

**Board of Trustees Meeting  
July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
801 East 156th Street, Bronx, NY 10455**

**AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Public Comment
- III. Resolution to Approve Minutes from June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Board Meetings
- IV. NYSED Renewal Site Visit – October 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019
- V. Living Environment Curriculum for Eighth Grade Science
- VI. Principal’s Report
  - A. Update on Charter Renewal
  - B. Facilities Update
  - C. Academic Programming Update
  - D. Operations & Enrollment Update
  - E. Teacher Retention Update
  - F. Upcoming Events
- VII. New Business
- VIII. Next Meeting – August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019
- IX. Executive Session
- X. Adjournment

**Reunión de la Junta  
11 de julio de 2019  
801 East 156th Street, Bronx, NY 10455**

**AGENDA**

- I. Inicio de Sesión
- II. Comentarios Públicos
- III. Resolución para Aprobar las Minutas de la Reunión de la Junta del 6 de junio de 2019
- IV. Visita del Departamento de Educación del Estado de Nueva York - 7 y 8 de octubre de 2019
- V. Medioambiente Vivo para Ciencias de Octavo Grado
- VI. Informe del Principal
  - A. Renovación de Chárter
  - B. Planta Física
  - C. Programación Académica
  - D. Operaciones y Matrícula
  - E. Retención de Maestros
  - F. Eventos
- VII. Asuntos Nuevos
- VIII. Próxima Reunión - 1 de agosto de 2019
- IX. Sesión Ejecutiva
- X. Cierre de Sesión



**Board of Trustees Meeting  
Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
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**Board of Trustees Present:** Felicia Franklin, Davon Russell, Jodi Schneider

**Board of Trustees Absent:** Nancy Biberman, Valerie Capers, Lori Chemla, Andrea Cohen, Serigne Gningue,

**SBECA Staff Present:** Brian Blough, Melissa Gaspard, Josef Haas, Mahelia Mighty

**WHEDco Staff Present:** Katie Aylwin, Meredith Leverich

**Members of the Public Present:** 0

**Call to Order**

Davon Russell called the meeting to order at 5:28 pm.

**Public Comment**

No members of the public asked to participate in public comment.

**Approval of Minutes**

Davon Russell said that there was not a quorum present, so the minutes could not be approved. He apologized and said that a variety of scheduling issues prevented several Trustees from attending, but that a great effort would be made in August to achieve a quorum.

**NYSED Renewal Site Visit – October 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Mr. Russell said that NYSED had notified the school that the renewal site visit would be held on Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. The Board will need to participate in a meeting with NYSED during one of those days. He said that Meredith Leverich would liaise with the Board to find a time that worked best for the greatest number of Trustees, and that other components of the site visit would be scheduled around that.

**Living Environment Curriculum for Eighth Grade Science**

Mr. Blough circulated a proposal to adopt the New York State Living Environment curriculum to replace the eighth grade science curriculum. He said that this strategy would allow students to sit for three Regents exams in eighth grade, including Algebra and U.S. History, preparing them for the rigor of high school level classes and/or earning high school credits while in middle school, which would, in turn, foster opportunities to earn college credits in high school. Mr. Blough shared an outline of the standards taught and the pacing

calendar, as well as an email confirmation from Karonne Watson, one of SBECA's co-liaisons at NYSED, verifying NYSED's approval of this curriculum in place of the eighth grade curriculum. The Board said that they would review the curriculum further and vote on a resolution to adopt this curriculum at the August meeting, but that this plan made sense and supported the school's early college culture.

### **Principal's Report**

Mr. Blough presented on the following topics, detailed in the document attached.

- Charter Renewal
- Facilities Update
- Academic Programming Update
- Operations & Enrollment for the 2019 – 2020 School Year
- Staffing
- Upcoming Events

### **New Business**

Mr. Russell said that he had read a *New York Times* article about how charter schools are revisiting disciplinary practices. He suggested that the Board read the article and think more deeply about SBECA's policies, and how the school can better ensure that students remain in the classroom.

### **Next Meeting**

Mr. Russell said that, given that August can be a popular vacation time, that the August meeting may need to be rescheduled from Thursday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019, to ensure that a quorum is present. He said that the meeting would be posted on the website when a date is identified.

### **Adjournment**

The Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting.