

**NBFA Board of Directors Annual Meeting
August 09, 2016**

Meeting Minutes

Attendance

Board: David Schlakman, Paul Myerson, Mary Humphries; Via Phone: Margaret Walker, Claire Foerster, Christine King

Absent: Kevin Knight, David Hunter, Melissa Jenkins

Guests: Mylena Teixeira, Board candidate

Staff: Ronelle Swagerty, Xiomara Martinez, Katherine Habansky, Quentin Ball

The meeting was called to order at 4:20 pm by David Schlakman, president. There were no public comments.

Action Items:

1. Motion to approve 06/21/2016 meeting minutes: Mary Humphries, 1st Paul Myerson 2nd , Unanimous.
2. Motion to approve 2016-2017 Operating Budget: Paul Myerson 1st, Mary Humphries 2nd, Unanimous.
3. Motion to update authorized signatures for child nutrition programs: Claire Forester 1st, Mary Humphries 2nd, Unanimous.
4. Motion to approve 2016-2017 Healthy Food certification program: Paul Myerson 1st, Mary Humphries 2nd, Unanimous.
5. Motion to elect Mylena Teixeira to the Board: Paul Myerson 1st, Mary Humphries 2nd, Unanimous.

Discussion Items:

1. 2016-2017 Operating Budget: In the absence of the COO, Ronelle Swagerty presented the board with the 2016-2017 proposed budget, which reflects a large increase in salaries due to additional staffing (teachers and instructional assistants) to accommodate the progressive education model with Emotionally Responsive Practice (ERP). The model requires smaller class sizes and two adults per room. As such, the number of classrooms increased from 24 to 27 and 11 new Instructional Assistants hired. Paul Myerson, treasurer, explained that there was \$1.1 million dollars raised in contributions and that the amount needed to close the gap would increase by \$400,000 in this year's budget. Quentin Ball, the school's chief fundraiser, suggested some plans on how to reach this goal. Discussion ensued.
2. 06/21/2016 Meeting Minutes: Paul Myerson asked for there to be a slight change in the minutes before approving.

3. STRETCH Academy update: In response to parent concerns, New Beginnings Family Academy will partner with an organization called BOYS Inc. (Bridgeport Organization for Youth Sports and STEAM-based). This program will allow the school to extend its day to 4:50 pm to accommodate working families.
4. Summer Renovation update: The renovation of the annex will not be completed until three weeks into the new school year. In the meantime, our 7th and 8th grades will utilize the three new classrooms that are currently being built. Discussion ensued.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m. by David Schlakman.

Respectfully Submitted,

Xiomara Martinez,
Recording Secretary