

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

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

Date: February 24, 2015

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: George Crowley, Ron Tabano, Phillip Wietzman, Leslie Winter, Samir Souidi (via Skype)

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

Guests Present: Alexandre Loubeyre

I. Call to Order

Meeting came to order at 2:14 p.m. A quorum was present.

II. Resolution: Minutes from February 10, 2015 Meeting

Mr. Tabano asked if everyone had a chance to review the minutes. Dr. Weitzman requested that the meeting minutes be completed soon after the meeting so that the board has the appropriate time to review it.

Mr. Crowley wanted to clarify that in a previous board meeting it was stated that Barclay's had a problem with our students attending the game. However, he clarified that it was Stoli (Stolichnaya Vodka), who rents the box, and it was them who thought it was not appropriate to have students in a box that advertises liquor.

Motion: Mr. Winters motioned that the minutes be accepted as written.

Second: Mr. Crowley seconded the motion.

Vote: Unanimous.

III. Facilities Report

a. Appeal to City Rejection

The appeal to the city was just received and rejected again by the NYSED. It doesn't seem that there is anything more that can be done about it, short of litigation. Lawyer's Alliance does not do litigation, but they are looking at other venues. At this point the

issue is dead, but it is on record. However, if anything ever comes of this, NDCHS may get funding through some other channel.

b. Land Use Attorney Contract

The contract is signed and paid. NDCHS is moving forward with the special zoning permit. Mr. Winter asked the cost of this. It is estimated between \$20,000 and \$25,000. The monies will be paid back through rent, if we get the permit. If not, NDCHS will be responsible for the funds.

Mr. Winter asked how the school is moving forward on the project. Dr. Asmussen replied that the lease has been reviewed by both attorneys. They started to put the package together for the zoning.

Dr. Asmussen submitted a bid to have the 2nd, 3rd and 4th floor halls and doors painted.

Motion: Mr. Crowley motioned to accept the bid to paint the building.

Second: Dr. Weitzman seconded the motion.

Vote: Unanimous.

IV. NYSED Oversight Visit Discussion

NYSED has asked for a lot of information ahead of time, which Dr. Asmussen has been gathering and submitting.

Mr. Tabano asked Dr. Asmussen to discuss the project that she's working on with some other transfer schools. Dr. Asmussen explained that she had been working with four other transfer schools to look at the effectiveness of a transfer school. Right now they started looking at engagement. The schools have taken their data for the last two terms to compare attendance versus outcomes. Bill Clark, Director of the SED, is aware and very interested in the outcomes of this project.

V. New Business

Mr. Tabano asked if anyone had any new business to discuss. As no one had any new business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:42 p.m. to go into Executive Session.

VI. Adjournment

Meeting ended at 2:42 p.m.

VII. Executive Session

VIII. General Meeting Called Back to Order

The general meeting was called back to order at 4:30 p.m.

Dr. Wietzman had made some corrections to the District Level Safety Plan which had been presented at an early meeting. It was decided that if the changes were made, the Board would vote on whether or not to approve the Plan. Dr. Weitzman is to submit his edits to Dr. Asmussen for inclusion into the final document.

Mr. Tabano asked for a motion.

Motion: Mr. Winter motioned to accept the new District Level Safety Plan with Dr. Weitzman's revisions.

Second: Dr. Weitzman seconded the motion.

Vote: Unanimous.

IX. Adjournment

Mr. Tabano requested a motion for adjournment.

Motion: Mr. Crowley motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Second: Mr. Tabano seconded the motion.

Meeting ended at 4:45 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at 2:45 p.m. at New Dawn Charter High School.