



Board of Trustees Meeting

Location: New Dawn Charter High School, 242 Hoyt Street, Brooklyn, NY 11217

Date: Tuesday, May 22, 2018

Time: 2:30 pm.

Present: Mr. Ronald Tabano, Mr. Les Winter, Dr. Phil Weitzman, and Ms. Jane Sun

Absent: Mr. George Crowley, Ms. Darlene Anderson

Staff Members/ Visitors Present: Dr. Asmussen, Dr. Lisa DiGaudio, Ms. Amanda Morton, Mr. Jose Obregon, Ms. Fara Badrieva

Mr. Tabano called the meeting to order at 2:32 pm.

I. Resolution: Minutes for April 2018 minutes

Motion: Mr. Tabano motioned to approve the April 2018 minutes.

Motion Seconded: Dr. Phil Weitzman

Board Vote: Unanimous

II. Board Bylaws

Dr. Phil Weitzman asked that, in regards to the by-laws, the Board should have a 2/3 majority in favor before any changes are made to the by-laws. Those in attendance agreed. In respect to any changes, Dr. Asmussen indicated that before any changes are made, the school legal committee will review proposed changes. These edits will be discussed during the July meeting.

III. Facilities Report

Dr. Asmussen informed the board that, to date, IDB Bank, ACD, and Civic Builders were either in the process of making offerings (Civic Builders) or had already submitted proposals for the \$8M bridge loan to purchase the building. Following a discussion of the pro's and con's of each offer, Mr. Tabano requested a motion.

Resolution: Approve to go forward with the IDB loan

Motion: Mr. Tabano proposed that the school go with the IDB loan offer

Seconded: Mr. Les Winter



Board Vote: Unanimous

Mr. Les Winter recommended that we notify IDB bank that we are going forward with the loan through the school lawyers.

IV. School Updates

- a. **Student Attendance.** Dr. Asmussen reported that attendance is improving since the last board meeting and that she remains optimistic that it will hold steady for the remainder of the school year. Attendance in April 2018 was at 60.6%
- b. **Student Recruitment.** Dr. Lisa DiGaudio indicated that the school continues to actively reach out to traditional schools to enroll students. Mr. Les Winter recommended that we reach out to a professional recruiter or marketing company so that New Dawn Charter High School can maintain the enrollment number necessary to maintain steady revenue. Mr. Winter indicated that steady revenue will become increasingly important as the school will now take on a substantial debt obligation.
- c. **School Calendars.** Dr. Asmussen presented the board with the summer session calendar and the 2018-2019 school calendar. She asked that the board approve both so that New Dawn Charter High School can comply with the NYC DOE requirement to post session times and dates.
- d. **Math for America.** Ms. Amanda Morton indicated that Mr. Les Winter shared this program with the school and thanked him. Ms. Morton also indicated that it is a fantastic professional program where teachers get to work with mathematicians and scientists. Ms. Morton further indicated that since we missed the application deadline, she has put herself on the mailing list. Finally, Ms. Morton indicated that there are some teachers interested in the program such as the school science teachers. Finally, Ms. Morton indicated that she will reach out to the other teachers about the program.
- e. **ESSA (Every School Succeeds Act) Meeting in Albany.** Dr. Lisa DiGaudio reported that the program is primarily designed to ensure the success of traditional 4-year cohort of students, and poses significant obstacles for transfer schools such as New Dawn. Dr. Lisa DiGaudio also informed the board that each school receives points based on graduation rates and the path the students take after graduation. Graduation rate requirements obviously do not favor transfer schools and, therefore, this program is not equitable for all.

Motion: Mr. Tabano proposed that the board approve the summer and 2018-2019 school calendar.

Seconded: Mr. Les Winter

Board Vote: Unanimous

V. Financial Report



The board reviewed the monthly financial report and found no discrepancies or anything remarkable therein. It was requested that a 10-year budget be developed for discussion.

Motion: Mr. Tabano motioned that the board approve April 2018 Financial Report.

Seconded: Mr. Les Winter

Board Vote: Unanimous

VI. New Business

Next meeting will be held June 25, 2018. Mr. Tabano stated that Mr. Crowley will stay on the finance committee. Mr. Les Winter indicated that he will reach out to a business acquaintance and ask if he is interested in joining the board as part of the finance committee.

Dr. Asmussen reminded all that the June meeting would be the Annual Meeting. The meeting date was changed to Tuesday, June 19, 2018.

VII. Adjournment

Motion: Mr. Tabano moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:35 P.M.

Seconded: Dr. Phil Weitzman seconded the motion.

Vote: The board unanimous voted to adjourn the meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 P.M.

The Annual Board Meeting will be held on June 19, 2018, at 2:30. The meeting will be held at 242 Hoyt Street, Brooklyn, NY 11217.