BEEKMAN CHARTER SCHOOL
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2026
6:00 PM (IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING COMMITTEE MEETINGS)
CAFETERIA

1. **Call to Order. Keith Huntsman**
   The Beekman Charter School Board of Directors meeting was called to order by Keith Huntsman.

2. **Roll Call.**
   Roll call results were as follows:
   -Members present: Mario Bershell, Mike Edmonds, Keith Huntsman, Mike Stephens, Lori Wallace
   -Members absent: Sarah Ellingburg and Tamika Jones
   -Others in attendance: Samantha Mann, John Merritt, Zemarcus Mays, Abigail Kilcrease, Kayce Waller, Carrie Evans, Amy Dantzler, Abigail Atkins

3. **Pledge and Prayer.**
   The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mike Stephens. The prayer was led by Mike Stephens.

4. **Consent Agenda.**
   A. **To approve the September 10, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes.**
      The minutes were approved with no revisions.

5. **To receive October 8, 2026 Committee Meeting action item reports:**
   a. ***Building and Properties – Mike Stephens***
      i. *There were no items on the agenda for this committee.*
   b. ***Personnel and Student Affairs- Lori Wallace***
      i. *There were no items on the agenda for this committee.*
   c. ***Finance Committee- Tamika Jones***
      i. *To receive and approve the September, 2026 Financial Report.*
         Keith Huntsman moved to approve the September, 2026 Financial Report. Seconded by Lori Wallace. Motion carried.
   d. ***Academic Excellence Committee- Sarah Ellingburg***
      i. *There were no items on the agenda for this committee.*

6. **To enter into executive session to discuss a legal matter. –Keith Huntsman**
   A motion to enter executive session was made by Keith Huntsman. Seconded by Lori Wallace. A roll call vote was conducted. The results were as follows:
   -Mario Bershell: yes
   -Mike Edmonds: yes
   -Sarah Ellingburg: absent
   -Keith Huntsman: yes
   -Tamika Jones: absent

-Mike Stephens: yes
-Lori Wallace: yes
Motion carried.

A motion to exit executive session was made by Lori Wallace. Seconded by Mike Stephens. A roll call vote was conducted. The results were as follows:
-Mario Bershell: yes
-Mike Edmonds: yes
-Sarah Ellingburg: absent
-Keith Huntsman: yes
-Tamika Jones: absent
-Mike Stephens: yes
-Lori Wallace: yes
Motion carried.

No action was taken.

7. **To receive requested updates regarding the financial impact of the expiration of the S.O.S. tax, including Local Effort funding, MFP revenue, and related financial obligations. –Keith Huntsman**
   Mrs. Mann provided the Board with a copy of Beth Scioneaux's calculation of what we would be projected to lose if the tax was not renewed. No action was taken.

8. **To approve installation of an updated camera system. –Samantha Mann**
   Our servers were last updated in 2018, and some analog cameras are not of acceptable quality. To update the servers only, the cost would be $93,324.00. To update the servers and the cameras the cost would be $118,000.00. This cost must be absorbed in the budget, but it is necessary. Keith Huntsman made a motion to purchase new servers and cameras. Seconded by Lori Wallace. Motion carried.

9. **To discuss designing a new Executive Director Evaluation tool and completion date. –Keith Huntsman**
   Mr. Huntsman would like the Academic Excellence Committee to present a date for when they will present a new tool to the Board. He would like simplified questions, for example: do they follow instructions, answer emails, work overtime, etc.? He would also like to push the evaluation date up. Mrs. Wallace expressed some concerns about test scores not being available at the time of evaluation if the date is pushed back too far. She would like to get together with the Academic Excellence Committee for a working committee meeting regarding this. No action was taken.

10. **To receive Administrative Reports from:**
    a. Zemarcus Mays, Operations Manager
       Mr. Mays provided updates for operations departments including: janitorial, maintenance, transportation, and cafeteria services. He also touched on insurance, safety, facilities, the operations binder, and bleachers.
    b. John Merritt, Principal

Mr. Merritt's report included recent milestones and school updates such as: athletic successes, student achievements, staff training and development, and teacher evaluations. He also included upcoming events and a community spotlight.

d. Samantha Mann, Executive Director

Mrs. Mann highlighted information regarding: enrollment, charter renewal, LARMA, Bond Loan, and debt service amounts.

11. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at: 7:40 p.m.