



A K – 12 SERVICE LEARNING SCHOOL

Board Minutes

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING JANUARY 24, 2018 - 7:00 PM 713 WASHINGTON STREET HOBOKEN, NJ 07030

Call to Order

Roll Call

TRUSTEE	PRESENT	ABSENT	
Jason Altberger	✓		
John Berger	✓		
Lauren Calmas	✓		
Anthony Felella	✓		
Lisa McIntyre		✓	
Jose Rivera		✓	
Christine Sheedy	✓		▶ (was not present at roll call)
Mark Silberberg	✓		

Deirdra Grode, Executive Director

Morton Mark, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Reading of the Open Public Meeting Statement

The New Jersey Open Public Meeting law was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed and acted upon. This is a public meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Hoboken Charter School. At the public meeting action will be taken on a variety of motions.

In accordance with the requirements of the Sunshine Law, the meeting was announced on December 4, 2017 at City Hall and the City Clerk's Office on Washington Street and by advertisement in the *Hoboken Reporter* and the *Jersey Journal*.

Approve Minutes

Minutes of the previous public Board meetings held December 12, 2017 are available for review and/or correction and approval.

I move that the minutes of the Hoboken Board of Trustees Meeting on December 12, 2017 be approved.

Moved by _____ Jason Altberger _____ Seconded by _____ Mark Silberberg _____

Action taken _____ OK _____

TRUSTEE	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Jason Altberger	✓			
John Berger			✓	
Lauren Calmas	✓			
Anthony Felella	✓			
Lisa McIntyre				✓



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Jose Rivera				✓
Christine Sheedy	✓			
Mark Silberberg	✓			

Public comment/questions on agenda items for the meeting

A 15 minute period of time is provided for the public to ask questions on agenda items or make statements to the Board of Trustees. If there are many speakers, the chair will ask for a 3 minute speaking limit per speaker. The Board may extend the public comment portion by motion if necessary.

Presentations: Agenda items were not submitted for this meeting.

A. Policy

Agenda items were not submitted for this meeting.

B. Educational Planning

Agenda items were not submitted for this meeting.

C. Personnel

Agenda items were not submitted for this meeting.

D. Finance

Motion by: _____Mark Silberberg_____ Seconded by: _____Anthony Felella_____

I. Cash and Fund Balance

Period	Cash Bal	Fund Bal
07.31.17	720,920	812,335
08.31.17	618,023	789,589
09.30.17	776,464	1,011,054
10.31.17	661,830	887,208
11.30.17	573,885	827,490
12.31.17	925,648	1,123,982

- II. Resolved, that the Board of Trustees approves to amend the 2017-2018 stipend list with an increase of \$4,000 for the theater program.
- III. Resolved, that the Board of Trustees approves the Board Secretary Report as of December 31, 2017, as received and as per DOE requirements.
- IV. Resolved, that the Board of Trustees approves the Treasurer's Report, as of December 31, 2017, as listed below in the minutes, and as per DOE requirements.
- V. Resolved, that the Board of Trustees approves the Budget Transfers as listed below in the minutes, and as per DOE requirements.



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- VI. Resolved, that the Board of Trustees approves the bills as listed below in the minutes, and as per DOE requirements.
- VII. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c)3, the Board of Trustees acknowledges and accepts the certification from the Board Secretary that as of December 31, 2017, this board secretary report that no budgetary line item account has encumbrances and expenditures which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of 6A:23-2.11(a).
- VIII. Be it resolved, that the Board of Trustees acknowledges the receipt of the Report of the Treasurer and the Report of the Board Secretary for the month ending December 31, 2017.
- IX. Further Resolved, the Board of Trustees certifies that no budgeted line item, major account or fund has been over extended in violation of N.J.A.C 6A:23-2.11(a) and (b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the school's financial obligations for the remainder of the year.

Roll Call Vote

TRUSTEE	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Jason Altberger	✓			
John Berger	✓			
Lauren Calmas	✓			
Anthony Felella	✓			
Lisa McIntyre				✓
Jose Rivera				✓
Christine Sheedy	✓			
Mark Silberberg	✓			

E. Information Items

Enrollment as of January 24, 2018

Grade	Current	Grade	Current	Grade	Current
K	22	5	22	9	26
1	22	6	22	10	25
2	22	7	22	11	24
3	22	8	22	12	21
4	22			Total	294

School Calendar Reminder

- February 8 – Prof. Dev. day – 1:00pm dismissal for students – Movie Day is available.
- February 13 – Board Meeting at 6:00 PM at 360 First Street
- February 19-23 – February Break
- March 8 – Prof. Dev. day – 1:00pm dismissal for students – Movie Day is available.
- March 20 – Board Meeting at 7:00 PM at 713 Washington Street.
- March 27 – Board Meeting at 7:00 PM at 360 First Street.
- March 29 – 1:00 p.m. prompt dismissal – All after school activities are cancelled.



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- March 30 – Schools closed for Spring Break.
- April 1-6 – Schools closed for Spring Break.

Executive Director's Report

On Saturday, January 6, the Middle and Upper School robotics team, "Roboken" competed in a tournament at Liberty Science Center. The team earned fourth place out of 30 teams and qualified for the state championship on February 25 at West Windsor-Plainsboro High School North.

The HCS weekly communication has a new look. As in the past, each week the K-8 and 9-12 programs share new information as well as reminders for events and deadlines. One new feature are pictures of learning in and out of the classroom which showcase so many of the great things happening each day at HCS. Additionally, parents can now click on the dates in the "Upcoming Events" section to add to their Google Calendar.

Six HCS juniors and seniors are taking college-level coursework at Hoboken Charter School through Fairleigh Dickinson University's Middle College Program. In Introduction to Professional Practice in Education, students learn about adolescent development, current trends and events related to the field and pedagogy while implementing practices learned in the course through field practice at our lower school. We are excited to have these "teacher cadets" providing support in each of our K-4 classes this school year starting this month.

Upper School Report

In continuing our commitment to our students and in building a "community" of learners, during the week before the Winter break the Upper School staff spent a great deal of time in designing and filling a holiday stocking for each student. Inside each stocking were some goodies, school supplies, and an individual note from each student's classroom teachers.

Over the Winter Break, our Boys' Varsity Basketball team participated in the Roselle Park High School Holiday Tournament. The boys had a great tournament and advanced to the championship game against Passaic Tech High School. The boys played well in the championship game, but came up just short. Congratulations to the Boys' team on a great tournament and a second place finish!

On January 31st, twenty-five of our Upper School students have been selected to take part in an exclusive event at the New Amsterdam Theater in NYC. Our students will be participating in a one day Disney Broadway Workshop. This workshop will provide our students with the unique opportunity to explore all aspects of theatre from performance to behind the scenes - all through the lens of Disney on Broadway. A special thanks to Mr. Gregory and his wife for helping to secure this event for our kids!

On February 4th, one of our 11th grade students, Zeniyah Mixson, will be honored at the "New Jersey Celebrates National Girls and Women in Sports Day". This event will be held at Seton Hall University.

To continue spreading the warmth and love of MLK's message, the Upper School's GenerationOn Club is having a Sock Drive. Students are collecting Hats, Mittens, Gloves, and Socks for the homeless. The drive is from January 3-January 31. Please bring any collected items to Ms. Reyes' classroom at the MSC.

Lower School/Middle School Administrative Reports



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On Thursday, December 14, teachers and administrators from the Newark Educators Community Charter School visited our third and fourth grade classes to learn more about successful Reading and Writing Workshop implementation.

Additionally on December 14, Lower and Middle School Students participated in the 10th Annual Holiday Concert at All Saints. There were vocal performances in grades K-3 and performances by the fourth grade band, the 5/6 band, the 7/8 band and several Artsbridge electives.

On Thursday, January 11, fifth graders Danielle Usherovich, Jessica McLaughlin and Narina Girotra held a bake sale as a part of the Technology Students' Association (TSA) elective to raise money for the American Cancer Society. Their efforts raised over \$300.

On Saturday, January 13, four teams comprised of seventh and eighth graders represented HCS at the New Jersey State Future City Competition under the guidance of Middle School math teacher Chris Kunkel and Middle School science teacher Leigh-Ann Mitchell. This year's theme was "The Age-Friendly City," in which teams had to identify an age-related challenge that exists in today's urban environments and engineer two innovative solutions that allow your future city's senior citizens to be as active, independent, and engaged as they want to be. As a part of the competition, students had to write a research essay, simulate a city, build a model and present their work to judges who are professional engineers.

Seventh graders Grace Conlin, Emma Dezenzo and Ashleigh Phillips won 4th place overall out of about 80 teams from around the state for their city, "Grashmma." Eighth graders Samuel Calmas, Nathan Kriegel, and Ethan Zhang won the award for "Best Use of Engineering Principles" for their city, "Aeternum."

During the week of January 16, the Lower and Middle Schools celebrated "No Name Calling Week." Members of the Student Government went around to each homeroom and explained the importance of this week and had students sign a pledge to commit to no name calling.

Board of Trustees Committee Reports

⇒ Meeting went into closed session at 9:10pm via motion from Anthony Felella, seconded by Christine Sheedy.
Re-opened at 10:25pm via motion from Mark Silberberg, seconded by Jason Altberger.

New Business

Public Comments

Executive Session

- Matters related to personnel
- Executive matters

F. Adjournment of Meeting

Whereas, the business of the regular meeting has been concluded, now, therefore be it resolved that the HCS Board of Trustees adjourned their meeting of Wednesday, January 24, 2018.

It is hereby certified that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the HCS Board of Trustees, by the vote below indicated at the regular meeting held on Wednesday, January 24, 2018.



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Motion by: ____Mark Silberberg____ Seconded by: ____Jason Altberger____

Certified by Board Secretary _____

Date ____1.24.18____ Adjournment ____10:25pm____

<i>TRUSTEE</i>	<i>YES</i>	<i>NO</i>	<i>ABSTAIN</i>	<i>ABSENT</i>
Jason Altberger	✓			
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Lauren Calmas	✓			
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