

Booker T. Washington Charter School
Board of Directors Meeting
May 29, 2019 Minutes

Present: Present: Sherri Thompson, Pastor Kelcy Steele, John Taylor, Kate Kelly, Jeanette Morrison, Jeff Cirillo, and Dave Martin

On the phone: Pastor Morrison, Kathleen Elie

Pastor Steele opened the meeting at 6:07.

Pastor Steele motioned to approve the April meeting minutes and Kate Kelly seconded the motion.

Public Comment:

Shelly Hicks, from Northeast Charter Schools Network, provided an update on the legislative session, which ends next week. It looks like there will be flat funding for charter schools, \$11,250 per student. Federally, there is a lack of momentum for support for charter schools. Local, state, and federal advocacy is needed.

Finance Report:

Kathleen Elie presented the finance report. There are no significant changes in the budget. The school is in great shape heading into the fiscal year. The board voted to approve the 2019-2020 budget. Jeff Cirillo motioned to approve the Finance Report, Sherri Thompson seconded the motion.

Executive Director's Report:

John Taylor presented the Executive Director's report. Student recruitment is going well and there has been strong interest in the principal and teacher positions. We reviewed the non-academic performance data and discussed how transportation continues to be a challenge. We also looked at fundraising to date. Regarding facilities, on May 28th the New Haven Board of Education unanimously voted to approve BTWA's request to lease additional space at 21 Wooster Place for Middle School.

Old Business:

We still need to find a retreat date.

New Business:

Board members are researching why BTWA has to pay real estate taxes.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30.