



Atmosphere academy

Atmosphere Academy Public Charter Schools Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes September 18, 2019

6:47PM to 7:40PM
Atmosphere Academy Charter School
5959 Broadway
New York, New York 10463

Board Members Attending:

Mr. Alan Dillon
Mr. Mervin Burton
Dr. Michael Lagas
Mr. Jesse J. Greene, Jr.
Mr. James Spitzer

Board Members Absent:

Others in Attendance:

Mr. Colin J. Greene
Mrs. Katherine Brennan
Mr. Christian Roman
Ms. Elizabeth Nash
Mr. Ben Pah
No public in attendance

Agenda Item 1. Call to Order

At approximately 6:47PM, Dr. Lagas called the meeting to order.

Agenda Item 2. Pledge of Allegiance

No pledge of allegiance was held at this meeting.

Agenda item 3. Board Reports

There were no Board reports at this meeting.

Agenda Item 4. Comments From the Public

There were no public attendees and therefore no comments.

Agenda Item 5. Revision and Adoption of the Agenda

Mr. C. Greene reviewed the three items for discussion and action. The Board had no changes to the agenda.

Agenda item 6.1. Selected Employee Benefits Review and Decision

Mr. Johnathan Shulman reviewed the benefits offered by two providers, Principal and Guardian. He reviewed the benefit provided to the employee, contributions required by the employee and the employer, the total cost to the employee and Atmosphere, and the quality of the providers. Benefits covered included Group Dental, Group Vision, Group Life, Voluntary Life and Group Short Term Disability programs. Mr. Shulman noted that Guardian was one of the two best carriers, Guardian and Met Life.

Mr. C. Greene asked Mr. Shulman how he was compensated and he explained that the insurance companies paid for his services. He is paid as a percent of premiums.

After discussion between Mr. Shulman, Mr. C. Greene and the Board, the Board supported moving to Guardian as the provider.

Mr. Burton moved to approve the use of Guardian as the provider of the listed benefits for Atmosphere and its employees.

Mr. Spitzer seconded the motion.

Vote Aye: Mr. Burton, Mr. Dillon, Mr. Greene, Dr. Lagas, Mr. Spitzer
Vote no: None.

Mr. C. Greene then discussed how the school could help employees with spikes in health expenses. This will require a modification of one plan. More work is needed on this before decision.

Agenda Item 6.2. Audit Report

The MMB audit report was sent to and reviewed by all board members prior to the meeting. Mr. C. Greene asked for approval of the report from the Board and the Board agreed.

Mr. Dillon moved to approve and accept the Audit report as written.
Mr. J. Greene seconded the motion.

Vote Aye: Mr. Burton, Mr. Dillon, Mr. Greene, Dr. Lagas, Mr. Spitzer
Vote no: None.

The Audit report is approved.

Agenda Item 6.3. Review of the Meeting with Representatives of the State University of New York.

A meeting between a panel of SUNY representatives and the Atmosphere Board regarding Atmosphere's application for renewal and expansion preceded the Board meeting.

The Board briefed Mr. C. Greene and the Atmosphere senior staff about the discussion topics and tones. All Board members participated, explained what they heard and responded to the Principal's and staff questions.

Agenda Item 7. Consent Agenda

There were no consent agenda items.

Agenda Item 8. Executive Session

There was no executive session at this meeting.

Agenda Item 9. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

Agenda Item 10. New Business

There was no new business.

Agenda Item 11. Adjournment

At 7:40PM the Board moved to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Burton moved to adjourn.
Dr. Lagas seconded the motion.

Vote Aye: Mr. Burton, Mr. Dillon, Mr. Greene, Dr. Lagas, Mr. Spitzer
Vote no: None.

Meeting adjourned.