

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

PERSONNEL & STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Lori Wallace-Chairperson

-Members present: Keith Huntsman and Sarah Ellingburg

-Members absent: Mike Edmonds and Lori Wallace

- *To recognize Beekman Charter School teachers of the year, students of the year, and other accomplished employees. –Samantha Mann*
 - Teachers of the Year:
 - Elementary: Megan Middlebrooks
 - Junior High: Abbey Ganey
 - High School: Alexa Robinson
 - Students of the Year:
 - Elementary: Ryland Gregory
 - Junior High: Liam Hurst
 - High School: Mallory Williams
 - Additional recognition was applauded to Taylor Freeland for his exceptional work during the ice storm in January, 2026.
 - Coach Tommy Tharp was formally introduced to the Board.
 - No action was taken.

BUILDING & PROPERTIES COMMITTEE

Mike Stephens-Chairperson

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

-Members absent: none

- *To approve using District 12 Funds to pay off the old Bond Issue and start a new Bond Issue. – Keith Huntsman*

Mr. Huntsman explained that if we pay off the original bond issue we could save over \$200,000.00 in interest. In addition, we could also get another bond issue between three or four million dollars. Tamika Farrell made a motion to approve using District 12 Funds to pay off the old Bond Issue and start a new Bond Issue. Seconded by Mario Bershell. Motion carried.
- *Confirm what year any buildings were built since Beekman Charter School inception. How much was paid for them and where the money came from to pay for them? –Keith Huntsman*

Our attorney believes that we should have been receiving debt service money for the buildings we have built throughout the years. This is the purpose for determining how many buildings we have built since becoming a charter school. Mr. Mann is working with other administrators to create a spreadsheet that includes this information. She will email that to the Board as soon as possible. No action was taken.

- *Confirm number of students and debt service amounts per student that was withheld from our MFP since Beekman Charter School inception. –Keith Huntsman*
Debt service funding based on student population has not increased, despite the growth we have seen annually. The charter states that we should receive funds for students that are not housed in a Morehouse Parish building. We have developed the property vastly since becoming a charter school. Therefore, research is required to obtain the student enrollment numbers annually since then. No action was taken.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Tamika Jones-Chairperson

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

-Members absent: none

- *To receive and approve the February, 2026 Financial Report. –Abigail Kilcrease*
Revenue collected was \$9,163,267.04. Expenditures were \$9,291,150.12. Not including investments, the general fund cash balance was \$1,687,461.12. Total cash assets including money market accounts and CD's were \$5,379,772.85. Motion to approve the February, 2026 Financial Report was made by Mike Stephens. Seconded by Mario Bershell. Motion carried.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE COMMITTEE

Sarah Ellingburg-Chairperson

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

- *There are no items for this committee.*