

**New Dawn Charter High School  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
Minutes**

**Place:** New Dawn Charter High School  
242 Hoyt Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11217

**Date:** March 10, 2015

**Time:** 2:45 p.m.

**Board Members Present:** George Crowley, Ron Tabano, Phillip Wietzman, Samir Souidi

**Staff Members Present:** Sara Asmussen, Lisa DiGaudio, Michelle D. Millán

**Absent:** Leslie Winter

**Guests Present:** None

**I. Call to Order**

Meeting came to order at 2:49 p.m. A quorum was present

**II. Resolution: Minutes from February 24, 2015 Meeting**

Mr. Tabano asked if everyone had a chance to review the minutes. Dr. Wietzman stated that during the last meeting under the facilities report, the appeal was to the city but the response was from the NYS Department of Education.

**Motion:** Dr. Weitzman motioned that the minutes be accepted with the above changes.

**Second:** Mr. Souidi seconded the motion.

**Vote:** Unanimous

**III. Facilities Report**

The architect is designing the plans. NDCHS should be ready to move into the new building by September 2016.

**IV. Update on NYSED Oversight Visit**

The visit is going well. Many students didn't come early, but they did arrive later in the day. Tomorrow they will talk to teachers, students and parents.

**V. Financials**

Mr. Crowley stated that it didn't seem like the school is spending money on textbooks. Ms. DiGaudio stated that most of the school's textbooks are bought through FAMIS. The city

provides money to purchase textbooks. Ms. DiGaudio recently spent \$12,000 in books through FAMIS.

Mr. Crowley asked why the fringe benefits are so low. Dr. Asmussen stated that there are several workers who are currently under their parents' health insurance. Also, incentives are located in this line.

**VI. New Business**

Dr. Weitzman asked about attendance. Dr. Asmussen stated that attendance is much better; it's getting close to 70%.

Mr. Souidi asked about the graduation rate since the opening of the school. Dr. Asmussen stated that since the school's inception (428 students), 16% have graduated, 5% have dropped-out, 2% moved and 12% transferred. Ms. DiGaudio stated that there have been 68 graduates, 2 students aged out, 23 students dropped-out, 7 students moved, and 54 students transferred.

**VII. Executive Session**

**VIII. Adjournment**

Mr. Tabano requested a motion to adjourn the meeting.

**Motion:** Mr. Souidi motioned to adjourn the meeting.

**Second:** Mr. Crowley seconded the motion.

**Vote:** Unanimous

Meeting ended at 3:34 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. at New Dawn Charter High School.