

# **BENJAMIN BANNEKER CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL**

## **Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes**

April 29, 2021

**This meeting and its members are participating remotely due to the Coronavirus Epidemic.**

Meeting called to order at 6:03pm.

*6:16 PM Roll call was taken for attendance, Sherley Bretous, Lin Tucker, Janel Granum, Shane Buker, Josiane Julmeus, and Jenepher Gooding, were present.*

**Attendees:** Sherley Bretous (Executive Director, ex-officio), Shane Buker, Lin Tucker, Jenepher Gooding, Josiane Julmeus, and Janel Granum.

**Guest:** Kimberley White (parent), Tyrone Mowatt (Employee), Amatul Mahmoud, Alexis Harding, and Jill Minot Seabrook are potential Board Members.

**Absent:** Tirsit Habetarium.

**Public Comment:** Shane Buker explained the process in which a complaint is heard, and introduced the rest of the Board.

Kimberley White is a parent of a first grader receiving SPED services here at the Banneker. Ms. White has questions about summer programming, and whether the school should pay for her child to attend a private school in Beverly. When establishing the budget the school will take it into consideration. Ms. White thinks the school should consider summer programming in light of COVID, and the loss of learning. The Board will take this into consideration.

*February Minutes ( More details were added regarding staff bonuses) Also, we added the name of the consultant (Educational Board Partners).*

*Lin Tucker motioned to approve the February minutes with the added change, Janel Granum seconded the motion, all approved*

*March minutes amended without the longevity statement.*

*Jenepher Gooding motioned to approve the March minutes and Josiane Julmeus seconded the motion, all approved.*

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

### **Board Business:**

**Financials:** The financials are in a new format. The highlighted areas in the financials are changes mostly due to COVID. Also there are some staffing changes, increased tech, and building costs due to COVID.

**Board Meeting Dates:** all dates that were sent looked good. The Board will keep the meeting dates on the last Thursday of the month. These dates may be changed by the Board at any given time.

*Josiane Julmeus motioned to approve The Board Meeting Dates for next year, Lin Tucker seconded the motion, all approved.*

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

- **Executive Director's Report:**

The staff was very appreciative of the bonus they received, and thanked the Board for their support. There should be a June Board Meeting. June 4th is 6th grade graduation and June 9th is the last day for all students. June 11th is the last day for all staff. Next year's enrollment is at 350 students with 208 Cambridge.

- Ms. Bretous presented a slide show about the budget, MCAS, and the Executive Director goals.
- Budget was forwarded to the Board and approved by the Finance Committee.  
Increase staff salaries 8% on scale and 4% off scale.
  - Money for PD was a decrease from last year.
  - Working on securing our lease with the church.

*Lin Tucker made the motion to approve the budget as it is written, Janel Granum seconded the motion, all approved.*

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

Graduation will be hybrid

- The school has gifts for all of the students at the end of the year.
- In May we can vote in new Board Members.
- Sept 17th "Save the Date" for our 25th Anniversary Celebration (The Villa in Bridgewater).

Items for next meeting

- The school still has work to do with our Bi- Laws, and submitting them to DESE".
- Sherley's contract is (top priority).

*Janel Granum Motion to adjourn, Josiane Julmeus seconds the motion, all approved.*

*Roll call was taken to adjourn, Shane Buker, Lin Tucker, Jenepher Gooding, Janel Granum, and Josiane Julmeus.*

Meeting adjourned at 7:11pm.