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Board Meeting Minutes

January 11th – 5:00PM

The Board of Trustees of NYC Autism Charter Schools (NYCACs) met on Monday, January 11th, 2021
Via Video Conference

Attending Trustees:

Alysia Steinmann
Ashley Garrett
Alvin Shih
Ben Hartman
Carol Santiago
Christine Sandler
Elaine Florio
Hannah Hoch
Mark Saretsky
Naeema Livingston (Tele-conference)
Paul O'Neill

Absent Trustees:

Ilene Lainer
Mitchel Baum

Attendees at the Invitation of the Board:

Julie Fisher, Executive Director
Tiffney Jones, Director of Finance
Christina Secharan, Operations Manager

1. Call to order

Action: Ms. Santiago called the NYCACS general meeting to order at 5:02pm.

2. Board Business

a. Minutes from Board Meeting 11-16-2020

- At 5:03pm the minutes of the December 14th, 2020 Board meeting were reviewed. **Action:** Ms. Garrett motioned to approve the December 14th, 2020 minutes. Mr. Shih seconded the motion in which the Board voted, and it was approved by majority vote.

3. General Updates

a. National Events and Resulting Decisions/Communications

- At 5:04pm Ms. Fisher discussed remote day options for certain days in the upcoming weeks.

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b. Student Return Post-Break

- At 5:16pm Ms. Fisher informed the Board that the Bronx school building has remained closed since winter break as per DOE/DOH mandate due to two or more positive COVID19 cases in the larger school campus within a seven day period. The East Harlem school has had a smooth transition back from break.

4. COVID19-Related Items

a. Staff and Student Update

• COVID Occurrences, Protocols, and Trends

- i. At 5:17pm Ms. Fisher informed the Board that one staff member has confirmed a positive COVID 19 test while on break and has remained remote since, following isolation protocols.

b. Testing Process and Zones Designations

- i. At 5:18pm Ms. Fisher provided an update on what each NY State determined zone requires in terms of mandated testing. Neither school is currently in a mandated zone at this time but NYCACS is conducting random testing for staff nonetheless in order to be safe and ready if zone designation occurs.

5. Executive Session

a. Employee Performance and Compensation Review

- **Action:** At 5:24pm Ms. Hoch motioned to move the meeting into Executive Session to discuss the performance evaluation and compensation review for an employee. Ms. Florio seconded the motion in which the Board voted and the movement into Executive Session was unanimously approved.
- **Action:** Ms. Garrett motioned to move the meeting out of Executive Session. Mr. Saretsky seconded the motion in which the Board voted and the movement out of Executive Session was unanimously approved.

6. Closing Items

a. Adjourn Meeting

- **Action:** At 5:30pm Ms. Sandler motioned to adjourn the January 11th, 2021 Board meeting. Mr. Baum seconded in which the Board voted and adjournment of the meeting was unanimously approved.