

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING FEBRUARY 13, 2018 - 7:00 PM 360 FIRST 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		
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 January 29, 2018. 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 January 24, 2018 are available for review and/or correction and approval.

Moved by	Seconded by		
Action taken			

# 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

I. I move that the Board accepts the resignation of Chris Sell, effective June 30, 2018.

#### **Roll Call Vote**

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

# D. Finance

Motion by: Seconded by:	
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# II. 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
01.31.18	950,477	1,001,185

- III. Resolved, that the Board of Trustees approves the submission of the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Waiver to NJDOE.
- IV. Resolved, that the Board of Trustees approves the Board Secretary Report as of January 31, 2018, as received in the monthly financial report as per DOE requirements.



- V. Resolved, that the Board of Trustees approves the Treasurer's Report, as of January 31, 2018, as received in the monthly financial report as per DOE requirements.
- VI. Resolved, that the Board of Trustees approves the Budget Transfers as received in the monthly financial report as per DOE requirements.
- VII. Resolved, that the Board of Trustees approves the bills as received in the monthly financial report as per DOE requirements.
- VIII. 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 January 31, 2018, 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).
  - IX. 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 January 31, 2018.
  - X. 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				
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#### **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



- 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.
- March 30 Schools closed for Spring Break.
- April 1-6 Schools closed for Spring Break.
- April 19 Prof. Dev. day 1:00pm dismissal for students Movie Day is available.
- April 24 Board Meeting at **6:00 PM** at 713 Washington Street. The Board will be in closed session until 7:00pm.
- May 10 Prof. Dev. day 1:00pm dismissal for students Movie Day is available.
- May 15 Board Meeting at 7:00 PM at 360 First Street.
- May 25 1:00pm Dismissal No After School Activities.
- May 28 School Closed for Memorial Day
- June 5 Summer Gathering (June 6 Summer Gathering Rain Date)
- June 14 Field Day 1:00pm Dismissal for students only No After School Activities. (June 15 – Field Day Rain Date)
- June 18-20 1:00pm Dismissal for students only
- June 19 Board Meeting at 7:00 PM at 713 Washington Street.
- June 20 Last Day of School
- June 20 Graduation for 8<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Grades

# **Executive Director's Report**

On January 31st, HCS Kindergarten through 12th grade students participated in a celebration of peace and justice in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Speakers from the lower, middle and upper schools shared their hopes for the future and Mayor Ravi Bhalla shared an inspirational speech with our students. This event followed classroom activities across all grades in which students studied human rights and activists who have fought for change. Additionally in preparation, 9-12 students had opportunities to work with K-4 students to discuss what they have been learning in class and to collaboratively create signage for the event.

# **Upper School Report**

During the month of January, the Upper School's GenerationOn Club held a clothing drive. Students collected hats, mittens, gloves, jackets, and socks for the homeless.

As part of their Social Justice classwork, the Upper School's 11th and 12th grade students attended a showing of "Rhapsody in Black" at Kean University. "Rhapsody in Black" is a one man show that explores Leland's personal journey to understand and eventually transcend racism in America. At the end of the show, our students had an opportunity to meet the cast for an informal "question and answer" session.

On January 31st, Mr. Gregory and Ms. Addona took 23 of our Upper School students to the New Amsterdam Theatre on Broadway for an experience of a lifetime. Our students participated in a "Disney on Broadway" workshop. This workshop allowed our students to step into the shoes of a director, choreographer, and music director. Our students learned key skills of storytelling and theater making and then, working in small groups, staged a portion of the show and made famous moments of a Broadway musical their own! Through the process, they experimented with communication, collaboration, and leadership techniques. Led by Disney



Teaching Artists, this workshop gave our students the opportunity to explore all aspects of theater from performance to behind the scenes. Special thanks to Mr. Gregory's wife who helped arrange this special, once-in-a lifetime event for our students

### **Lower School/Middle School Administrative Reports**

On Friday, January 19, the Lower and Middle School peer mentoring program had its first meeting. Students met their mentors and mentees and had lunch with them in the multi-purpose room. Students then played ice breaker games to get to know one another.

HCS was represented by one of our fourth grade students on Saturday, February 3 in the Hudson County Spelling Bee.

Several of our Lower and Middle School classes have participated in experiential field trips outside of the classroom:

- The third and fourth grade visited the United Nations
- The seventh grade visited the Metropolitan Museum of Art

# **Student Suspensions**

- One Upper School student has been suspended for 3 days for infraction # 3, 10, 11 of the Code of Student Conduct.
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# **Board of Trustees Committee Reports**

#### **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 Tuesday, February 13, 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 Tuesday, February 13, 2018.

Moved by	_ Seconded by
Action taken	



Certified by Board Secretary

Date Adjournment