Belmont Charter School
Board Meeting Minutes

June 27, 2018 12:00 PM
1301 Belmont Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19104

Call To Order: A regular meeting of the Belmont Charter Board of Trustees took place in joint session with Inquiry Charter School Board of Trustees and the Community Education Alliance of West Philadelphia Board of Trustees. The meeting was called to order at 12:00pm. Michael Karp presided over the meeting.

Belmont Charter School Board Members Present: Michael Karp, Leslie Convey, Steve Parico and Lisa Kaminsky

Inquiry Board Members Present: Michael Karp, Steve Parico, Leslie Convey, Lauren Katz and Elizabeth Havey-Preate and Lexie Komisar

Board Members Absent: Alice Gibbs and Dominique Reiff

CEAWP Board Members Present: Phil Balderson, Kristen Koeingsbauer

Staff Present: Jennifer Faustman, Chris Hanlon, Jared Ware and Stephanie Berliner

M. Karp began the meeting calling for public comment. No public comments were offered.

M. Karp then asked if there were any questions regarding the Board packets presented which included the May 2018 Board Minutes. There were no questions.

Resolution #1. Resolved that the board reviewed and approved the Belmont Charter May 2018 minutes as written. M. Karp moved to affirm; the motion was seconded by L. Convey The vote was unanimous.
Chairman Report:

M. Karp reported that a the search for a building for Belmont Charter High School was ongoing.

CEO Report:

J. Faustman reported that 38% of 3rd grade Belmont students scored at or above proficiency levels in math, compared to 21% of district students. This reflects significant success metrics for the first cohort of students who have been with Belmont since kindergarten. For older students, proficiency levels in math doubled, from 7% to 14%. By comparison, neighboring schools reported 4% proficiency. Additionally, J. Faustman noted that the number of special education students enrolling for 2018-2019 has increased network wide to 28.29% of total students, up from 24% of the total.

Finance Report:

J. Ware reported that the School District of Philadelphia would be providing additional money to charters based on a per-student increase. This would result in approximately $200 per student and $1,000 per special education student, which would provide an additional approximate total of $150,000 to Belmont.

Action Items:

2018-2019 Budget

The board was presented a final adjusted budget for 2018-2019. This budget reflected the increase in district funding of 8% per student and 10% per special education student.

Resolution #2. M. Karp moved to affirm; the motion was seconded by S. Parico. The vote was unanimous.

2018-2019 Board Meeting Dates

M. Karp presented the proposed the 2018-2019 board schedule as follows:
October 3, 2018
January 16, 2019
March 20, 2019
May 1, 2019
June 26, 2019

Resolution #3. M. Karp moved to affirm; the motion was seconded by S. Parico. The vote was unanimous.
CEO Professional Development

The board was presented with a proposal for CEO J. Faustman to participate in a tailored charter school CEO professional development program with a total cost of $10,000.

Resolution # 4. M. Karp moved to affirm; the motion was seconded by L. Kaminsky. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:28 PM.