

**Russell Byers Charter School
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
August 23, 2018**

Call to order

The Board Meeting was called to order at 4:00 p. m. by Linda Gamble, at 1926 Arch Street, 3F, Philadelphia, PA 19103

Roll Call

	Present	Absent
Richard Binswanger	X	
Rob Craven	X	
Mike Eckhardt	X	
Diana Gormley	X	
Linda Gamble	X	
Imani Powell	X	
Lauren Hogan	X	
Louisa Mygatt	X	
Diana Gormley	X	
Leah Katz	X	

Also in attendance were Carol Domb, Kellie Porter and Patty Barker from Russell Byers Charter School, Sandy Horrocks from the Byerschool Foundation and Mr. Haisheng Yang; a prospective board member.

Resolutions

Minutes from June 28th and July 19th board meetings were approved.

	YES	NO
Richard Binswanger	X	
Rob Craven	X	
Mike Eckhardt	X	
Diana Gormley	X	
Linda Gamble	X	
Imani Powell	X	
Lauren Hogan	X	
Louisa Mygatt	X	

Diana Gormley	X	
Leah Katz	X	

Finance Disbursements: Rob Craven reported that there

was no Financial Disbursements reports to review this month. He reported that a new firm has been retained to do our annual audit.

Personnel Actions: Discussion of new staff hires and current openings and the use of contracted services for support staff.

Motion: Richard Binswanger

Second: Diana Gormley

	YES	NO
Richard Binswanger	X	
Rob Craven	X	
Mike Eckhardt	X	
Diana Gormley	X	
Linda Gamble	X	
Imani Powell	X	
Lauren Hogan	X	
Louisa Mygatt	X	
Diana Gormley	X	
Leah Katz	X	

Contracted Services: Discussion of contracted service agencies, possibility of one year contracts as to determine permanent employment.

Motion: Richard Binswanger

Second: Diana Gormley

	YES	NO
Richard Binswanger	X	
Rob Craven	X	
Mike Eckhardt	X	
Diana Gormley	X	
Linda Gamble	X	
Imani Powell	X	
Lauren Hogan	X	
Louisa Mygatt	X	
Diana Gormley	X	
Leah Katz	X	

Researched – Based Intervention/Instructional Materials: Testing Programs to properly path and chart a child’s educational development.

Motion: Louisa Mygatt

Second: Diana Gormley

	YES	NO
Richard Binswanger	X	
Rob Craven	X	
Mike Eckhardt	X	
Diana Gormley	X	
Linda Gamble	X	
Imani Powell	X	
Lauren Hogan	X	
Louisa Mygatt	X	
Diana Gormley	X	
Leah Katz	X	

CEO comments and Introduction of School Principal:
 Ms. Kellie Porter introduced herself. Ms. Domb spoke about Septa transportation services for children, the current enrollment numbers; and general repairs needed in the building. Also safety reports and

Possible relocation of security staff so there is better coverage at the Arch Street entrance. She showed the state’s PVAS data for the last three years and highlighted the need to focus on student growth (how much is learned in each year). She also shared preliminary PSSA data for the last school year.

Principal –Opening School: Ms. Porter discussed training programs for teachers (PD). The implementation of math programs in relation to what was mentioned in the last resolution of this meeting. Including consistent grade meetings amongst the staff to support teaching.

Parent Representative Comment: At this time Ms. Naima Miller (family member) joined the meeting. Ms. Hogan and Ms. Powell gave generally optimistic statements in regards to the outlook of the year. Ms. Miller was critical of the administration regarding the lack of languages programs. Her questions were answered by Ms. Porter who skillfully explained all her statements.

Public Comment: Ms. Miller commented on many of the previously discussed school programs, she had questions about the reading program and the restructuring of ELA. All questions were answered by Ms. Porter.

Executive Session: At this time the board went into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues

Time of Adjournment: 6:20