VOICE Charter School of New York
Minutes of August 22, 2012 Board Meeting

Trustees in Attendance: Richard Bayles, Richard Grasseys, Gretchen Pusch, Lorraine Cecere, Arthur Stainman, Christina Young, Jessica Wilt, Michael Karp and Robert de Luna.

Absent Trustees: Paolo Bordignon, Randolph Ford, Michael Kirkbridge, Chris Doyle, Marc Cohen and Rene Lowry (Ex-officio).

Other Invitees: Franklin Headley, Ray McGarrigle and Jack Dexter.

Date: August 22, 2012, 7:00 p.m. – 9:45 p.m. (local time)

Location: First Manhattan
437 Madison Avenue, 31st Floor
New York, New York 10022

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Committees and Task Forces
2. Old Business
3. New Business
4. Trustee Elections

BOARD DELIBERATIONS

1. Mr. Bayles called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Bayles acted as Chairman of the meeting. Mr. Grasseys acted as Secretary for the meeting.

2. As the first order of business, a report of various financial and accounting issues was made by Mr. McGarrigle and Mr. Bayles.

3. As the next order of business, the Board reviewed various grants that are pending and acknowledged the good work of our consultant Dan Pasik on a number or grant and funding issues.

4. As the next order of business, the task force on admissions gave a report on admissions for the 2012-2013 academic year and discussed their extensive work in analyzing data to increase our predictive abilities in admissions in the future.
5. Mr. Headley then gave a report on the results of the academic testing of our 3rd and 4th graders in the Spring.

6. Mr. Headley then gave a report on new hires.

7. Mr. Headley then updated the Board on the progress in our re-chartering application.

8. The Board then discussed the creation of various task forces comprised of board members, parents and selected consultants in the context of thinking about the future of VOICE.

9. There being no further matters to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, 11/28/2012

Christopher Doyle, Secretary
VOICE Charter School of New York
Minutes of September 24, 2012 Board Meeting

Trustees in Attendance: Richard Bayles, Richard Grassey, Gretchen Pusch, Paolo Bordignon, Christina Young, Chris Doyle, Michael Karp, Randolph Ford and Robert de Luna.

Absent Trustees: Jessica Wilt, Arthur Stainman, Lorraine Cecere, Michael Kirkbride, Marc Cohen and Rene Lowry (Ex-officio).

Other Invitees: Franklin Headley and Ray McGarrigle.

Date: September 24, 2012, 7:00 p.m. – 9:45 p.m. (local time)

Location: First Manhattan
437 Madison Avenue, 31st Floor
New York, New York 10022

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Committees and Task Forces
2. Old Business
3. New Business
4. Trustee Elections

BOARD DELIBERATIONS

1. Mr. Bayles called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Bayles acted as Chairman of the meeting. Mr. Grassey acted as Secretary for the meeting.

2. As the first order of business, Mr. Bayles asked Ms. Pusch to give an update on the work done by the Music Task Force. Ms. Pusch gave an outline of the current music program such as number of teachers, periods devoted to music education, the use of keyboards and the introduction of recorders. The task force plans on a series of teacher and parent interviews as a means of gauging interest in additional music offerings. This will be the first step in deciding how we might augment the current music program, if at all.

3. As the next order of business, Mr. Bayles asked Mr. McGarrigle to give an update on work concerning Buildings and Grounds. Mr. McGarrigle discussed progress toward receiving a Certificate of Occupancy, work on the new boiler, fire alarms and various other projects.
4. As the next order of business, Mr. Bayles asked Ms. Young to give an update on admissions. Ms. Young reported that we currently have enrolled 141 kindergarteners and that school-wide enrollment had come out about as planned. It appeared that all of the work done by the Admissions Task Force over the last year has borne fruit.

5. Mr. Bayles then asked Mr. Ford and Mr. Headley to report on the recent testing for 3rd and 4th graders. They presented a plethora of statistics judged to be useful in helping students to be successful in the future. They discussed teacher teams, their progress in using data to inform them what areas to concentrate on and the methods used for teachers to improve their teaching skills.

6. Mr. Bayles then asked Mr. Headley to update the Board on the progress toward re-certifying our Charter. Mr. Headley reported on the progress of the written application and instructed the Board on the steps to be taken by the Department of Education this Fall (visits to the school, interviews, attendance at a board meeting etc.).

7. As to planning for the future, Mr. Bayles then discussed the formation of a Middle School Task Force and asked Trustees to consider volunteering for this project.

8. There being no further matters to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, 11/28, 2012

Christopher Doyle, Secretary
VOICE Charter School of New York
Minutes of October 24, 2012 Board Meeting


Absent Trustees: Richard Grasse, Paolo Bordignon, Christina Young, Michael Karp and Rene Lowry (Ex-officio).

Other Invitees: Franklin Headley, Jack Dexter and Ray McGarrigle.

Date: October 24, 2012, 7:00 p.m. – 9:45 p.m. (local time)

Location: First Manhattan
437 Madison Avenue, 31st Floor
New York, New York 10022

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Committees and Task Forces
2. Old Business
3. New Business

BOARD DELIBERATIONS

1. Mr. Bayles called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Bayles acted as Chairman of the meeting. Mr. Doyle acted as Secretary for the meeting.

2. As the first order of business, Mr. Bayles asked Mr. Headley to brief the Board on a recent incident of “bullying” at the School and the steps the School’s administration took to address the issue.

3. Mr. Bayles then asked Mr. Stainman to present the Audit Committee Report on behalf of that committee. Mr. Stainman distributed the following materials to the Board: the Financial Statements of the School as of and for the year ended on June 30, 2012 (the “2012 Financial Statements”) and the related auditor’s letter. The Board engaged in an extensive review of the 2012 Financial Statements and the auditor’s letter. At the end of the review and discussion, the Board, by a unanimous affirmative vote, approved the 2012 Financial Statements and authorized
the filing the 2012 Financial Statements with those departments, agencies, authorities or other entities with which such financial statements are required to be filed.

4. As the next order of business, Mr. Bayles asked Ms. Pusch to give an update on the activities of the Music Task Force. Ms. Pusch discussed, among other things, the recent meetings the task force had with the music teachers concerning the possible introduction of instrument instruction.

5. As the next order of business, the Admission Task Force updated the Board on enrollment levels and projections for the current year.

6. As the next order of business, Mr. Bayles updated the Board on the status of the discussions concerning the possible leasing of the “De Marco” building for future expansion. During the discussions, Mr. Bayles asked Mr. Doyle to take the lead in dealing with AOC and its option under the sub-lease for the second floor of the Upper Campus building.

7. As the next order of business, Mr. Bayles asked Mr. McGarrigle to give an update on work concerning Buildings and Grounds. Mr. McGarrigle discussed the progress on the new boiler fire and various other projects.

8. As the next order of business, Ms. Cecere gave an update on the charter renewal process.

9. As the next order of business, Mr. Bayles gave the Finance Committee report. He reported that due mainly to the efforts of the Admissions Task Force (Ms. Young, Mr. Cohen and Mr. de Luna) to increase the number of “at-risk” children at the School, 75% of the students this year are eligible for free/reduce lunch. Increasing the level of “at-risk” students may allow the School to receive additional Federal funding support. Also ESL students have increased from approximately 18% to 33%. On behalf of the Finance Committee, Mr. McGarrigle presented and discussed the current financial results vs. the budget. Mr. Bayles also reported that Mr. Kirkbride was in the process of updating the long term projections for the School.

10. As the next order of business, Mr. Headley gave an update on recent events at the School and teacher staffing.

11. There being no further matters to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, 2/21, 2013

Christopher Doyle, Secretary
VOICE Charter School of New York
Minutes of November 28, 2012 Board Meeting

Trustees in Attendance: Richard Bayles, Richard Grassey, Gretchen Pusch, Christina Young, Michael Karp, Randolph Ford, Robert de Luna, Michael Kirkbride, Marc Cohen, Lorraine Cecere, Jessica Wilt, Arthur Stainman and Rene Lowry (Ex-officio).

Absent Trustees: Paolo Bordignon and Chris Doyle

Other Invitees: Franklin Headley, Jack Dexter, Ray McGarrigle, Zoe Rind-Ryan and Larry Berman-VOICE science teacher.

Date: November 28, 2012 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. (local time)

Location: First Manhattan
437 Madison Avenue, 31st Floor
New York, New York 10022

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Committees and Task Forces
2. Old Business
3. New Business

BOARD DELIBERATIONS

1. Mr. Bayles called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Bayles acted as Chairman of the meeting. Mr. Grassey acted as Secretary for the meeting.

2. Mr. Bayles asked Larry Berman, a VOICE science teacher, to give a presentation of the FOSS instructional program used at the school. The program emphasizes inquiry and "doing science" as opposed to a more conventional pedantic approach. Mr. Berman talked a lot about the interdisciplinary connections emphasized as teachers collaborate to find them. VOICE children scored extremely well in grade-level tests.

3. Mr. Bayles asked Mr. Ford to give a report from the Academic Accountability Committee, specifically regarding their efforts to redefine the Committee's role:

   • More than just interpreting data
4. Mr. Bayles then asked Ms. Lowry to give a report from the Parent's Association by recounting the recent activities (bookfair, fund raiser at holiday concerts, school pictures), and she mentioned that the Association has a new corresponding secretary. All in all, the P.S. is having a good year.

5. Mr. Bayles then asked Mr. de Luna to give a report from the Admissions task force, updating the Board on the number of students vs. budget (small number of students lost since September) and the ongoing data collection to be used as a database to predict enrollment trends.

6. Mr. Bayles then asked Ms. Pusch to give her assessment of the Holiday Concerts, all of which are making steady improvement.

7. Mr. Bayles then asked Michael Kirkbride to review the financials from the Finance Committee. It was stated that the most important factors influencing VOICE finances is teacher compensation and City per pupil payments. Recent changes in teacher retirement program costs are very positive for the budget.

8. Mr. Bayles then asked Mr. McGarrigle to give an update on various Buildings and Grounds issues.

9. Mr. Bayles then asked Mr. Headley to update the Board on student safety.

10. Mr. Bayles then discussed a letter to the Board written by Ms. Young to Board members providing her ideas on the scope and mission of the Board.

11. Mr. Bayles then asked Ms. Pusch to give an update on the work done by the Music Task Force. Ms. Pusch gave an outline of the current music program such as number of teachers, periods devoted to music education, the use of keyboards and the introduction of recorders. The task force plans on a series of teacher and parent interviews as a means of determining interest in additional music offerings. This will be the first step in deciding how we might augment the current music program, if at all.

12. There being no further matters to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, 2/27/2013

Christopher Doyle, Secretary
VOICE Charter School of New York
Minutes of December 19, 2012 Board Meeting

Trustees in Attendance: Richard Bayles, Richard Grassey, Gretchen Pusch, Christina Young, Michael Karp, Randolph Ford, Robert de Luna, Michael Kirkbride, Marc Cohen, Lorraine Cecere, Jessica Wilt, Arthur Stainman and Rene Lowry (Ex-officio).

Absent Trustees: Paolo Bordignon and Chris Doyle.


Date: December 19, 2012, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. (local time)

Location: First Manhattan
437 Madison Avenue, 31st Floor
New York, New York 10022

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Committees and Task Forces
2. Old Business
3. New Business

BOARD DELIBERATIONS

1. Mr. Bayles called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Bayles acted as Chairman of the meeting. Mr. Grassey acted as Secretary for the meeting.

2. As the first order of business, Mr. Bayles asked Larry Berman, a VOICE science teacher, to give a presentation of the FOSS instructional program used at the school. The program emphasizes inquiry and "doing science" as opposed to a more conventional pedantic approach. Mr. Berman talked about the inter-disciplinary connections emphasized as teachers collaborate to find them. VOICE children scored extremely well in grade-level tests.

3. As the next order of business, Mr. Bayles asked Mr. Ford to give a report from the Academic Accountability Committee, specifically regarding their efforts to redefine the Committee's role:
   • More than just interpreting data
As the next order of business, Mr. Bayles asked Ms. Lowry to give a report from the Parent's Association by recounting the recent activities (bookfair, fund raiser at holiday concerts, school pictures) and mentioned that the Association has a new corresponding secretary. All in all the P.S. is having a good year.

5. As the next order of business, Mr. Bayles asked Mr. de Luna to give a report from the Admissions Task Force. Mr. de Luna updated the Board on the number of students vs. budget (small number of students lost since September) and the ongoing data collection to be used as a database to predict enrollment trends.

6. As the next order of business, Mr. Bayles asked Ms. Pusch to give her assessments of the Holiday Concerts, all of which are making steady improvement.

7. As the next order of business, Mr. Bayles asked Michael Kirkbride to review the financials from the Finance Committee. It was stated that the most important factors influencing VOICE finances is teacher compensation and City per pupil payments. Recent changes in teacher retirement program costs are very positive for the budget.

8. Mr. Bayles then asked Mr. McGarrigle to give an update on various Buildings and Grounds issues.

9. Mr. Bayles then asked Mr. Headley to update the Board on student safety.

10. Mr. Bayles then cited a letter to the Board written by Ms. Young to Board members providing her ideas on the scope and mission of the Board.

11. Mr. Bayles then asked Ms. Pusch to give an update on the work done by the Music Task Force. Ms. Pusch gave an outline of the current music program such as number of teachers, periods devoted to music education, the use of keyboards and the introduction of recorders. The task force plans on a series of teacher and parent interviews as a means of determining interest in additional music offerings. This will be the first step in deciding how we might augment the current music program, if at all

12. There being no further matters to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, 2/27/2013

Christopher Doyle, Secretary
VOICE Charter School of New York
Minutes of January 30, 2013 Board Meeting

Trustees in Attendance: Christina Young, Marc Cohen, Michael Karp, Arthur Stainman, Randolph Ford, Lorraine Cecere, Richard Grassey, Jessica Wilt, Robert de Luna and Chris Doyle.

Absent Trustees: Gretchen Pusch, Richard Bayles, Paolo Bordignon, Michael Kirkbride, and Rene Lowry (Ex-officio).

Other Invitees: Franklin Headley, Jack Dexter and Ray McGarrigle.

Date: January 30, 2013, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. (local time)

Location: Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP
767 Third Avenue, 37th Floor
New York, New York 10017

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Committees and Task Forces
2. Old Business
3. New Business

BOARD DELIBERATIONS

1. Mr. Ford called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Ford acted as Chairman of the meeting. Mr. Doyle acted as Secretary for the meeting.

2. As the first order of business, Mr. de Luna of the Admissions Task Force gave its report. The School’s current student FTE was 432.

3. As the next order of business, on behalf of the Finance Committee, Mr. McGarrigle presented and discussed the current financial results vs. the budget. The School remains ahead of its surplus projection.
4. As the next order of business, Mr. Karp gave the report of the Academic Accountability Committee. He reported that the AAC was working on setting year-end goals, interim testing goals and standardized reporting. At this time the Board also discussed the potential of adding pre-K.

5. The Board then had a brief discussion about the level of its involvement in the day-to-day workings of the School.

6. The Board then next discussed the status of the middle school development.

7. As the next order of business, Mr. Headley gave the “Head of School” report.

8. There being no further matters to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, 2/27/13, 2013

Christopher Doyle, Secretary
VOICE Charter School of New York
Minutes of February 27, 2013 Board Meeting

Trustees in Attendance: Richard Bayles, Richard Grassey, Gretchen Pusch, Paolo Bordignon, Randolph Ford, Michael Kirkbride Marc Cohen, Lorraine Cecere, Robert de Luna, Jessica Wilt, Mike Karp and Chris Doyle

Absent Trustees: Art Sainman and Christina Young.


Date: February 27, 2013, 7:00 p.m. – 9:45 p.m. (local time)

Location: Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP
767 Third Avenue, 37th Floor
New York, New York 10017

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approval of Minutes
2. Committees and Task Forces
3. Old Business
4. New Business

BOARD DELIBERATIONS

1. Mr. Bayles called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Bayles acted as Chairman of the meeting. Mr. Doyle acted as Secretary for the meeting.

2. As the first order of business, the minutes of prior meetings of the Board (October; November; December and January), that were distributed to the Board, were, upon a motion duly made and seconded, approved.

3. As the next order of business, the School’s art teachers gave a detailed presentation about art instruction at the School.

4. As the next order of business a representative of the Parent Association gave an update on the recent activities of the PA.
5. As the next order of business, Mr. McGarrigle, on behalf of the Finance Committee, presented its report, which included a discussion of the year-to-date financial performance, the capital projects and a line-by-line review of a proposed revised budget for the current year. The Board engaged in an extensive discussion of the proposed revised budget. Mr. Bayles then asked the Board to approve the FY 2013 Budget Modification as presented to the Board. After discussion, upon motions duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was:

RESOLVED, that the VOICE Charter School of New York’s Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Operating Budget for the period beginning on July 1, 2012 and ending on June 30, 2013, be revised in accordance with the budget modifications presented and submitted to the Board of Trustees at this meeting of the Board of Trustees, and those budget modifications are hereby accepted and approved.

6. As the next order of business, Mr. Bayles asked Mr. de Luna to give the Admissions Task Force report.

7. As the next order of business, Mr. Bayles asked Mr. Ford to give the Academic Accountability Committee report.

8. There being no further matters to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, March 20, 2013

Christopher Doyle, Secretary
VOICE Charter School of New York
Minutes of March 20, 2013 Board Meeting

Trustees in Attendance: Richard Bayles, Randolph Ford, Mike Karp, Robert de Luna, Jessica Wilt, Chris Doyle, Richard Grasley and Gretchen Pusch.

Absent Trustees: Paolo Bordignon, Michael Kirkbride, Marc Cohen, Lorraine Cecere, Art Stainman, Christina Young, Rodrigo Idarraga (EO) and Renee Lowry (EO).

Other Invitees: Franklin Headley, Ray McGarrigle, Brandee Wolfe, Kate Athens and Lindsay Jacobs.

Date: March 20, 2013, 7:00 p.m. – 9:10 p.m. (local time)

Location: Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP
767 Third Avenue, 37th Floor
New York, New York 10017

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Presentation by Kindergarten Teachers
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Committees and Task Forces
4. Old Business
5. New Business

BOARD DELIBERATIONS

1. Mr. Bayles called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Bayles acted as Chairman of the meeting. Mr. Doyle acted as Secretary for the meeting.

2. As the first order of business, the three of the School's kindergarten teachers gave a presentation about the typical day of a kindergarten student and the kindergarten curriculum.

3. As the next order of business, the minutes of the February meeting of the Board, that were distributed to the Board, were, upon a motion duly made and seconded, approved.

4. As the next order of business, Mr. Bayles asked Mr. Ford to give the Academic Accountability Committee report, during which Mr. Ford discussed data collection and reporting, assessments and middle school planning.
5. As the next order of business, Mr. McCarrigie, on behalf of the Finance Committee, presented its report, which included a discussion of the year-to-date financial performance.

6. As the next order of business, Mr. Bayles asked Mr. de Luna to give the Admissions Task Force report, during which he discussed the current FTE and a survey concerning pre-K.

7. As the next order of business, Mr. Bayles asked Ms. Pusch to give the Music Task Force report, during which she discussed a recent grant received by Eliot Ballen to write an opera with VOICE.

8. There being no further matters to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, April 24, 2013

Christopher Doyle, Secretary
VOICE Charter School of New York
Minutes of April 24, 2013 Board Meeting

Trustees in Attendance: Richard Bayles, Chris Doyle, Michael Kirkbride, Richard Grassey, Robert de Luna, Lorraine Cecere, Art Stainman, Jessica Wilt, Randolph Ford, Mike Karp, Marc Cohen, Christina Young and Gretchen Pusche.

Absent Trustees: Paolo Bordignon, Rodrigo Idarraga (EO) and Renee Lowry (EO).

Other Invitees: Franklin Headley, Ray McGarrigle, Jack Dexter, Zoe Rind-Ryan, Ashley Bellini and Mark Sperrazza.

Date: April 24, 2013, 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. (local time)

Location: Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP
767 Third Avenue, 37th Floor
New York, New York 10017

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Presentation by First Grade Teachers
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Committees and Task Forces
4. Old Business
5. New Business

BOARD DELIBERATIONS

1. Mr. Bayles called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Bayles acted as Chairman of the meeting. Mr. Doyle acted as Secretary for the meeting.

2. As the first order of business, Ashley Bellini and Mark Sperrazza, two of the School’s first grade teachers gave a presentation about the typical day of a first grade student and the first grade curriculum.

3. As the next order of business, the minutes of the March meeting of the Board, that were distributed to the Board, were, upon a motion duly made and seconded, approved.
4. As the next order of business, Mr. Bayles asked Mr. de Luna, Mr. Cohen and Ms. Young to give the Admissions Task Force report, during which they discussed the recent lottery results and acceptance process, the current FTE and decision to have five kindergarten classes next year.

5. Next, Mr. de Luna reminded the Board that the meeting in June would be the annual meeting at which the Class II Trustees would be up for election. Mr. de Luna said that the Nominating Committee would be scheduling appointments with each of the Trustees up for re-election.

6. As the next order of business, Mr. Bayles asked Ms. Pusch to give the Music Task Force report, during which she discussed the recent visit to the School by Eliot Bailen who is writing a musical piece with VOICE.

7. As the next order of business, Mr. Bayles asked Mr. Ford to give the Academic Accountability Committee report, during which Mr. Ford discussed the teacher hiring process, the recent hiring of teachers (Art for the Middle School and Physical Education) and offers to teachers (Math for the Middle School).

8. As the next order of business, Mr. McGarrigle was asked to update the Board on the St. Rita’s building (CofO and renovations).

9. As the next order of business, Mr. Kirkbride presented the Finance Committee’s report, during which he distributed the Form 990 for the year ending June 30, 2012 (the “Form 990”). After he reviewed the Form 990 with the Board, the Board approved its filing with the I.R.S. subject to no Trustee raising an objection, on or before May 1, 2013, to its being so filed. (No such objection was made and the Form 990 was filed in early May 2013.)

10. As the last order of business, the Board engaged in a preliminary discussion about the possibility of renting the “DiMarco” building at some future date.

11. There being no further matters to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, May 22, 2013

[Signature]
Christopher Doyle, Secretary

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VOICE Charter School of New York
Minutes of May 22, 2013 Board Meeting

Trustees in Attendance: Richard Bayles, Chris Doyle, Richard Grassey, Robert de Luna, Lorraine Cecere, Jessica Wilt, Mike Karp, Marc Cohen, Paolo Bordignon and Gretchen Pusch.

Absent Trustees: Christina Young, Randolph Ford, Art Stainman, Michael Kirkbride, Rodrigo Idarraga (EO) and Renee Lowry (EO).

Other Invitees: Franklin Headley, Ray McGarrigle, Jack Dexter, David Houston, Elizabeth Cameron Weller and Benjamin Asher.

Date: May 22, 2013, 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. (local time)

Location: Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP
767 Third Avenue, 37th Floor
New York, New York 10017

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Presentation by Second Grade Teachers
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Committees and Task Forces
4. Old Business
5. New Business

BOARD DELIBERATIONS

1. Mr. Bayles called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Bayles acted as Chairman of the meeting. Mr. Doyle acted as Secretary for the meeting.

2. As the first order of business, David Houston, Elizabeth Cameron Weller and Benjamin Asher, three of the School’s second grade teachers gave a presentation about the typical day of a second grade student and the second grade curriculum.

3. As the next order of business, the minutes of the April meeting of the Board, that were distributed to the Board, were, upon a motion duly made and seconded, approved.
4. As the next order of business, Mr. Bayles asked Mr. de Luna to give the Admissions Task Force report, during which he discussed: the current FTE (422); the status of registrations for next year (114 to date; yield is slightly lower than last year); the decision to have four kindergarten classes for next year.

5. As the next order of business, Mr. Bayles asked Mr. Karp to give the Academic Accountability Committee report, during which Mr. Karp discussed the following matters: the recent actions taken by the AAC to examine and redefine its scope; the Middle School planning process; the review of the Principal evaluation process; the development of dashboards for the early grades and the development of interim assessments.

6. As the next order of business, Mr. McGarrigle presented the Finance Committee’s report, during which reviewed the YTD results and the budgeting process for next year.

7. Mr. Bayles then reported on his recent meeting with a Deputy Chancellor of the DOE.

8. As the last order of business, the Board engaged in a discussion about the possibility of renting the “DiMarco” building. The general sentiment was that it would not be financially feasible to lease the building at the currently-offered lease payments. Nevertheless, various committees and task forces may continue their reviews.

9. There being no further matters to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, June 12, 2013

Christopher Doyle, Secretary
VOICE Charter School of New York
Minutes of June 12, 2013 Board Meeting

Trustees in Attendance: Gretchen Pusch, Richard Grassey, Michael Kirkbride, Art Stainman, Richard Bayles, Jessica Wilt, Christina Young, Chris Doyle and Robert de Luna.

Absent Trustees: Lorraine Cecere, Mike Karp, Marc Cohen, Paolo Bordignon, Randolph Ford, Rodrigo Idarraga (EO) and Renee Lowry (EO).

Other Invitees: Franklin Headley.

Date: June 12, 2013, 6:30 p.m. – 8:45 p.m. (local time)

Location: First Manhattan Co.
399 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10022

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approval of Minutes
2. Committees and Task Forces
3. Old Business
4. New Business

BOARD DELIBERATIONS

1. Mr. Bayles called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Bayles acted as Chairman of the meeting. Mr. Doyle acted as Secretary for the meeting. Mr. Doyle noted that this meeting served as the Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees for 2013.

2. As the first order of business, Mr. Bayles asked Mr. de Luna to give the report on behalf of the Nominating Committee. Mr. de Luna informed the Board that, based on the Nominating Committee’s recent evaluations, the Nominating Committee was recommending that the full Board, at this the 2013 Annual Meeting of the Board, take the following actions: elect Robert de Luna, Art Stainman, Lorraine Cecere, Gretchen Pusch and Jessica Wilt as Class II Elected Trustees to serve three-year terms expiring at the annual meeting of the Board to be held in June 2016. After discussion, upon motions duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was:

RESOLVED, that Robert de Luna, Art Stainman, Lorraine Cecere, Gretchen Pusch and Jessica
Wilt are hereby elected as Class II Elected Trustees to serve three-year terms expiring at the annual meeting of the Board to be held in June 2016

3. As the next order of business, Christina Young and Bob de Luna presented the report of the Admissions Task Force.

4. As the next order of business, Mr. Headley presented his Principal’ Report, which included an update on the Parent Association’s activities.

5. As the next order of business, the minutes of the May meeting of the Board, that were distributed to the Board, were, upon a motion duly made and seconded, approved.

6. As the next order of business Mr. Doyle distributed the following materials to the Board: the School’s 504 Plan, the School’s FOIL Plan and a revised version of the School’s Dignity for All Students Act policy. Mr. Doyle discussed each of these plans and policies and answer questions from the Board. After discussion, upon motions duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was:

RESOLVED, that the School’s 504 Plan, as presented to the Board at this meeting, in the form that was adopted by the School on November 1, 2010, is hereby ratified by the Board as of such date; and it is further,

RESOLVED, that the School’s FOIL Plan, as presented to the Board at this meeting, in the form that was adopted by the School on November 1, 2010, is hereby ratified by the Board as of such date; and it is further,

RESOLVED, that the School’s revised Dignity for All Students Act policy, as presented to the Board at this meeting, is hereby approved and adopted; and it is further

RESOLVED, that Franklin Headley, Principal of the VOICE Charter School of New York (the “School”), and the officers of the School, in accordance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations, are hereby authorized and directed to prepare and submit, or cause to be prepared and submitted, any and all applications and filings with the New York State Board of Regents, the New York State Department of Education, the Chancellor of the City School District of the City of New York, the New York City Department of Education and/or any other governmental authority necessary to revise the School’s Charter, bylaws and or policies to give effect to the foregoing resolutions; and it is further,

RESOLVED, that the authority of the Principal or any officer of the School, acting singly or jointly, to execute any and all documents and do any and all things that they have deemed, or may deem, necessary or advisable in order to effect the foregoing resolution is hereby ratified, confirmed, adopted and approved in all respects; and it is further

RESOLVED, that all actions previously taken by any of the officers, the trustees or the Principal
of the School in connection with the foregoing resolutions be, and the same hereby are, approved, ratified and confirmed in all respects.

7. As the next order of business, Mr. de Luna led a discussion of the current number of at-risk preferences.

8. Mr. Bayles and Mr. Kirkbride then gave the report on behalf of the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee distributed and discussed in detail the proposed Budget for the 2013-2014 academic year. On behalf of the Finance Committee, Mr. Kirkbride engaged in a line-by-line review of the proposed 2013-2014 Budget. Mr. Bayles then asked the Board to approve the 2013-2014 Budget as presented to the Board. After discussion, upon motions duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was:

RESOLVED, that the VOICE Charter School of New York’s Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Operating Budget for the period beginning on July 1, 2013 and ending on June 30, 2014, as presented and submitted to the Board of Trustees at this meeting of the Board of Trustees be, is hereby accepted and approve.

9. There being no further matters to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, August __, 2013

Christopher Doyle, Secretary