



**MOTT HALL  
CHARTER SCHOOL**  
RISE TO THE CHALLENGE

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE  
MOTT HALL CHARTER SCHOOL**

**October 16, 2012**

The annual meeting of the Board of Trustees (the "Board" or "BoT") of the Mott Hall Charter School (the "MHCS"), was held at Mott Hall Charter School, Annex of 1260 Franklin Avenue between 168th and 169th Street, Bronx, NY 10459 on October 16, 2012, beginning at approximately 5:30 p.m. local time pursuant to notice duly given.

The following Trustees were present in person at the meeting: **Patrick Awosogba, Brenda Bravo, Xenia Cox, Natalie Thompson.**

The following school staff members participated in person: **Bob Lesser, Executive Director of MHCS, Yajaira Adorno, Business Manager of MHCS.**

The following Trustee Candidates participated: **Charles Stern and Francesca Wiendling**

**Marco Carrion, Sarah Calderon and Peter Oroszlany** were absent from the meeting.

Parent(s) also attended this meeting. (See sign in sheet)

**Brenda Bravo** presided at this meeting and **Natalie Thompson** recorded the minutes as secretary.

After noting that a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order. **Ms. Bravo** reviewed the agenda and opened the floor to public comment.

**Meeting was open to public comment**

No comments were given from public.

**Acknowledgement of the Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes**

September 25, 2012, meeting minutes were reviewed and unanimously approved by the BoT.



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**Executive Director Updates**

- A. **Board Packet Review** - Mr. Lesser reviewed the contents of the Board Packet. Packets will be available prior to Board meetings. Mr. Lesser gave brief updates on the Academic Program, Operations, Finance and Fundraising, Staffing; specifically the STAY Program – non-monetary reward for teachers, Social and Emotional Health and Youth Development and Accountability.
- B. **MHCS Finance Update** - Ms. Adorno provided an update of the MHCS monthly financials. She also indicated the Financial Policy and Procedure Manual will be reviewed at the next BoT meeting.

**Items for Board Approval**

1. Ms. Thompson made a motion to amend the August 25<sup>th</sup> minutes such that it reflects the BoT unanimous approval of the following new Trustees; Charles Stern, David Tinagero, and Francesca Weindling at the August 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. The BoT unanimously approved the amendment.
2. The board unanimously approved the MHCS's Employee Handbook.
3. The BoT unanimously approved the selection of the consultant to design the MHCS's "Whole Child" Accountability System.

**Other Business**

1. **Acknowledgement of the resignation of BoT member:** Ms. Bravo acknowledged receipt of the letter of resignation from BoT member Marco A. Carrion. She thanked him for his service and commitment to MHCS. (See attached)
2. **MHCS will start the Saturday Academy on October 20, 2012 and host 64 students from 9 am- 12p.m.** Focus will be on ELA and Math.
3. **Board Commitment and Fundraising.**



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**Forward Agenda**

1. Board Packet Review
2. Committee and Task Force Updates
3. Parent Student Empowerment Workshops

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

**Natalie Thompson**  
Secretary

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**APPROVED:**

**Brenda Bravo**  
Vice Chair