

NBFA School Board Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2015

Attendance: Prudence Bailey, Richard Bentley, Lisa Callahan, Claire Foerster, Mary Humphries, Sabita Kanhai, Kevin Knight, Christine Morrone, Paul Myerson, David Schlakman (Board President) and Shari Ginyard (recording secretary)

Staff: Ronelle P. Swagerty, Quentin Ball, Edward Del Signore, Jumi Nathan, Dennis Jones, Tom Lupinski and Julie Singer

Guests: Christine King (NBFA Parent)

The meeting was called to order at 4:21 pm by David Schlakman, President of the Board.

No public comment

CEO Report: Ronelle P. Swagerty, CEO

1. ***Senate Bill 1096:***

Mrs. Swagerty explained that the bill is proposing a moratorium on charter schools.

Recommended actions:

- Text "CTCharter" to 52886
- Attend and testify at the Education Committee Hearing on March 19th

Kevin suggested sending the long wait list of students to the senate. Conversation ensued.

2. ***NBFA charter renewal update:***

- Mrs. Swagerty will attend an April 1, 2015 State Board of Education meeting to defend NBFA's charter application.
- Board Member background check process was explained and discussed.

3. ***Data Dashboard:***

Mid-year assessments show growth across the board. The group discussed grade 6 reading scores which is an area of concern. Conversation ensued.

4. ***Elijah McCoy class:***

Mrs. Swagerty explained the purpose of the McCoy room. Stating, this class will be a small group setting that combines academic instruction with social/emotional learning in order to nurture the whole student. Mr. Knight mentioned growing the staff to accommodate the new classroom. Conversation ensued.

5. **General Updates:**

- Janiah McPhail was accepted to Northfield Mount Hermon but will not attend due to scholarship not being awarded.
- Graduation will be held on Thursday, June 18 at Bijou Theatre, Downtown Bpt.
- Mrs. Swagerty advised school is extended until June 24 due to our 4 snow days.

Operation Report: Tom Lupinski, Operations Manager

- New Security doors will be installed during April break. State grant paid for it.
- 2014-2015 budget as approved by the Board had Net Income of 395K and Cash flow of 902K

Development Report: Quentin Ball, Development Director

- Quentin reported that we have reached 61% of the year's fundraising goal.
- We are mailing invitations on Thursday for the Gala.
- Conversation ensued about having an annual fundraising event in addition to the Gala.

Governance Committee (Action Items):

- Motion to elect Christine Morrone to the Board: Richard B., Kevin K. 2nd, Unanimous.

Other:

Dick Whitcomb is not able to join the board due to health issues.

- Motion to elect Christine King: Claire F., Lisa C. 2nd, Unanimous.
- Motion to approve the January 20, 2015 minutes: Richard B., Kevin K. 2nd, Unanimous.
- Motion to approve the bylaws: Paul M., Prudence B. 2nd, Unanimous.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm by David Schlakman.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shari Ginyard