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Charter School 2

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October 8, 2025

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Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Meeting convened at: 10:01 a.m.

1. Chairperson's Message – 3 minutes
2. Roll Call – 2 minutes
 - a. Board Members Present: Monte Joffe, Victor Motta, Liz Perez, Chester Hicks, Leopolda Silvera
 - b. Board Members Absent: Rachel Mandel
 - c. Others present: Daniel Fanelli, Stacey Gauthier, Everett Boyd, Matthew Delforte, Rashid Johnson, Meredith Hinshaw
3. Approval of Last Month's Minutes – 5 minutes
 - a. Approved by acclamation
4. Review of SED-approved policies – 10 minutes
 - a. We pushed back on some items, others we agreed to.
 - b. The board hereby resolves to approve the policies revised with SED approval, specifically the Complaint Policy, Discipline Policy, Admissions Policy, Enrollment Policy, and Code of Ethics.
 - i. Approved by acclamation, no abstentions
 - c. We further resolve to approve the resolved bylaws that were submitted and approved by the SED.
 - i. Approved by acclamation, no abstentions
5. Standing Committee Reports (if applicable) – 10 minutes
 - a. Accountant will be meeting with Finance and Audit Committee to review the Certified Financial Report before it is due. Will come to the full board afterwards. Will be presentation by lawyers to full board in November about bond. Single audit process will start soon thereafter.

6. School Management Team Report – 10 minutes

- a. Rashid: Thanks to the board, Executive Team, Management Team, all staff, families. Been a spectacular first few weeks of school--frenetic but filled with joy.
- b. Ren1 and Ren2--happy with the way we've been tightly aligned, specifically Dan's vision to meet weekly with both leadership teams. Focus on shared goals, instructional best practices, systems, PD, and better student outcomes.
- c. Stacey and Rashid met with the music teachers--what is the short- and long-term vision from the music department? What does it mean in terms of graduation? What will a high-quality music program mean for our students in K through 12? What will they be able to do after graduation? Instruments ordered.
 - i. Want students to participate in a music performance (evaluative or otherwise)
 - ii. Partnership with state school music association
 - iii. Sing or play an instrument
- d. Student enrollment and demographics
 - i. 75.3% hispanic
 - ii. Enrollment is at 98% 929/952. Seats available in 1, 2, 5 and HS. Pretty even gender distribution. 25% ELLs 16% SWD
- e. Hiring update--interviewed three HS science candidates, two start tomorrow. Still need to hire art, ELL, and special education teachers.
- f. Observation tracker for all APs and Rashid. 114 observations since the first day of school. Feedback (either in the moment or written) aligned with yearlong goals. Being urgent about providing teachers with the support they need to improve
- g. Mission-aligned PD: in-class monitoring. Shannon implemented progress monitoring for special education teachers last week. PD workshop on academic intervention with Lavinia coach Rachel. MS two rounds of classroom management PD.
- h. Thanks to Matthew for meeting with the leadership team--PD for school leaders.
- i. Stacey--spending almost all her time with Ren2,
 - i. very involved in the development of the after school program, which is something the parents have been requesting for years. Got off to a bit of a rocky start with enrollment, MOU, etc. Excited about starting the specialty programs (e.g., art, coding). Will be sharing that information with parents. This is coupled with ongoing after school intervention. Thanks to all of the instructional leaders and Dan for pulling this together--very robust program. Looking at the quality of the program and reviewing outcomes.
 - ii. Fingerprint clearance has gone back and forth. All of the people who work in our building have to be cleared through TEACH (NYS). DOE system is not adequate for charter schools. Taryn is making sure everyone in the building has that clearance.
- j. Ren2 will be applying for the new round of federal funding for mental health. Has new administration's priorities. The team has been working to submit that grant. Atiba Frazier--an asset to the school, has been instrumental in the process.
- k. Reminder--made commitments during renewal to SED.
 - i. Expansion of Board
 - ii. Broader visioning--started conversation with Wayne. Very interested in supporting the visioning of these efforts, looking at expansion and moving to a new site within the next couple of years.
 - iii. Right now we are knee-deep in the bond process, weekly meetings, lots of documents. Dan, Stacey, Jessica, Atiba, and numerous attorneys and financial advisors. Once we get past all that and the annual report, we want to start this process in earnest.
 - iv. Working on redeveloping relationship with Community Board 4. Ren1 has a good relationship with CB3, and they are coming in to work with the kids, and we would like the same for Ren2.

- v. NYC Charter Center is visiting Ren2 with their entire leadership team within the next few weeks (no date yet). Looking toward possibly early November.
 - l. Dan - working on ACR and will share with the board once it is finalized. They were looking for goals in Renewal, but they are in the original Charter. Original Charter had some big errors (e.g., set in D30, opening with more grades). Meredith is putting in all the goals from the original charter, with a large increase, some of which are not yet applicable (e.g. goals regarding graduating seniors, which won't happen until next year). We are reporting on all of the goals that we can in the portal.
7. Board Members' New Business – N/A
8. Public Speaking – Everett Boyd: congratulations to Rashid, thank you to Stacey, Dan, Monte and entire board. Really great to hear about the start of the school year, especially excited to hear about the music program--has dedicated his life to music, and is thrilled to hear about the push for quality music instruction. Monte noted that we spend a lot of time on ELA and Math and other subjects can be overlooked. Stacey: have been having conversations at both schools about this. Collaborative presentation on Social Studies at Mohawk Mountain.
9. Adjournment of Public Meeting
- a. Approved by acclamation, no abstentions 10:41a.m.
10. Executive Session adjourned by acclamation, no abstentions 10:53 a.m.