

Board of Trustees

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St. HOPE Leadership Academy Board of Trustees
Board meeting

MINUTES

September 17, 2015 from 6:00 – 7:00pm
222 W. 134th Street

• **Welcome**

Call to Order

Steve Colon	Absent (Excused)
Ankur Dalal	Present
Christopher Greeley	Absent (Excused)
Maureen Higgins	Present
Takako Kono	Present
Lauren Mirsky	Present
Rebecca Ostrov	Present
Bryan Winthur	Absent (Excused)
Arun Yang	Present

Also present at the meeting: Constance Bond, Executive Director; Jill Beharry, Accountant from Charter School Business Management; and Mark Taub, Accountant from MBAF

• **Public Comment**

No requests for public comment were received

• **Consent Agenda**

The minutes of the meeting held on August 27, 2015 were unanimously approved.

• **Nominating Committee**

- Ms. Kono discussed three potential Board members who are at the beginning stages of consideration for membership. She will conduct interviews with the candidates and report her findings to the Nominating Committee and to the Board at the October meeting.

• **Finance Committee**

- Mark Taub of MBAF, who conducted the 2015 audit of the school, presented the findings of the audit. The Board reviewed the materials provided by MBAF, including the Communication with Those Charged with Governance and the June 30, 2015 Financial Statements. Mr. Taub communicated that it was a clean audit with no major findings. The Board asked clarifying questions that were answered by Mr. Taub and Ms. Beharry, the school's accountant.
- The Board unanimously approved the audit as presented.
- The Board discussed using surplus funds to hire additional staff to assist with targeted academic intervention in ELA and math to boost test scores. The Board unanimously approved up to \$180,000 of surplus funds to be used for this purpose.

- **Principal Update**

- Dr. Bond updated the Board on current enrollment. Enrollment for 2015-2016 continues to be strong with 305 scholars on the roster.
- Dr. Bond discussed the August Family Fair, which was a very well-received event with over 55% of parents in attendance. Character.org recognized this as a best practice for parent engagement, publishing an article titled "A Refreshing Take on Back to School Night" on the Character.org website.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm when the Board entered Executive Session for the 2015 Fall Retreat.

I, Steve Colon, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting Secretary of St. HOPE Leadership Academy, a New York education corporation and that the above is a true and complete copy of the Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the said corporation held on *September 17, 2015* at which a quorum was present throughout.

Dated (*September 18, 2015*)