



MOTT HALL CHARTER SCHOOL

RISE TO THE CHALLENGE

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes June 21st, 2023

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees (the “Board” or “BoT”) of the Mott Hall Charter School (the “MHCS”) was held on the above date beginning at 5:12 p.m. local time pursuant to notice duly given.

Attendance

- The following Trustees were present: Natalie Thompson (Video Conference), Sandra Lugo (Video Conference), Kevin Murungi (Video Conference), Francesca Weindling (Video Conference), Dr. Patrick Awosogba (Video Conference), Jason Caldwell (Video Conference), Luis Quan (Video Conference), and Don Mabrey (Video Conference)
- Trustees were all present
- The following school staff and guests were present: Connie Lobdell, Principal and Executive Director; and Josh Moreau, Financial Consultant.

Call to Order, Public Comment and Board Discussion

- After noting that a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order at 5:12 p.m.
- No public with comments.
- Karen Bhatia opened the meeting
- Karen Bhatia:
 - Addressed Natalie Thompson stepping down as Chairperson and leaving the Board
 - This will be her last Board meeting
 - Natalie Thompson unable to attend graduation but was presented with award and College and Career renamed Natalie Thompson College and Career in her honor and in recognition of her years of contribution to Mott Hall Charter School
 - Kevin Murungi also stepping down from the Board due to personal reasons, and this will be his last Board meeting
 - Asked for motion to approve May 25th, 2023 Board minutes
 - Asked Josh Moreau if numbers for 2023-2024 are realistic
 - Asked for motion to approve budget
 - Requested information regarding compensation.
 - Connie Lobdell responded that staff are at 5% above DOE
 - Josh Moreau – place teachers on DOE salary scale making it equitable with the DOE
 - Asked Connie Lobdell about Vendor List
 - Yvette Colon reports on vendor lists but was not present
 - Asked Josh Moreau to review
- Josh Moreau:
 - 3% increase for staff approved and aligned to the DOE
 - Budget to be approved
 - Will meet with Finance Committee over the summer
 - Enrollment will be reviewed

- Comfortable with numbers
- Thoughtful and mindful of DOE and rising costs maintaining a competitive edge
- Natalie Thompson agreed and added that it reflected the hard work staff was doing
- 2024-2025 enrollment needs to be aggressive
- Assistant Principal (AP) position removed and responsibilities taken on by a teacher at a lower salary
- Connie Lobdell:
 - Accountability Dashboard – Not much has changed
 - Had Open House, and another Open House will be scheduled
 - Living Environment and Algebra Regents were administered and was being scored
 - 8th grade students have graduated and no longer attending
 - Summer School – July 5th-August 5th
 - Opened to community to maintain community involvement beginning with 3rd grade
 - Instruction will take place in the morning and enrichment program in the afternoon
 - Diagnostic and reading inventory will be reported along with regents results at next Board meeting
 - High School Placement information requested by Karen Bhatia
 - 100% of graduating students have been placed
 - There are students who will be reconsidering placement based on transportation
 - Brandon Hicks Scholarship presented at graduation
 - Several parents requested that their children repeat grade in 6th and 7th grades
- All Board members expressed their good wishes to both Natalie Thompson and Kevin Murungi

Board Motions and Approvals

1. Motion to approve May 25th, 2023 minutes made by Jason Caldwell, and seconded by Francesca Weindling - Board reviewed and unanimously approved.
2. Motion to approve budget made by Don Mabrey, and seconded by Sandra Lugo – Board reviewed and unanimously approved.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Lugo, Secretary

APPROVED:

Sandra Lugo

Name



Signature

July 17th, 2023

Date

All trustee meetings for Mott Hall Charter School are open meetings subject to the NYS open meetings law. While we encourage public participation and provide a designated time for public comment, individuals are limited to two minutes total of public comment each, unless the Board asks for additional feedback. All trustees and members of the public must abide by norms around professionalism and civility in their comments. Complaints

against a specific employee or public comments that may reveal confidential information will, consistent with the open meetings law, be handled through our dispute resolution process or may be heard in executive session.