

NEW VISIONS CHARTER HIGH SCHOOLS BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

New Visions Charter High School for Advanced Math and Science II (AMS II)

New Visions Charter High School for the Humanities II (HUM II)

Minutes for Meeting held at AMS II:

Monday, June 10, 2013 at 5 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE

Board Members

Present: Ron Chaluison (Secretary), David Faber, Edmund Gaffney,
Nancy Grossman, Angel Rodriguez (Chair), Edna Vega,
Yvette Armstrong

New Visions Staff: Stacy Martin, Stephany Martinez, Lori Mei, Jennie Soler-
McIntosh

School Staff: Pamela Fairclough (COO HUM II), Richard Gonzalez
(Principal HUM II), Stacey King (Principal AMS II), Sharon
John (COO AMS II)

Public: Rosy Taveras, Danita Thompson

WELCOME

Mr. Rodriguez welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 5:01 p.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES

Mr. Rodriguez made a motion to accept the minutes from May 13, 2013 meeting.

Ms. Armstrong seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

New Visions Charter High School for the Humanities II

Ms. Pamela Fairclough (COO HUM II) led the discussion of the School Budget for the 2013-2014 school-year. She walked the Trustees through the details of the revenue and expenses, student enrollment, and staff hires. She noted that with the incoming grade, they are doubling in size with both students and staff and therefore will be expanding from the second floor to the third floor as well. Mr. Rodriguez asked if HUM II would be hiring a Social Worker to support the social and emotional needs of students, to which Ms. Fairclough responded that they

have budgeted for a Social Worker and are in the process of looking for someone full time.

Mr. Gonzalez updated the Trustees on the upcoming events including: Anchor Week, Regents Exams, Summer Bridge and the end-of-the-year field trips.

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Ms. Sharon John (COO AMS II) updated the Trustees regarding the School Budget for the 2013-2014 school-year. She highlighted key details of the budget including revenue and expenses, student enrollment, and staff hires. Ms. John noted that the current Parent Coordinator will be the 9th grade Guidance Counselor and a full time Social Worker has been hired. She also emphasized that the Special Education students respond well to computers and technology and therefore they have budgeted funds to provide enough laptop carts so teachers can use them more often in the classroom. They will also be purchasing Mac Book Pros to be tested in the science classrooms. The Trustees approved with the idea that Special Education students respond to technology and encouraged both COOs and Principals to continue to provide enough support and funds for technology in all classrooms.

Ms. King updated the Trustees on the final weeks of school including: Regents Exams, Anchor Week, and Summer Bridge.

BOARD BUSINESS

NYSED Charter Performance Framework

Mr. Chaluian updated the Trustees on the draft NYSED Charter Performance Framework document which connects to the accountability plan regarding oversight of AMS II and HUM II. Ms. Grossman and the Trustees had specifically requested to review in detail sections of the Charter Performance document to assure that the Board is fulfilling its responsibilities to the schools and their mission.

The Trustees discussed in detail the following sections of the NYSED Charter Performance document: Board oversight and Governance, Strategic Planning and Performance Planning, Performance-based evaluations, Staff Evaluations and Evaluation of the CMO.

The Trustees and members of the CMO engaged in a lively discussion regarding the evaluation process of the CMO. Members of the Board suggested that the Boards across all the schools meet to discuss and create an evaluation process that would also include the Principals of all the schools in the New Visions Network. Ms. Armstrong also requested that the Board's attorney consult with the Boards for clear guidance and she volunteered to reach out to the Board's attorney before the next Board Meeting. Ms. Lori Mei (Director of Operations

NVPS) indicated that an evaluation can be designed and developed under the direct guidance of the Board of Trustees and which would include feedback from the Principals. She also noted that a committee could be created to assess the CMO itself and include members from all the NVCHS Boards of Trustees. As next steps, the Trustees decided to reach out to Board Members of other New Visions Charter High Schools to discuss and create a model for evaluating the CMO. Mr. Gaffney requested that Ms. Mei be involved in the discussions as well.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Chaluisan made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss the UFT contract. Ms. Grossman seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

FY2014 School Budget

Mr. Rodriguez made a motion to approve the FY2014 school budget. Mr. Faber seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

PUBLIC EXPRESSION

Ms. Taveras asked the Board if student learning is affected when there is a teacher who is learning how to become an effective teacher. To which Mr. Chaluisan responded that inexperienced teachers are paired up with effective teachers and they co-teach in the classroom. There are also regular professional development sessions where collective wisdom is shared and modeled. The schools' Assistant Principals and Principals, observe classrooms regularly, and model specific strategies for teachers.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Rodriguez adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.