

This meeting and its members are participating remotely due to the Coronavirus Epidemic.
BENJAMIN BANNEKER CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
May 27, 2021

Meeting called to order at 6:05p.m.

Roll call was taken for attendance, Sherley Bretous (Executive Director), Shane Buker, Lin Tucker, Jenepher Gooding, Janel Granum, and Josiane Julmeus.

Visitors: Marie St.Germain (receptionist), Marylynn PetersChu (Business Manager) Tyrone Mowatt, Molander Etienne (Coach), Heather Steenburgh (Coach), Katrina Ford (Teacher), Jill Minot Seabrook , Tony Clark, Georgia Balan, Alexis Harding, and Kimberley White (parent).

Absent: Tirsit Habetariam.

Public Comment: Kimberley White addressed the Board regarding a summer program that will fit her son's needs, and she feels that the school and staff have not properly addressed her son's needs. Ms. White requests that the school use federally funded money to give her son the services he needs. (The Board will take Ms. White's comments under advisement).

Josiane Julmeus commented that the minutes from April were way too wordy, typo's, repetitions, and then changing some phrases.

Roll call was taken to table the approval of the minutes until June, Shane Buker, Lin Tucker, Jenepher Gooding, and Janel Granum. (All approved).

Board Business:

Due to Deb Del Dotto's resignation on the Board a vote was put in place to have Lin Tucker as interim Board Chair.

Shane Buker motioned to approve to have Lin Tucker as Interim Chair, Josiane Julmeus seconded the motion (all approved). Roll call taken for vote, Lin Tucker, Josiane Julmeus, Shane Buker, Jenepher Gooding and Janel Granum.

- **Financials**

Most of the financials remain the same from last month. Tuition and grant funding are higher due to the pandemic. Some staffing changes are the school has hired a full-time nurse, MaryLynn Peters has joined the Business office, and a new IT Director has been hired. There are higher tech expenses due to remote learning.

Janel Granum motioned to extend the contract with Deb and the consulting firm, (Educational Board Partners) Shane Buker seconded the motion,(all approved).

Roll call taken for vote, Lin Tucker, Josiane Julmeus, Shane Buker, Jenepher Gooding and Janel Granum.

Next is hiring a labor lawyer (not to exceed \$5,000) that will allow us to have access till the end of June.

Jenepher Gooding Motion to hire a labor lawyer for the Executive Director contract not to exceed \$5,000, Josiane Julmeus Second that motion (all Approved).

Roll call taken for vote, Lin Tucker, Josiane Julmeus, Shane Buker, Jenepher Gooding and Janel Granum.

New Board of Trustees Vote:

Amatul Mahmud- *Shane Buker motioned to approve Amatul Mahmud as a Board Trustee, Janel Granum seconded the motion (all approved).*

Alexis Harding- *Janel Granum motioned to approve Alexis Harding as a Board Trustee, Josiane Julmeus seconded the motion (all approved).*

Jill Seabrook- *Josiane Julmeus motioned to approve Jill Seabrook as a Board Trustee, Jenepher Gooding seconded the motion (all approved).*

Tony Clark- *Josiane Julmeus motioned to approve Tony Clark as a Board Trustee, Janel Granum seconded the motion (all approved).*

Roll call taken for votes, Lin Tucker, Josiane Julmeus, Shane Buker, Jenepher Gooding and Janel Granum, all approved.

New members won't be allowed to vote until the Commissioner of Education approves them, and that involves their financial disclosure form being completed.

The Board will need to update the Governance Committee at the June's Meeting. Shane Buker will remain Treasurer, and Jenepher Gooding will remain as Clerk.

Executive Director's Report:

- **Presentation**

Currently we have 94% of our students back in the school. The school conducted our annual staff survey. The school wanted to know what were some of the things that worked out for us as we tried to reopen. The school tracked our strengths, areas of growth, and support. The survey results will help us prepare our staff as we know some of our students will need assistance trying to adjust for the upcoming year. Staff are very satisfied, and felt that the Executive Director did a great job managing reopening.

Our 6th Grade graduation is June 4th, and it will be another hybrid ceremony. We will also have our Kindergarten Graduation as well that will be held on June 9th. June 9th is a half day, and our last day of school.

Ms. Bretous plans on doing an end of the year gift for all our students. The gifts will help promote in establishing relationships. Board games, and jump ropes will be given to the students.

Summer homework will also be amongst the many things they will receive as the school year comes to an end. As the mandates loosen up we hope students will be able to reunite with their friends, and enjoy their summer.

Janel Granum Motion to adjourn and go into Executive Session to discuss contracts, Josiane Julmeus seconded the motion (all approved)

Roll call was taken to adjourn and go into Executive Session, Shane Buker, Lin Tucker, Jenepher Gooding, Janel Granum, and Josiane Julmeus.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 PM