



BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
MARCH 22, 2022  
8:00 PM

THIS MEETING WILL BE VIRTUAL WITH CALL-IN INFORMATION MADE PUBLIC IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING.

1. **Call to Order**
2. **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 as a virtual meeting on June 30, 2021, via notification to City Hall, the City Clerk's Office on Washington Street, the *Hudson Reporter*, the *Bergen Record* and the *Jersey Journal*. Additionally, the *Hoboken Charter School Board of Trustees meeting will be at 8:00 p.m. on March 22, 2022. The meeting time change was announced via notification to City Hall, the City Clerk's Office on Washington Street, the Hudson Reporter, the Bergen Record, and the Jersey Journal.*

**Roll Call**

TRUSTEE	PRESENT	ABSENT
John Berger		
Lauren Calmas		
Amanda Grant		
Lisa McIntyre		
Kelly Pansy		
Christine Sheedy		
Mark Silberberg		
Joy Wheeler		
Dana Wissing		

Deirdra Grode, Executive Director  
Steve Literati, CFO and Board Secretary and Board Treasurer

3. **Acceptance of Minutes for March 1, 2022**

Minutes of the previous public special Board meeting held March 1, 2022, are available for review and/or correction and acceptance.

Motion for HCS Board of Trustees to accept the minutes of the Hoboken Board of Trustees Meeting on March 1, 2022.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

TRUSTEE	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
John Berger					
Lauren Calmas					
Amanda Grant					
Lisa McIntyre					
Kelly Pansy					
Christine Sheedy					
Mark Silberberg					
Joy Wheeler					
Dana Wissing					

**4. 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.

**5. Personnel**

5.1 Resolved, that the Board of Trustees approves Mona Fitch-Elliott for the role of instructional aide commencing March 7, 2022.

5.2 Resolved, that the Board of Trustees approves the resignation of Rachel Gomez effective March 2, 2022.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

TRUSTEE	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
John Berger					
Lauren Calmas					
Amanda Grant					
Lisa McIntyre					
Kelly Pansy					
Christine Sheedy					
Mark Silberberg					
Joy Wheeler					
Dana Wissing					

**6. Finance**

6.1 Resolved, that the Board of Trustees approved the Board Secretary and Treasurer's Reports for February 2022, as per the attached; and pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(a), the Hoboken Charter School Board of Trustees secretary's certification, and after review of the monthly financial report (appropriations section) certifies that, to the best of its knowledge, as of February 28, 2022, no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(b), and that sufficient funds are available to meet the school's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year. (Attached schedules.)

6.2 Resolved, that the Board of Trustees approves the bills list from February 10, 2022, to March 8, 2022. (Attached schedule.)

6.3 Resolved, that the Board of Trustees approves the approves the following payrolls:

Date	Amount
February 15, 2022	\$154,624.53
February 28, 2022	\$151,565.46

ROLL CALL VOTE

TRUSTEE	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
John Berger					
Lauren Calmas					
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Kelly Pansy					
Christine Sheedy					
Mark Silberberg					
Joy Wheeler					
Dana Wissing					

6.4 Resolved, that the Board of Trustees approves the FY 2023 School budget and the Salary Grid upon which it is based (attached).

ROLL CALL VOTE

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Mark Silberberg					
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6.5 Resolved, that the Board of Trustees approves a one-time payment to staff members of the School, not to exceed \$50,000 in total for all employees, in recognition of their hard work during the extraordinary circumstances created by the COVID pandemic. Eligibility will be based on completing service for the school year and being employed by the school on June 30, 2022. Contracted part-time employees' payments will be pro-rated for service. Determination of eligibility and payout amounts will be determined by the School's administration.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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Dana Wissing					

## 7. **Educational Planning**

7.1 Resolved, that the Board of Trustees approves the professional development session for Paige Davidson, Teacher, Brittany Fiorillo, Teacher, and Madeline Courtney, Teacher, to attend the virtual Teachers College Reading and Writing Project: June Writing Institute 2022. The session will run from June 27 – 30, 2022. The cost for each teacher will be \$850 for a total of \$2,550.

7.2 Resolved, that the Board of Trustees approves the professional development session for Paige Davidson, Teacher, to attend the virtual Teachers College Reading and Writing Project: July Writing Institute 2022. The session will run from July 11-15, 2022. The total cost is \$850.

### ROLL CALL VOTE

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Dana Wissing					

## 8. **Enrollment**

Enrollment as of March 15, 2022

Grade	Current
K	22
1	22
2	22
3	22
4	22
5	23
6	21
7	22
8	22
9	26
10	25
11	26
12	21
Total	296

### **School Calendar Reminder**

Monday, March 28 – Board of Trustees Meeting at 7:00 p.m. (if required).

Thursday, April 7 – Professional Development 1:00 p.m. dismissal for students. Movie day is available.

Thursday, April 14 – 1:00 dismissal – After school activities are not available.

Friday, April 15 – Friday, April 22 – School is closed for Spring Break.

Tuesday, April 26 – Board of Trustees Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

## 9. **K-12 Report**

Over the February, break HCS's two FIRST Tech Challenge teams competed in their League Tournament. This event was the culmination of a season's worth of meets. Both teams did a fantastic job! Roboken, our team with 8th to 12th graders, ended the day as the 4th ranked captain out of 23 teams. They were able to form an alliance with two other teams and compete in the elimination bracket. Unfortunately, they were eliminated in semi-finals. However, they still advanced to the State Championship via judging. They impressed the judges with and earned the Innovative Award for their unique drive train.

The Robotic Llamas, our 7th grade team, ended the day as the 2nd ranked captain and made it all the way to finals. In finals they were eliminated by the same team that took out Roboken, but because they made it that far, they earned a place at states. They also impressed the judges. They were the third place Inspire Award winner, which also would have advanced them to states had they not already made it via robot play. The Inspire award is given to the teams who do well in all judging categories and is very prestigious. Finally, they won the Control Award for their strong coding. It was a very, very impressive performance.

Both teams will be competing in the state championship this coming weekend. Congratulations to the teams and their advisor, Mr. Kunkel!

On Tuesday, March 8, grades 5-7 and 9-11 met with Mykee Fowlin, an actor and motivation speaker, whose presentation uses a variety of acting and psychological techniques aimed to promote inclusivity and acceptance of differences.

## **10. Lower/Middle School Report**

Over February break, HCS's two FIRST Tech Challenge teams competed in their League Tournament. This event was the culmination of a season's worth of meets. Both teams did a fantastic job!

Classes celebrated both the 100th day of school and Read Across America Day.

## **11. Upper School Report**

We were proud to see Upper School students take the lead for Black History Month. Students made morning announcements and included quotes by influential Black Americans. Seniors also joined a career panel, organized by SuitUp, featuring successful Black entrepreneurs.

Thanks to the K8 basketball teams' donation of time at the 605 Jackson St gym, the Winter Team sports were able to hold a Senior Night. The boys and girls basketball teams played against each other in a friendly match as everyone celebrated our Senior Basketball and Cheer Team members.

The city is now allowing our PE classes to use gym space for physical education classes. Tuesdays, classes will walk .7 miles to the Multi Service Center gym and Thursdays they will walk .6 miles to the 605 Jackson St gym. They even get a workout on the way to and from class!

March 14-18th, the 11th graders will be taking the New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment, a new test students must pass for graduation. Students have been practicing the test format in class and a free after school review class was offered.

## **12. New Business**

## **13. Public Comments**

## **14. Looking Ahead**

March 22, 2022	Review of 2023 Budget (first draft)
March 28, 2022	Final Review of 2023 Budget (if required)

- 15. **Executive Session**
- 16. **Return to Open Session**
- 17. **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, March 15, 2022.

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, March 15, 2022.

ROLL CALL VOTE

TRUSTEE	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
John Berger					
Lauren Calmas					
Amanda Grant					
Lisa McIntyre					
Kelly Pansy					
Christine Sheedy					
Mark Silberberg					
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Dana Wissing					

Certified by Board Secretary:  
Date:  
Adjournment: