



CHARTER BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING (AMS II & HUM II)

Monday, February 27, 2012

5:00 p.m.

Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE

Board members: Angel Rodriguez, David Faber, Yvette Armstrong, Nancy Grossman, Rob Menken

New Visions Staff: Rob Kantner, Lori Mei

1. WELCOME

Mr. Rodriguez welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

Mr. Rodriguez reviewed the agenda for the meeting.

2. SCHOOL UPDATES

Principal Search

The Trustees discussed documents summarizing the principal screening process for AMS II and HUM II. The Trustees discussed the candidates and how to proceed with next steps of the process, and they agreed to contact New Visions if they wish to participate in the next rounds of interviews before final candidates are presented to the Board. The Trustees also outlined a process for addressing hiring situations where there may be a potential conflict of interest.

Chief Operating Officer Search

Ms. Mei presented the Trustees with documents demonstrating the process through which COO candidates are currently going for AMS II and HUM II, noting that the schools' principals will make final decisions regarding hiring. Mr. Rodriguez noted that the Board should be presented with information regarding final candidates to review for any possible conflicts of interest.

Faculty Hiring Flow

Ms. Mei presented the Trustees with documents summarizing New Visions' partnership with the New Teacher Project (TNTP) for screening candidates for teaching positions at AMS II and HUM II, noting that the schools' principals will make final decisions regarding the hiring of faculty.

Facilities and Student Recruitment Update

The Trustees discussed a document outlining key forthcoming dates concerning the Jane Addams Campus and Samuel Gompers Campus (the future sites of AMS II and HUM II, respectively), pending Panel for Education Policy (PEP) votes. The Trustees discussed the public presentations that will be given by New Visions on behalf of AMS II and HUM II.

Ms. Mei outlined the student recruitment and community engagement efforts being made by New Visions to meet goals regarding the number of student applications to receive for AMS II and HUM II. The Trustees discussed the forthcoming efforts that will be made to reach these goals. The Trustees also discussed the forthcoming lottery for awarding seats to students who apply, emphasizing the particular desire to receive as many applications from students with special needs as possible.

Career and Technical Education (CTE) Issue Update

The Trustees reviewed a draft proposal concerning the potential CTE programs at AMS II and HUM II. Mr. Rodriguez informed the Trustees that New Visions is waiting on more information and data from the New York City Department of Education (DOE) concerning the particulars of CTE pathways. The Trustees discussed the desire to structure any possible CTE component only as an elective option for students that would be in addition to the challenge-based college preparatory curriculum at AMS II and HUM II. The Trustees expressed an interest in seeing more detailed research concerning CTE programs.

Education Corporation Update

Mr. Rodriguez informed the Trustees that the application process for securing EINs and state employment registration for AMS II and HUM II has begun on parallel tracks as a first step to gaining 501c3 status for each school.

3. Board Updates

Merger Update

Mr. Rodriguez informed the Trustees that the prospect of a potential merger between the AMS II Board and HUM II Board—as well as any other potential merger—is on hold indefinitely for the time being, as the New York State Education Department (SED) is unable to provide a workable timeline to achieve this. He noted that the Boards for AMS II and HUM II will remain on parallel, but separate, tracks.

Board Attorney Update

Per the resolution concerning the hiring of a Board Attorney from the November meeting, Ms. Armstrong informed the Trustees that she met with the candidate selected by the Trustees and reported that she is entirely confident in the Trustees' selection. Ms. Armstrong noted that the Board can now proceed reaching out to the Attorney concerning any board-related business.

Trustee Terms

The Trustees were provided with a list of their respective terms, corrected based on discussion during the January meeting. The Trustees made and agreed to final changes.

4. Action Items

Acceptance of Previous Meeting's Minutes

Ms. Grossman put forth a motion to accept the minutes of the Board of Trustees from the meeting held on January 23, 2012.

Mr. Menken seconded the motion.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Acceptance of Trustee Terms

Ms. Grossman put forth a motion to accept the Terms of the Board of Trustees as revised by the Trustees.

Ms. Armstrong seconded the motion.

The motion was approved unanimously.

5. CLOSING

Mr. Rodriguez adjourned the meeting at 6:14 p.m.