



**WEST BUFFALO CHARTER SCHOOL
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
AUGUST 28 2017
2:30 PM
113 LAFAYETTE AVENUE, BUFFALO, NEW YORK
MONTHLY MEETING**

Board Members

Present: Michelle Stevens, James Sampson, Richard Baer, Amy Friedman, Lynn Shea

Excused: James Deuschle, Lee Pearce

Also Present: Andrea Todoro, Thomas Schenk

Quorum Present: Yes

Call to Order

Mrs. Stevens called the meeting to order at 2:33 PM. Quorum present.

Proof of Public Notice of Meeting

Media and public announcement was sent on Monday, August 21st, 2017 to print, radio, and TV outlets announcing this open meeting. A posting was also sent to Erie County Hall, Buffalo City Hall and Buffalo City Court. In addition, it was publicly displayed at 50 East North Street and posted on the WBCS website. The Board of Trustees was duly notified of this meeting well within the timeline of our bylaws.

Monthly Meeting

Review of the July 31st, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the July 31st, 2017 Board of Trustees meeting were presented for approval.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Sampson and seconded by Mr. Baer, the minutes of the July 31st, 2017 Board meeting were approved as presented. All in favor. Non-opposed.

- Mrs. Todoro presented information regarding the most recent building spaces.
- Mr. Baer remarked on his tour of the building today.

Financial Report

Mrs. Sterns was unavailable to present the financial reports for the period ending July 31st, 2017 (a copy is attached hereto and made a part hereof). Mrs. Stevens presented the financials to the board for approval in Mrs. Sterns' stead.

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Sampson and seconded by Mr. Baer, the July 31st, 2017 financials were approved as presented. All in favor. Non-opposed.

- Mrs. Todoro, prompted by questions by Mrs. Stevens, and to relay information to new members, discussed the reasons for enrollment variances in each grade.
- Thank you to Rich's International Division for their assistance in volunteer work done at WBCS (installation of benches on the Dewitt side of the building as well as weeding the gardens).

School Leader Report

Mrs. Todoro presented the School Leader report (a copy is attached hereto and made a part hereof).

- Mrs. Todoro presented newly released NYS Assessment data to the board.
- Mr. Sampson suggested a meeting with administration regarding creative resources to address deficient areas regarding student difficulties.
- Discussion regarding Teach for America.
- Discussion regarding in-class support as well as how to engage parents in the conversation regarding student engagement.
- Discussion regarding the home/school connection.
- Email to teachers regarding support from the board.
- Mrs. Friedman presented the schedules and board retreat information from Diane Bessel.
- Discussion regarding Dr. Gamble as potential new board member.

Adjournment

Being that there is no further business to discuss, a motion to dismiss was made by Mr. Baer and seconded by Mrs. Friedman. The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Bunis Ohl

The next WBCS BoT meeting will take place on Monday, September 25th, 2017 at 2:30 PM at West Buffalo Charter School.