

CHESTER CHARTER SCHOLARS ACADEMY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

6:30pm, Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Date of Approval: Tuesday December 17, 2019

Call to Order: The Board of Trustees for the Chester Charter Scholars Academy held a public Board Meeting in Chester, PA, on November 19, 2019. The meeting convened at 7:00pm. An Executive Session took place in advance of the public Board Meeting to discuss personnel and litigation matters. Members of the Board in attendance (at the time of the call to order): President Barbara Klock, Don Delson, Ellen Milgrim, Marilyn Henkelman, Alice Turbville (ph), Ramona Jones, Dion Lewis, Joan Richards, Ian Wilcox, Ben Berger and Head of School Akosua Watts. Absent: None

Public Comments: Public: No Comment.

Approval of Minutes

- The Board reviewed and adopted the minutes of the September 17, 2019 meeting of the Chester Charter Scholars Academy Board of Trustees subject to changes provided during review discussion.
 - Motion – Don Delson
 - Second – Marilyn Henkelman
 - Ayes: 11 Nays: 0 Absent: 0

- The Board reviewed and adopted the minutes of the October 26, 2019 meeting of the Chester Charter Scholars Academy Board of Trustees subject to changes provided during review discussion.
 - Motion – Don Delson
 - Second – Dion Lewis
 - Ayes: 11 Nays: 0 Absent: 0

President's Report

Barbara Klock (President)

- Moment for Mission – Ramona Jones shared a reflection of why she is a CCSA Board Member and why she chooses to send her children to CCSA.
- Provided an update on the matters concerning the Chester Upland School District (CUSD) to be addressed during the upcoming December 4th hearing including:
 - The receiver appointment and financial recovery plan for the District; and
 - Efforts to require CUSD to consider proposals for charterization of all CUSD K-8 schools.
- Informed members about the legislative visit attended by Senator Tim Kearney, Sen. Tom Killian and a member of State Representative Brian Kirkland's office.

- Don Delson provided update of the campaign committee goals, plans and honoree. Discussed the changes and progress in structures of the campaign.

Nominating and Governance

Dion Lewis (Nominating and Governance Committee, Chair)

- Provided highlights of minutes from the November 11, 2019 committee meeting including:
 - 1) CCSA Board matrix worksheet
 - 2) CCSA Board Member handbook
 - 3) CCSA Board Member retreat
 - 4) Board meeting surveys
 - 5) Board & Foundation Member Orientation

Financial Report

Alice Turbiville (Finance Committee, Chair)

- Discussed the Condensed Statement of Revenue, Expenses and Changes in Fund Balances as of November 14, 2019 for Board members to review.
- Provided an overview of the Unemployment Insurance Proposal from the UC Solutions Group.
- Motion to approve the moving to private insurer Great American for the unemployment compensation benefit program for a 2-year term from 1/1/20 through 1/1/22.
 - Motion – Don Delson
 - Second – Joan Richards
 - Ayes: 11 Nays: 0 Absent: 0
- Provided update on the S&P bond rating review call in which took place in October with a written report expected in December.

School Report

Akosua Watts (Head of School)

- Motion to approve resolution of the Safe Schools Grant
 - Motion-Don Delson
 - Second- Ben Berger
 - Ayes: 11 Nays: 0 Absent: 0
- Shared school highlights including:
 - Calendar of upcoming school events and trips
 - Exploration of options for external module spaces for small group spaces
 - Shared highlights of the October 23rd trip to WAWA campus with the Seniors
 - Family Math night over 80 participants

Motion to Adjourn

- Motion – Don Delson
- Second – Barbara Klock
 - Ayes: 11 Nays: 0 Absent: 0

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, , 2019 at 7:00pm preceded by an Executive Session at 6:30pm

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:50pm

Rachel Cameron, (serving as Secretary)