

**CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL FOR ARCHITECTURE ENGINEERING AND
CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRIES**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Date: Thursday, December 22, 2016
Time: 6:00 pm
Location 383 Brook Avenue , Bronx, NY 10454

MINUTES

1. Welcome/Role Call

Present were Carlo Schiattarella, Robert Burton, Paul Comrie , Irma Zardoya, Alberto Villaman

Principal: Charles Gallo

Counsel: Flora Edwards, Esq.

Vice-Principal: Colin Healy

Guests: Marie Catenacci and Laurie Carey Connections STEAM COACH

2. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Caren Goff seconded by Robert Burton to approve the minutes of October 11, 2016 seconded by Alberto Villaman. Approved unanimously.

3. Presentation on STEAM Connection by Marie Catenacci and Laurie Carey

4. Principal's Report

- a. There are 423 students currently enrolled with 88 students on the wait list for 2017-18.
- b. Attendance for November was 95%
- c. Dashboard was distributed
- d. PSAT exam was administered on October 19, 2016 to 202 Sophmores.
- e. Parent Teacher conferences were held on November 3 and 4, 2016. 175 Parents attended both sessions.
- f. Saturday Academy continues from 9am to 1pm which includes 27 seniors who require additional help to pass the Regents.

- g. The School announced a new partnership with the NYC Department of Design and Construction which gives students on-site experience on construction sites.
- h. The NYSED School Report Card for 2015-2016 was released. AECI met all criteria for Adequate Yearly Progress and was rated highly effective.
- i. The NYCDOE School Quality Snapshot for 2015-2016 was distributed. The outcomes at AECI compared favorably to the comparison group in all categories.
- j. National Honor Society Presentation

The Board extended its congratulations to Principal Gallo on the school's academic achievements

4. Academic Affairs

The 2014-15 and the 2015-16 School Snapshots were distributed and discussed. Survey results for the current year indicate progress in all categories.

The development of a new computer lab was discussed along with the need to seek funding to support the lab.

6. Facilities

- a. Classroom air conditioners are installed in all rooms.

7. Executive Session

Moved by Irma Zardoya seconded by Robert Burton at 8:10 pm to go into Executive Session

Moved by Irma Zardoya seconded by Paul Comrie at 8:30 pm to return to the record

- 8. Moved by Alberto Villaman seconded by Paul Comrie to rescind the Resolution of October 11, 2016 authorizing the Chair to enter into a contract with Kaufman, Gilidin & Robbins, LLP. Approved unanimously
- 9. Moved by Alberto Villaman seconded by Paul Comrie to authorize the Chair to ratify the contract with Phillips Nizer, LLP to provide litigation legal services in an amount not to exceed \$480 per hour (blended rate) as approved by legal counsel. Approved unanimously.
- 10. WHEREAS the School has shown excellent progress in the attainment of its educational objectives over the past year and

WHEREAS, the efforts of the Principal, Charles Gallo , have been instrumental in achieving these results,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED in recognition of his work, that the Principal be and hereby is awarded a merit award for his role in promoting student achievement.

WHEREAS the efforts of the Vice-Principal, Colin Healey, have been instrumental in achieving these results,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED in recognition of his work , that the Vice-Principal be and hereby is awarded a merit award for his role in promoting student achievement.

11. Adjournment Moved by Paul Comrie seconded by Irma Zardoya at 8:30pm. Approved unanimously.