



Board of Trustee Meeting  
January 27, 2025  
at 7:30 pm

Attendees	Dermoth Mattison, Executive Director (ex-officio trustee)	Present
1	Keith Brown (Chair)	Present
2	Kanika Mobley (Secretary)	Present
3	Margaret Banks (Trustee)	Absent
4	Michelle Haynes (Trustee)	Present via Zoom
5	Karlene Cowan (Trustee)	Present
6	Kevin Warren (Trustee)	Present
7	Arturo Cuchillas (Trustee)	Present

Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome
  - o December Board Meeting called to order at 7:37 pm
2. Call to Order and Roll Call
  - o Kevin Warren motions to forgo reading of the November meeting minutes. Arturo Cuchillas seconded. Motion carries.
3. December Meeting Minutes
  - o Keith Brown -adjust meeting minutes to show that financials would not be reallocated but would be compensated by line items that are underbudget
  - o Kevin Warren motions to approve the December meeting minutes. Arturo Cuchillas seconded. Motion carries.
4. Public Comment Period
  - o No public comments
5. New Board Trustee Resolution
  - o Kevin Warren motion to approve Miguel Garrick as a new board trustee of the South Shore Charter School board. Seconded by Arturo Cuchillas. Motion carries.
6. Teacher Retirement Plan Resolution

- Kanika Mobley Motion to approve the Teacher Retirement Plan resolution. Seconded by Arturo Cuchillas. Motion carries.

## 7. Executive Director's Report

- 2024-2025 Priorities Updates
  - Developing teacher and leadership talent by partnering with key consultants to facilitate workshops
  - Offered summer bridge program
  - Offered free after school program to families

### A. Operations

- Must have goal 225
  - SWD: 10%
  - ELL: 21%
  - ED: 54%
- Attendance: Goal 95%
  - Kindergarten: 85%
  - 1st Grade: 94%
  - 2nd Grade: 83%
- Student recruitment
  - Must have goal 315
  - Key amount of applications received to date
- January updates:
  - New families virtual info session began January 8th.
  - PowerSchool Breach information was given to parents.
  - School safety training was given to all staff during PD
  - We're in the process of finalizing a partnership agreement with NYIT and Touro University to allow their student teacher candidates to complete their hours in our classrooms.
  - Working on partnerships with working on partnerships with Suny Old Westbury.

### B. Academic

- ELA IA # 2  
Proficient = 75%
  - Significant growth in all grades
- Math IA #2  
Proficient = 75%
  - Significant growth in all grades
- Will test 2 more times during the year (March & May)

### C. Finance (w/Board Treasurer

- December 2024 financials reported by Karlene Cowan

- All ratios above the NYSED benchmark
  - Overall the school is doing very well financially.
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- Kevin Warren motions to accept the financial report. Arturo Cuchillas seconded. Motion carries.
  
  - Kevin Warren motions to accept the Executive Directors report. Arturo Cuchillas seconded. Motion carries.
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- 8. Real Estate- Developer RFP
    - Kanika Mobley motions to Approve RFP. Seconded by Karlene Cowan. Motion carries.
  
  - 9. Piper Saddler Agreement
    - Piper Saddler supports with secure financial partners for facilities development
    - Kanika Mobley motions to Approve agreement with Piper Saddler. Seconded by Kevin Warren.
  
  - 10. Lavinia Consulting Agreement
    - SSCS has engaged with Lavinia Consulting Group for 24 months. Within the budget for this and next year.
    - Kanika Mobley Motion to Approve Lavinia Consulting Agreement. Seconded by Kevin Warren. Motion carries.
  
  - 11. Executive Session
    - Kevin Warren Motion to enter into executive session. Arturo Cuchillas seconded. Motion carries. Mr. Mattison requests that Mr. Miller and Ms. Garcia remain during executive session.
    - Board enters into executive session at 8:59 pm.
    - Kevin Warren Motion to exit executive session. Seconded by Arturo Cuchillas. Motion carries.
    - Board exits executive session at 9:22 pm.
  
  - 12. Adjournment
    - Kevin Warren Motion to adjourn. Seconded by Arturo Cuchillas. Motion carries.
    - Meeting adjourned at 9:23 pm.