



Thursday, August 26, 2021 School Board Meeting Minutes

MEETING PLACE: 321 E. Third St., Bethlehem, PA 18015 @ 6:00pm - Theatre

The President called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.

I. Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence

II. Board Member Roll Call

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mario Acerra <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paul Braden <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Filipos	<input type="checkbox"/> Cheryl Mueller <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rosemary Murdy-Haber <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Norma Nunez-Ruch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Len Perrett <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Frank Shipman <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Margaret Smith <input type="checkbox"/> Jasmine Woodson
Administration: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carise Comstock, Superintendent & CEO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MaryJo Rosania-Harvie, Co-Principal <input type="checkbox"/> Lauren Sheldon, Co-Principal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cheryl Schurz, Director of Finance & Board Secretary		

III. Executive Session:

Motion: The Board of Directors moves to go into Executive Session at 6:03pm for Personnel, Legal, and Property discussion.

MM: Filipos SM: Shipman Motion Carried: Yes-7, No-0, Abstentions-0

IV. Open Session:

The Board of Directors returns to Open Session at 6:20pm.

Opening Remarks:

- Mr. Acerra, Board President
President Acerra congratulated the Administration on an excellent job with the Health/Safety Comp Plan. President Acerra believes the parents and students will be comfortable with the Plan. He also expressed best wishes for a good school year with flexibility and excellence.
- Dr. Carise Comstock, Superintendent & CEO
Dr. Comstock thanked the Administration and the teachers for their summer work. Charter Arts is ready for a new school year. We will be masked, in person, 5 days a week. New students began New Student Orientation, August 26th. Dr. Comstock highlighted upcoming events. Arts Walk where students will be doing art in our community. Back to School Night is September 15th. We are looking forward to hosting a guest artist in our Gallery on First Friday, October 1.

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

VII. Acceptance of Consent Agenda Items:

- Acceptance of June 10, 2021, Meeting Minutes

- Acceptance of July 22, 2021, Special Meeting Minutes
- Co-Principal and Departmental Reports
- Operations Report (Facilities, Safety, Grants, Media, Technology)
- Superintendent & CEO Report

Motion: The Board of Directors approves the Consent Agenda.

MM: Smith

SM: Ruch

Motion Carried: Yes-7, No-0, Abstentions-0

VIII. Personnel Report

Approval of August 2021 Personnel Report

Motion: Based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent & CEO and the Co-Principals, the Board of Directors approves the August 2021 Personnel Report.

MM Braden

SM: Filipos

Motion Carried: Yes-7, No-0, Abstentions-0

IX. Committee Reports

Finance Committee report by John Filipos

Acceptance of PRELIMINARY June 2021 Financial Reports

Motion: Based upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Board of Directors accepts the PRELIMINARY June 2021 Financial Reports.

MM: Finance Committee

Motion Carried: Yes-7, No-0, Abstentions-0

Approval of Contracts

Motion: Based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent & CEO and the Co-Principals, the Board of Directors approves the following Contracts.

- Center for Humanistic Change
- Colonial IU Contracts 2021-2022
- Emergency Systems Service Company
- ESS Contract August 2021 - June 2024
- Diane LaBelle with Charter Arts Foundation
- PROASYS
- EDI Consultant Scott Blair
- ShowPass

MM: Braden

SM: Ruch

Motion Carried: Yes-7, No-0, Abstentions-0

Resource Development Committee report by Frank Shipman

Acceptance of Jennifer Giordano's resignation from the Charter Arts Foundation Board.

Motion: Based upon the recommendation of the Resource Development Committee and the Superintendent & CEO, the Board of Directors accepts the resignation of Jennifer Giordano from the Charter Arts Foundation Board.

MM: Resource Development Committee

Motion Carried: Yes-7, No-0, Abstentions-0

Mr. Shipman reported that the Committee is working on the Gala and the Gala will likely be postponed until spring because of the rise in Covid19 cases.

Board Development Committee report by Paul Braden

Rev. Braden reported approximately 50 people attended the retirement party for Diane LaBelle at the Northampton Country Club. He expects the event to break even. He welcomes donations from the Board to cover the expense of the flowers, bar bill, and appetizers.

Curriculum Committee report by Len Perrett

Approval of the 21-22 Course Catalog.

Motion: Based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent & CEO and the Co-Principals, the Board of Directors approves the Course Catalog and Student Handbook 21-22.

MM: Curriculum Committee

Motion Carried: Yes-7, No-0, Abstentions-0

Approval of New Club - Improv Troupe

Motion: Based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent & CEO and the Co-Principals, the Board of Directors approves the Improv Troupe.

MM: Perrett

SM: Filipos

Motion Carried: Yes-7, No-0, Abstentions-0

X. Old business None

XI. New business

Charter Arts Annual Report 2020-2021

Motion: Based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent & CEO, the Board of Directors approves the Annual Report 2020-2021.

MM: Ruch

SM: Smith

Motion Carried: Yes-7, No-0, Abstentions-0

Student Handbook 21-22

Motion: Based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent & CEO and Co-Principals, the Board of Directors approves the Student and Family Handbook 21-22.

MM: Filipos

SM: Ruch

Motion Carried: Yes-7, No-0, Abstentions-0

Employee Handbook updates 21-22

Motion: Based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent & CEO and Co-Principals, the Board of Directors approves the updated Employee Handbook 21-22.

MM: Filipos

SM: Ruch

Motion Carried: Yes-7, No-0, Abstentions-0

Approval of updated 2021-2022 School Calendar

Motion: Based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent & CEO and Co-Principals, the Board of Directors approves the updated 2021-2022 School Calendar.

MM: Smith

SM: Ruch

Motion Carried: Yes-7, No-0, Abstentions-0

Approval of Conferences

Motion: Based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent & CEO and Co-Principals, the Board of Directors approves Dr. Comstock and Mary Jo Rosania-Harvie to attend the Arts Schools Network Annual Conference in Chicago, IL on October 26-28, 2021.

MM: Braden

SM: Ruch

Motion Carried: Yes-7, No-0, Abstentions-0

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

XIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 6:47pm.

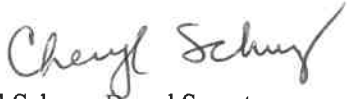
MM: Ruch

SM: Smith

Motion Carried: Yes-7, No-0, Abstentions-0

Next Meeting Date and Time: Thursday, October 14, 2021, 6pm - in person.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cheryl Schurz, Board Secretary