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# The Rosalyn Yalow Charter School

## Minutes

### Rescheduled August Board Meeting

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#### **Date and Time**

Tuesday August 23, 2022 at 6:30 PM

#### **Location**

4th floor cafeteria  
Rosalyn Yalow Charter School  
650 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451

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#### Mission Statement

The Rosalyn Yalow Charter School will eliminate the learning achievement gap for economically disadvantaged urban children—including special needs students and English language learners—by using engaging and demanding education; a team teaching model, linking an experienced teacher with a licensed social worker in grades K-2 and with a teaching fellow in later grades; rich extracurricular activities (fencing, arts, chess) to educate the whole child; and family support counseling—all in order to graduate our students at or above grade level in literacy and math.

#### Vision

Yalow's goal: Developing the whole child, encouraging each young student to excel.

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#### **Trustees Present**

B. Yalow (remote), G. Feliciano (remote), I. Lee (remote), L. Howard (remote), M. Balbuena (remote), M. Rosen (remote), S. Hayes (remote)

#### **Trustees Absent**

R. Lyon

#### **Guests Present**

3 Yalow Parents (remote), A. Diacou, K. Smaw

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### **I. Opening Items**

**A.**

## **Record Attendance and Guests**

### **B. Call the Meeting to Order**

M. Balbuena called a meeting of the board of trustees of The Rosalyn Yalow Charter School to order on Tuesday Aug 23, 2022 at 6:43 PM.

## **II. Chairman updates**

### **A. Merger status**

South Bronx Charter School For International Cultures and Global Community Charter School are interested in a potential partnership with Rosalyn Yalow Charter School.

## **III. Outstanding Items for Board approval**

### **A. Approve July 26, 2022 Board Minutes**

B. Yalow made a motion to approve the minutes from Rescheduled July Board Meeting on 07-26-22.

G. Feliciano seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

### **B. Cancel or pay previously allocated bonuses for 2020–2021**

To be discussed in Executive Session.

### **C. Approve technology replacements**

M. Rosen made a motion to approve.

B. Yalow seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

### **D. Election of 1 Trustee**

M. Balbuena made a motion to approve 4th term for Gregoria Feliciano.

I. Lee seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

## **IV. Finance report**

### **A. 2021–2022 audit**

Mengel Metzger Barr, the school's auditors, are completing their work on the June 30, 2022 audit report, and need a board decision on the status of the 2020–2021 bonuses being held in accounts payable.

### **B. FY2022–2023 cash forecast**

- Yalow ended the 2021–2022 year with \$4.1 million cash on hand (excluding reserves).
- For the coming year Yalow anticipates student enrollment to be around 400.
- Yalow will end 2022–2023 with less than \$1.8 million in cash after Hayes construction costs paid, which is insufficient to open the school in 2023–2024.,

Yalow will need to close at the end of the 2022–2023 school year or merge with another school.

### **C. 2022–2023 new student applications**

- 135 families have completed enrollment applications for 2022–2023.
- Back of envelop analysis: Starting point 6/30/22: 402 Students not returning
- (29) Students who might move
- (16) 15.2% attrition
- (61) attrition calculated at 83% of completed return survey 77% of 135 completed enrollment packets
- 104 Best-guess August 19: 400 Enrollment continues, including outreach to 9 migrant students recently bused to NYC from Texas.

## **V. Principal report**

### **A. Year-end NWEA assessments**

The NWEA scores for the Fall and Spring 2021-2022 school year provides averages that we can all see as positives.

#### Kindergarten

- Our Fall K-term average of 146 exceeds the national average of 140 and the fall standard of 144. (59% proficient)
- Our Spring K-term average of 152 did not meet the national average of 157 nor the standard of 162. (57.9 did not meet proficiency)

#### 1st grade

- First grade Fall term averaged 165 and surpassed the national average of 160, but did not meet the standard of 166 (52.5% proficient)
- First grade Spring term averaged 169, but did not meet the national average of 176, nor meet the standard of 184. (69.9% did not meet proficiency)

#### 2nd grade

- The 2nd grade Fall term average was 172 and fell short of meeting the national average of 175, and fell far below the standard of 180. (32% proficient)
- The 2nd grade Spring term average was 195 and surpassed the national average of 189, but barely fell below the standard of 196.

#### 3rd grade

- The 3rd grade Fall term average was 193 and exceeded the national average of 188; also, surpassed the standard of 191.
- The 3rd grade Spring term average was 207 and exceeded the national average of 201, and fell slightly below the standard of 203.

#### 4th grade

- The 4th grade Fall term average was 202 and surpassed the national average of 200, and fell just below the standard of 206. (42.9% proficient)
- The 4th grade Spring term average of 213 exceeded the national average of 211, and fell slightly below the standard 217.

#### 5th grade

- The 5th grade Fall term average of 217 surpassed the national average of 209, and fell just below the standard of 218. (59.3% proficient)
- The 5th grade Spring term average of 195 falls far short of the national average of 219, and misses the mark of the standard of 229. (50% proficient)

### **B.**

## Hiring

Yalow is only hiring essential personnel for 16 k-5 classrooms.

### C. Summer student family outreach

Family events are being scheduled to invite students and families back to Yalow over the summer in order to reduce summertime student attrition among newly enrolled families in addition to current student families to support their return to Yalow in September.

- Montefiore School Health Program (MSHP) enrollment 7/13
- New student orientation 8/3 & 8/4 (includes uniform and iPad giveaway) • school carnival & MSHP enrollment 8/12
- New student orientation 8/29

Home visits 8/19–8/26 Student recruitment continues.

## VI. Executive Director Report

### A. Updates: major CHHS building issues impacting Yalow

Emails (attached) were sent to parents and teachers stating that it will not be possible to complete the installation of our air-conditioning system before the end of the 2022–2023 school year. Completion of the project has run up against obstacles beyond the school's control.

1. The Catholic Archdioceses of New York, owner of the building we sublease at 650 Grand Concourse, has not given its consent to installation of steel dunnage on the rooftop, necessary to support the 11 HVAC compressors Yalow has purchased. The compressors are currently sitting in a warehouse while Yalow waits for approval to install them.

2. Cardinal Hayes High School (CHHS) is waiting for Con Edison's decision on when it will provide the building with additional power to run the new HVAC units for Yalow. To provide the additional power, CHHS needs to replace its 1940-era electrical switches. On August 18, 2022, CHHS informed Yalow that the school "would have to turn off all the electricity to the building for several days in order to remove hazardous material" from the existing electrical switch room used for Con Ed connections. This development means that CHHS cannot replace its electrical switches prior to summer 2023 without shutting down the entire school building.

Archdioceses is sending an engineer to the parapet areas where dunnage to support HVAC compressors will be installed.

## VII. Closing Items

### A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

L. Howard

B. Yalow made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

G. Feliciano seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

### **Documents used during the meeting**

- Board Terms Dated 8.17.21.pdf
- Construction Cash Flow forecast\_081722.pdf
- NWEA Fall-Spring Comparison 2021-2022.pdf
- HVAC Update 8.10.22.pdf
- Mailchimp-Update: Air Conditioning.pdf
- Mailchimp-Actualización: Aire Acondicionado.pdf
- V. Buitenen Text 8.18.22.pdf