seconded the motion.

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

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 9:34 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
K. Williamson