

**John V. Lindsay Wildcat Academy Charter School  
Board of Trustees Meeting**

**Date:** May 16, 2019

**Time:** 3:00 p.m.

**Place:** John V. Lindsay Academy Charter School  
17 Battery Place, 1<sup>st</sup> Fl.  
New York, N.Y. 10004

**Members Present:** Douglas Knight, Richard Levine, Ron Tabano, Lawrence Ng, Luba Koziolkowsky, Dana Jackson, Sy Fliegel

**Members Absent:** Harvey Newman

**Call to Order:** Mr. Knight called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. on May 16, 2019

The Board accepts the excused absence of Chairman, Mr. Newman.

The minutes of April 2019 were reviewed. Mr. Knight requests a motion to accept the April 2019 minutes.

**Motion:** Mr. Ng makes a motion to accept the March 2019 minutes.

**Second:** Ms. Jackson seconded the motion.

**Vote:** Unanimous

**Report of the CEO**

Mr. Tabano informs the Board that there was an incident at West Side High School during a PSAL girls basketball game. A parent of one of the opposing team's players attacked one of our players. Our coach interceded and was attacked by the parent with a knife in the shoulder. Our coach was taken to the hospital to address the injury. Fortunately he was not severely injured. We have reported the incident with the other school's principal and authorities. No other persons were injured from the incident. We will continue to take all precautions necessary including reporting to all authorities, the police, the DOE and Board of Trustees if any incidents of this sort occur in the future.

The State Regents has given us 3 different field tests for future Regents exams to administer. The exams are ELA, global history and algebra. The field exams will be taken by students anonymously. The reason for the field tests is to draw questions and answers from these tests for future Regents exams.

Mr. Tabano and Mr. Peterman will attend an ESSA school accountability conference on May 30<sup>th</sup>. Some groups who have adopted ESSA including people from California will be running the conference and the event is sponsored by the State. We will hopefully learn more of what accountability measures they expect schools to comply with.

Wildcat will have a DOE Charter School Office visit tomorrow, May 17<sup>th</sup> for an annual review. They plan to monitor some classes, closely look at the educational process, meet with leadership and discuss academic methodology. They will give us feedback and a summary at the end of the visit which will include suggestions for changes they'd want to see for the next renewal.

The guest speaker for our graduation will be Jordan Temple who is a graduate of JVL Wildcat Academy. He currently is a successful comedian who has been featured on television and has a successful career as a stand-up comic. He also is on the writing team for the Emmy award winning program, The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel.

College Day at Citi Field was success. Several Wildcat students attended with chaperones the field day. 30 colleges were on hand in booths publicizing and marketing their colleges.

Mr. Tabano reports that one of case managers, Mr. Malik Johnson is leaving Wildcat at the end of the month to take a security position with the Federal Government in Maryland. We will be interviewing candidates for a replacement.

Mr. Tabano sits on a charter school coalition board. They have been awarded a \$125K donation. With the donation, the coalition will sponsor a breakfast with the Board of Regents with the hopes to improve communication and learn more about each other.

Mr. Tabano informs the Board that they have plans to help educate the anti-charter legislators in NYS.

Graduation will be on June 27<sup>th</sup> at F.I.T. at 10am.

### **Report of the CFOO**

Ms. Sakosky reports for the 10 months ending in April, the school's financial position continues to be fiscally strong. We have \$7.1MM in total assets and \$3.6MM in net assets. In the investment portfolio, we have \$2.5MM and \$820K in liquid assets including \$495K in deposits and \$320K in 2 CDs earning around 2.25% APR. From the projections that will take us into the end of the year, we have conservatively an increase of \$168K in our fund balance, but will probably be closer to \$250K and that figure is counting 460 general ed FTEs.

Ms. Sakosky reports on the budget which is based on 500 FTEs and shows \$440K increase in the fund balance. Increases in per pupil allocation combined with projected lower pension costs from retired long-time tenured teachers will offset changes in fund balance that may result from falling short of the 500 FTE goal. We are also exploring a mental health grant to support students' emotional, mental and academic struggles. This possible grant, if awarded, will also help support and shortfalls to the FTE goals and is currently not included in the budget.

Mr. Knight asks for a motion to approve the budget for FYE 2020.

**Motion:** Mr. Levine makes a motion to approve the budget for FYE 2020  
**Second:** Ms. Jackson seconded the motion.  
**Vote:** Unanimous

Ms. Sakosky informs the Board that there is an audit engagement for the upcoming audit. The fee is \$28,500 which is the same as last year. This fee includes the single audit. If we do not reach \$750K in federal expenditures, we can save about \$5,000 of the amount.

Mr. Knight asks for a motion to approve the audit engagement fee.

**Motion:** Mr. Fliegel makes a motion to approve the audit engagement fee  
**Second:** Mr. Ng seconded the motion.  
**Vote:** Unanimous

### **Report of the Bronx Assistant Principal**

Ms. Mitchell reports that we have 243 students on the roster in the Bronx. This is a concern but we are planning to address this. We've had 3 open houses and have another one planned for June 7<sup>th</sup>. We have seen 33 families and looking to see more in the coming weeks. There will be about 20-30 students who will be transitioning to the Manhattan campus. From the ITI group of 50 students, there's a probability of a 50% passing rate. This spring, out of 17 students, 65% of these students have accumulated 5 credits. We continue our efforts to improve attendance, engagement and passing rate.

The next Board meeting is June 21, 2019 at 3pm at the Manhattan Campus.

Ms. Jackson asks for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

**Motion:** Mr. Levine moved that we adjourn the meeting.  
**Second:** Mr. Fliegel seconded the motion.  
**Vote:** Unanimous

The meeting adjourned at 3:53pm.

