

**BEEKMAN CHARTER SCHOOL
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
CAFETERIA
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.**

BUILDING & PROPERTIES COMMITTEE

Mike Stephens-Chairperson

-Members present: Keith Huntsman, Mario Bershell, Mike Stephens

-Members absent: Tamika Farrell

- *To discuss and approve auctioning items around Beekman Charter School. –Zemarcus Mays*
Mr. Mays explained that he will compile a list of items to be auctioned to share with the board and the auction company, and the auction company will handle the rest. The committee had no objections. A motion to hire Hill’s Auctions to auction the items around Beekman Charter School was made by Mario Bershell. Seconded by Keith Huntsman. Motion carried.

- *To discuss and approve the purchase of a bus that has been accounted for within the budget. – Zemarcus Mays*
Mr. Mays expressed that we have not had enough buses to accommodate athletics and students. Many buses have ran late due to this. He assured the committee that the money for this purchase was already available within the transportation budget. Since the money is already in the approved budget, no motion to approve this transaction is necessary. However, the committee endorsed proceeding with the purchase of the bus that has been accounted for within the budget.

- *To use CMAR RFQ and Procurement procedure to bid and construct the Jr. High Building. –Keith Huntsman*
Mr. Huntsman opened the conversation by explaining the process of using CMAR RFQ and Procurement procedures. This process allows more flexibility in selecting quality contractors. Additionally, we benefit from this process because after each phase of construction, our contractor remains secured. Our attorney reviewed the process and affirmed that it is within the legalities required for charter schools. A motion to use CMAR RFQ and Procurement procedure to bid and construct the Jr. High Building was made by Mario Bershell. Seconded by Keith Huntsman. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL & STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Lori Wallace-Chairperson

-Members: Keith Huntsman, Mike Edmonds, Lori Wallace, Sarah Ellingburg

- *There are no items for this committee.*

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Tamika Farrell-Chairperson

-Members present: Keith Huntsman, Mike Stephens, Mario Bershell

-Members absent: Tamika Farrell

- *To receive and approve the January, 2026 Financial Report. –Abigail Kilcrease*
Revenue collected was \$8,187,619.94. Expenditures were \$8,432,153.56. The general fund cash balance, excluding money market and CD investments, as of January 31, 2026 was \$1,570,810.58. Total cash assets, including money market and CD investments, was \$5,253,720.42 as of January 31, 2026. A motion to approve the January, 2026 Financial Report was made by Keith Huntsman. Seconded by Mike Stephens. Motion carried.
- *To get pre/approved for a loan up to \$3.5 million from Century Next Bank. (Using BCS collateral for the loan similar to what we did with the Tiger Athletic Facility.) –Keith Huntsman*
Having been met with obstacles in being included in the anticipated tax bond issue for Morehouse Parish School District, Mr. Huntsman presented this alternative option to secure funding for the building project. He estimates that this amount would allow us to add eleven classrooms, the first phase of the building project. Mike Stephens made a motion approve the loan of up to \$3.5 million from Century Next Bank. Seconded by Mario Bershell. Motion carried.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE COMMITTEE

Sarah Ellingburg-Chairperson

-Members present: Keith Huntsman, Sarah Ellingburg, Lori Wallace

-Members absent: Mike Edmonds

- *To discuss the evaluation rubric and receive a report from Mrs. Mann on pupil progress. –Sarah Ellingburg*
Mrs. Ellingburg opened the floor to suggestions or questions. Mrs. Mann provided updated i-Ready diagnostic results. No action was taken.
- *To discuss adding common sense wording to the evaluation rubric for the Executive Director’s evaluation. –Keith Huntsman*
Mr. Huntsman expressed the difficulties of scoring based on tasks that are unmeasurable for the Board of Directors. Mrs. Wallace raised concerns about making changes to the rubric this close to the evaluation period. Mr. Huntsman would like Mrs. Mann to provide a list of tasks that she completes each day. The list should include what she does in an average day or week. No action was taken.