



**A K - 12 SERVICE LEARNING SCHOOL**

**BOARD MINUTES**

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
MAY 20, 2020  
7:00 PM

THIS MEETING WAS HELD VIRTUALLY WITH CALL-IN INFORMATION MADE PUBLIC IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING.

**I. Call to Order: 7:00**

**II. 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 May 18, 2020 via notification to City Hall, the City Clerk’s Office on Washington Street and the *Hudson Reporter* and the *Jersey Journal*.

**III. Summary Notes**

The Board of Trustees returned to a review of the Paycheck Protection Program after considerable research and discussions since the May 12, 2020 meeting. Vishal Khosla and Devjit Nayar, two HCS parents, spoke about their support for the school’s participation in the program and shared insight as two individuals working with the program via their professional work.

**IV. Roll Call**

TRUSTEE	PRESENT	ABSENT
John Berger	X	
Lauren Calmas	X	
Amanda Grant	X	
Lisa McIntyre		X (arrived at 7:18)
Christine Sheedy	X	
Mark Silberberg	X	
Joy Wheeler	X	

Deirdra Grode, Executive Director/ Board Secretary for May 20, 2020 Meeting  
Also in Attendance: Vishal Khosla, Devjit Nayar and Kelly Pansy

**V. Acceptance of Minutes**

Minutes of the previous public Board meetings held May 12, 2020 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 May 12, 2020.



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**ROLL CALL VOTE**

TRUSTEE	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
John Berger		X			
Lauren Calmas		X			
Amanda Grant	2	X			
Lisa McIntyre					X
Christine Sheedy		X			
Mark Silberberg	1	X			
Joy Wheeler		X			

**VI. 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.

**VII. Finance**

**Whereas**, as a result of the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) pandemic, which has created a public health, economic, and educational crisis, Congress adopted the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), which included the Paycheck Protection Program (“PPP”), administered by the United States Small Business Administration (“SBA”); and

**Whereas**, Hoboken Charter School is eligible to receive a loan under the rules of the SBA in effect at the time its application was submitted implementing the Paycheck Protection Program; and

**Whereas**, upon information provided by and recommendation of the school business administrator, the Board of Trustees finds that current economic uncertainty exists which makes this loan request necessary to support the ongoing operations of the school;

**Whereas**, examples of economic uncertainty include, but are not limited to:

- reduction in State Charter Aid
- tax revenue shortfalls from municipalities in this fiscal year 2020,
- late State Aid Payments beginning in fiscal year 2021; and
- delayed tax revenue from municipalities during your 2021 fiscal year; and

**Whereas**, New Jersey Charter schools do not have the ability to raise revenues from taxes;

**Whereas**, the funds will be used to retain workers and maintain payroll or make mortgage interest payments, lease payments, utility payments and other expenses authorized as specified under PPP rules; and

**Now therefore, be it RESOLVED**, that the Hoboken Charter School Board of Trustees accepts and approves the PPP loan through Bank of America in the amount of \$655,543.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

TRUSTEE	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
John Berger				X	
Lauren Calmas		X			



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Amanda Grant		X			
Lisa McIntyre	1	X			
Christine Sheedy	2	X			
Mark Silberberg		X			
Joy Wheeler		X			

**VIII. Personnel**

1. Resolved, that the Hoboken Charter school Board of Trustees approves the submission of a NJDOE waiver application (N.J.A.C.6H-9-6 5C) to the County Office for the hiring of school staff and/or substitutes while formal criminal history is processed.
  - Matthew Messenger
  - Anne Ballman
2. Resolved, that the Hoboken Charter School Board of Trustees approves the following personnel for the daily assignments as school staff and/or substitutes pending completion of a county sub license and/or criminal background check.
  - Matthew Messenger
  - Anne Ballman
3. Resolved, that the Board of Trustees approves Matthew Messenger as Teacher for the 2020-2021 school year.
4. Resolved, that the Board of Trustees approves Anne Balman as Teacher for the 2020-2021 school year.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

TRUSTEE	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
John Berger		X			
Lauren Calmas		X			
Amanda Grant		X			
Lisa McIntyre	1	X			
Christine Sheedy		X			
Mark Silberberg	2	X			
Joy Wheeler		X			

**IX. School Calendar Reminder**

- May 26 – Special Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. (Call-in information will be found on the website the morning of May 26.)
- June 16 – Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. (Call-in information will be found on the website the morning of June 16.)

**X. Board of Trustees Committee Reports**

**XI. New Business**

**XII. Public Comments**



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**XIII. Executive Session**

The meeting went into closed session at 7:26 p.m. via motion from Lisa McIntyre and seconded by John Berger. All voted to enter closed session.

**XIV. Return to Open Session**

The meeting re-opened at 8:38 p.m. via motion from Lisa McIntyre and seconded by John Berger. All voted to re-open the meeting.

**XV. 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, May 20, 2020.

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, May 20, 2020.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

TRUSTEE	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
John Berger	2	X			
Lauren Calmas		X			
Amanda Grant		X			
Lisa McIntyre	1	X			
Christine Sheedy		X			
Mark Silberberg		X			
Joy Wheeler		X			

Certified by Board Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Date 5/20/20 Adjournment 9:07 pm