



Belmont Charter School

Belmont Charter School Board of Directors Meeting

Date:	September 20 2023
Time:	12:00 pm
Location:	Met virtually (Zoom) Inquiry Charter School, 1301 Belmont Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa 19104

Call to Order: A regular meeting of the Belmont Charter Board of Trustees took place in a joint session with the Inquiry Charter School Board of Trustees and Community Education Alliance of West Philadelphia Board of Trustees. The meeting was called to order at 12:07 pm.

Members of the Board in Attendance (Belmont Charter School):

Michael Karp
Dominique Reiff
Paulette Adams
Leslie Convey
Steve Parico

Absent members: Alice Gibbs

Members of the Board in Attendance (Inquiry Charter School): Devalina Guha Roy, Lisa Kaminsky, Leslie Convey (nonvoting), Steve Parico (nonvoting) and Michael Karp (nonvoting). Elizabeth Preate-Havey

Members of the Board in Attendance (Community Education Alliance of West Philadelphia): Kristen Koenisbauer, Shanisha Mitchell

Staff in Attendance: Troy Hardy, Jennifer Faustman, Claire Cohen, Beth Dyson, Theresa Doggett, and contract relationship: Robie Lawless of Charter Choices

Parents or community member: none

M. Karp called the meeting to order and began the meeting by calling for public comment. No public comment was made.

Resolution 1: Board members reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting, June 2023, M. Karp made a motion to approve. Seconded by D. Reiff. The motion passed unanimously.

CEO Report: J. Faustman provided an update on the start-of-the-year activities outlining the strong start of the school year. The school's priorities have led to a strong push for attendance, retraining teachers in Responsive Classroom and Trauma-informed care and accelerated learning. As a result of the efforts from the ATIP team, there has been improvement in student attendance to levels similar to before the pandemic.

Financial Report: T. Doggett provided a summary of the financials provided on Belmont Charter School. The finance committee met ahead of this meeting to review all budget details. T. Doggett highlighted the school is moving to a 5 year financial projection to plan for the reduction from ESSER funds.

Action Items:

Resolution 2: Board members reviewed the Belmont Charter School Employee Handbook and approved changes for FY24. M. Karp made a motion to approve. Seconded by D. Reiff. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 3: To approve vendor contracts according to the bylaws for the BCS board of directors as outlined in the board packet (see attached). M. Karp made a motion to approve. Seconded by D. Reiff. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 4: The board reviewed and approved the Student/Family Handbook for the 2023-2024 school year. M. Karp made a motion to approve. Seconded by D. Reiff. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 5: The board reviewed and approved the student enrollment policy for the 2023-2024 school year. M. Karp made a motion to approve. Seconded by D. Reiff. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 6: The board approved the comprehensive plan that is required every 3 years by PDE. M. Karp made a motion to approve. Seconded by D. Reiff. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 7: The board approved revisions to the FY24 budget. M. Karp made a motion to approve. Seconded by D. Reiff. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 8: The board approves T. Weishaupt to serve as Principal of Record of Belmont Charter School. M. Karp made a motion to approve. Seconded by D. Reiff. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 9: The board moves to pursue rental reimbursement with the state for rent monies paid. M. Karp made a motion to approve. Seconded by D. Reiff. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 10: The board approves the mental detector policy which has been added to the student and family handbook. M. Karp made a motion to approve. Seconded by D. Reiff. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 11: The board approves trust agreement for KSW. M. Karp made a motion to approve. Seconded by D. Reiff. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by L. Convey. Seconded by M. Karp. The meeting adjourned at 12:43pm