

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes Monday, July 18, 2022 – 6:00 PM

I. Call to Order by Board Secretary – 6:02 PM

II. Public Notice of Meeting/NJ Sunshine Law

This meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act and is open to the public. Notices were duly posted. Formal action will be taken.

III. Mission and Vision Statement

We will provide a moral and rigorous education to a diverse student body, accomplished in a hands-on, technology infused educational environment that embraces differentiated instruction and individual attention that will allow our students to attend college, while developing a commitment to global citizenship, environmental sustainability, and personal virtue.

IV. Roll Call

| Voting Members | Role | Term Expires | Present | Absent | LA/ED |
|-------------------|----------------|--------------|---------|--------|-------|
| Timothy J. Graham | Trustee | June 2024 | X | | |
| Altisha Byrd | President | June 2023 | X | | |
| Donald Taylor | Trustee | June 2024 | Χ | | |
| Alexis Gibson | Vice-President | June 2023 | X | | |
| Dr. Jeff White | Trustee | June 2024 | X | | |
| Isais Flowers | Trustee | June 2024 | X | | |
| Michael Pages | Trustee | June 2024 | Х | | |

Also Present

| Non-Voting | Role | Present | Absent | LA/ED |
|-------------------|--|---------|--------|-------|
| Regina Lauricella | Chief Academic Officer | Х | | |
| Dr. Dowayne Davis | Chief Executive Officer | Х | | |
| Sarah Spuhler | School Business Office/Board Secretary | Х | | |
| Laura Kohler | Assistant Principal | Х | | |

V. Board Business - NONE

VI. Acceptance of Meeting Agenda

To approve the agenda for the July 18, 2022 meeting.

| Voting Members | Motion | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent | Voting Members | Motion | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent |
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| Alexis Gibson | 2 | Х | | | | Michael Pages | | Х | | | |
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VII. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes

To accept the minutes from the June 20, 2022 regular Board meeting.

| Voting Members | Motion | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent | Voting Members | Motion | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent |
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VIII. Updates

- 1. Enrollment/Student Recruitment provided by Regina
- 2. Chief Academic Officer's Report provided by Regina
- 3. Pandemic Response Team provided by Laura
- **4.** Finance Committee provided by Tim & Dr. Davis
- 5. Board Governance Update provided by Altisha
 - a. Board Governance meeting 2nd and 4th Wednesday
 - b. Academic Committee added
 - c. Committee Calendar suggested
- 6. Facilities Committee provided by Don

IX. Adjourn Public Session & Enter Executive Session – 6:42 PM

| Voting Members | Motion | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent | Voting Members | Motion | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent |
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1. Discussion - Personnel

X. Adjourn Executive Session & Enter Public Session – 6:58 PM

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XI. Motions for Approval

1. Finance

- a. Transfers: Approve transfers up to June 30, 2022.
- b. Bills List: To approve the Bills/Check List for the period June 21, 2022 to July 18, 2022.
- c. To approve the following payrolls:
 - June 21, 2022 \$243,733.12
 - July 15, 2022 \$ 74,043.05

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2. Contracts

- a. To approve the **CDW** purchases, as attached, totaling \$65,371.27.
- b. To approve the **Quality Education & Development** contract, as attached, totaling \$20,800.
- c. To approve the **Speech Therapy Plus LLC** contract, for July & August 2022, not to exceed \$6,750.
- d. To approve the **Lexia Core5 Literacy** contract for FY23, \$11,900.
- e. To approve the inquirED, LLC contract, \$5,980.
- f. To approve the **Hertz** contract for classroom furniture, \$8,012.80.

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3. Buildings & Grounds

- a. To approve **J&J Handyman & Construction** for new office construction at Oliver Street, \$11,500.
- b. To approve J&J Handyman & Construction for construction work at State Street, \$3,000.

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4. Personnel

a. To approve the following New Hires for FY23:

| Candidate | Title | Salary | Term | Start Date |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|----------|------|------------|
| Nicole Ricciardi | Speech and Language Pathologist | \$75,000 | 10 | 8/18/2022 |
| Cynthia Rae | Sixth Grade Math Teacher | \$87,000 | 10 | 8/18/2022 |
| Julisa Espino | Teacher Associate | \$40,000 | 10 | 8/18/2022 |
| Jennifer Hernandez | Teacher Associate | \$40,000 | 10 | 8/18/2022 |
| Laura Rhoades | Fifth Grade Teacher | \$68,000 | 10 | 8/18/2022 |

b. To approve the following Stipends for FY23:

| Employee | Stipend Purpose | Amount | Term | Payout |
|------------------|--------------------|---------|---------|-----------|
| Sabrina Zatarain | Book Room | \$2,000 | 10 days | 8/30/2022 |
| Jonathan Rothman | Science Curriculum | \$2,000 | 10 days | 8/30/2022 |
| Sarah Bilani | Leading a Class | \$2,500 | | 7/30/2022 |
| Evans Okoduwa | Leading a Class | \$2,500 | | 7/30/2022 |

- c. To approve the following resignations:
 - Tasha Horn, effective 6/30/2022
 - Rachelle Noel, effective 7/11/2022

- d. <u>Signing Bonus Policy:</u> To approve the Signing Bonus Policy as attached. Given that talent acquisition is an essential aspect of the school's overall sustainability, the board approves the recommendation to establish a signing bonus policy that targets hard-to-fill roles as follows. The cost for fiscal year 2022-2023 shall not exceed \$12,000 and will be funded by ESSER III funds.
- e. To approve the recommendation to appoint Marj Kush, Security Guard, as a Summer School Security Guard Substitute at a rate of \$31/hour. The total cost shall not exceed \$2,200.
- f. To approve the following Professional Development for FY23:

| Vendor | Training | Employee | Cost | PD Date |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|---|----------|----------------------------|
| Great Minds | Eureka Math | Anna Paille | \$105 | August 4 th |
| Sheltered Instruction | Sheltered Instruction | Christine Adams | \$215 | July 18-21st |
| Fishtank Learning | Fishtank Training | Lauren Rhoades | \$500 | August 9-10 th |
| Responsive Classroom | Elementary Core – 4 day workshop | | \$24,900 | August 22-25 th |
| | Elementary Core | Ashley Bodrato Stephanie Bowers | \$2,800 | |
| | | Princess Aviles Christine Adams | | |
| | Middle School - 4 day workshop | Regina Lauricella Andrew Capanero Kevin Wright Cynthia Rae | \$6,013 | Summer 2022 |
| | Special Area Teachers | 10 participants | \$2,790 | October 2022 |
| NCI | Mental Health Training | Kevin Wright | \$3,499 | August 4 th |
| | | Totaling | | \$40,822.00 |

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5. Curriculum/Special Education

6. Policy/Miscellaneous

a. To accept the June HIB Report: 24 Incidents (HIB - 2, Code of Conduct -22) and approve the May HIB Report: 18 Incidents (HIB - 2, Code of Conduct - 16).

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XII. Public Comment - NONE

XIII. New Business

1. To approve the contract with Mark Figueroa for electrical control panel services, totaling \$5,850.

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- 2. Board Census evaluation
- 3. Establishing Programs and Accountability Committee
- XIV. Important Dates Next board meeting Monday, August 15, 2022 at 6:00 PM
- XV. Adjournment 7:07 PM

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