

## Thursday, October 19, 2017 Minutes

MEETING PLACE: 321 E. Third St., Bethlehem, PA 18015      Second Floor Conference Room      6:00pm

The President called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm.

**I.** Pledge of Allegiance:

**II.** Moment of Silence:

**III.** Roll Call:

Present:

Mario Acerra

Paul Braden

John Filipos

Rosemary Murdy-Haber

Len Perrett

Charles Stinner (arrived at 6:10 pm)

Absent:

Otto Ehram

Mark Ferguson

Also Present:

Administration:

Diane LaBelle, Executive Director

MaryJo Rosania Harvie, Assistant Principal

Lauren Sheldon, Assistant Principal

**IV. Executive Session:**

**Motion:** The Board of Directors moves to go into Executive Session at 6:08 pm.

**MM: Braden**

**SM: Filipos**

**ACTION CARRIED: 5-0**

The Board of Directors returns to Open Session at 6:28 pm.

**Opening Remarks –**

- Mr. Acerra, Board President  
President Acerra welcomed the Board.
- Ms. Diane LaBelle, Executive Director  
Ms. LaBelle reported our SPP score increased to 89.2. Compared to other high schools, we are in the top tier.

Community First is celebrating 25 years and Charter Arts has been recognized as one of their funding projects. We are prominently featured in their presentation, booklet, and annual report.

First Open House is October 24<sup>th</sup>; we will be announcing the new major at Open House.

Review of Charter Renewal process with Northampton (approved) and Bethlehem (submitted to Charter Arts a new Charter for Board approval). BASD is demanding Charter Arts align with their school calendar and put a cap on the number of students from BASD.

- Executive Director's Report

**V. New Board Members**

**Motion:** Based upon the recommendation of the Board Development Committee, the Board appoints the following to the Board of Directors.

**Erica Dickson and Cheryl Mueller term to expire May 2018**

**Margaret Smith term to expire May 2020**

**MM: Braden**

**SM: Filipos**

**ACTION CARRIED: 6-0**

**VI. Public Comments:** (limited to 3 minutes per individual) None

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**VII. Acceptance of Consent Agenda Items:**

- i. Acceptance of August 31, 2017 Meeting Minutes
- ii. Facility and Safety Report - Filchner
- iii. Development Report - Storm
- iv. Public Relations Report - Gillette
- v. Technology Report - Levernier
- vi. Principal's Report – Principal Comstock

**MM: Braden**

**SM: Stinner**

**ACTION CARRIED: 9-0**

**VIII. BASD's proposed Charter update requesting aligned school calendar and capping of Bethlehem students.**

**Motion:** The Board of Directors rejects the proposal by BASD to amend the charter to align all school calendar days and cap the number of Bethlehem school district students to the current number attending Charter Arts.

**MM: Braden**

**SM: Stinner**

**ACTION CARRIED: 9-0**

**IX. Personnel Report**

**Motion:** Based upon the recommendation of the Executive Director, the Board of Directors approves the October 2017 Personnel Report.

**MM: Braden**

**SM: Filipos**

**ACTION CARRIED: 7-0 (Mueller and Smith abstained)**

**X. Charter Arts Foundation**

**Foundation Report – Mr. Ferguson**

**Motion:** Based upon the recommendation of the Executive Director, the Board appoints the following to the Charter Arts Foundation Board of Directors.

**Chris Kulp and Mary Popovich**

**MM: Braden**

**SM: Stinner**

**ACTION CARRIED: 6-0 (Dickson, Mueller, Smith abstained)**

**XI. Old Business - none**

**XII. New Business**

Finance Committee

**Acceptance of August 2017 Financial Reports**

**Motion:** Based upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Board of Directors accepts the August 2017 Financial Reports.

**MM: Filipos (Finance Committee)**

**ACTION CARRIED: 6-0 (Dickson, Mueller, Smith abstained)**

**Acceptance of Colonial IU 20 Contract**

**Motion:** Based upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Board of Directors approves the Colonial IU 20 Contract.

**MM: Filipos**

**SM: Braden**

**ACTION CARRIED: 6-0 (Dickson, Mueller, Smith abstained)**

Board Development Committee

Rev. Braden is working on inviting new people to the Board of Directors.

Curriculum Committee

**Approval of 2017-2018 Student Clubs**

**Motion:** Based upon the recommendation of the Executive Director and the Principal, the Board of Directors approves the 2017-2018 Student Clubs.

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MM: Perrett                      SM: Murdy-Haber                      ACTION CARRIED: 9-0

Ms. LaBelle discussed the **new major (Production and Design)** and how the new major will effect new hires and protocol.

Executive Committee

**Approval of Board Policies**

**Updated Policies**

**Motion:** Based upon the recommendation of the Executive Director, the Board of Directors approves the **000, 100, 200 Board Policies.**

MM: Braden                      SM: Filipos                      ACTION CARRIED: 6-0 (Dickson, Mueller, Smith abstained)

**New Policies**

**Motion:** Based upon the recommendation of the Executive Director, the Board of Directors approves the **Title I Policy and Attendance Policy.**

MM: Stinner                      SM: Filipos                      ACTION CARRIED: 8-0 (Dickson abstained)

**Comprehensive Plan**

**Motion:** Based upon the recommendation of the Executive Director, the Board of Directors approves the **Comprehensive Plan.**

MM: Perrett                      SM: Murdy-Haber ACTION CARRIED: 6-0 (Dickson, Mueller, Smith abstained)

**XIII. Public Comments:** (limited to 3 minutes per individual) None

**XIV. Correspondence**

Mrs. Covelle's thank you letter was shared with the Board of Directors.

**XV. Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn at 7:14pm:** MM: Mueller                      SM: Smith                      ACTION CARRIED: 9-0

**Next Meeting Date and Time:** Thursday, December 14, 2017, 6pm, Conference Room, 2nd Floor

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Schurz, Board Secretary