



BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
 JANUARY 18, 2022  
 7:00 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*.

**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  
 Members of the Board of Trustees of the Friends of Hoboken Charter School

3. **Acceptance of Minutes for December 21, 2021**

Minutes of the previous public Board meeting held December 21, 2021, 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 December 21, 2021.

**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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**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. Presentation**

Chris Kunkel on Fall Start Strong

**6. Finance**

6.1 Resolved, that the Board of Trustees approved the Board Secretary and Treasurer’s Reports for December 2021, 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 December 31, 2021, 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 December 15, 2021, to January 12, 2022. (Attached schedule.)

6.3 Resolved, that the Board of Trustees approves the updated 2022 Budget submitted to the state on January 15, 2022. (Attached schedule.)

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

Date	Amount
December 15, 2021	\$152,049.50
December 31, 2021	\$150,936.89

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

TRUSTEE	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
John Berger					
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**7. Educational Planning**

7.1 Resolved, that the Hoboken Charter School Board of Trustees approves the professional development for Amanda Thiede, Teacher, to attend BER’s Helping Struggling Readers Who Have Fallen Behind. The session will take place on March 29, 2022. The total cost is \$279.00

7.2 Resolved, that the Hoboken Charter School Board of Trustees approves the professional development for Deirdra Grode, Executive Director, to attend the Diverse Charter Schools Coalition’s 2022 Annual Convening that is centered on addressing the challenges of developing and sustaining intentionally integrated schools and combating patterns of inequality and injustice. The sessions will take place virtually on January 27 and January 28. The total cost is \$212.45 with our member discount.

**8. Enrollment**

Enrollment – November 8, 2021

Grade	Current
K	22
1	22
2	22
3	22
4	22
5	23
6	22
7	22
8	22
9	26
10	25
11	26
12	21
Total	297

**9. School Calendar Reminder**

Thursday, January 20 – HCS Lottery 10 a.m.

Thursday, February 10 – Professional Development 1:00 p.m. dismissal for students. Movie day is available.

Tuesday, February 15 – Board of Trustees Meeting at 7 p.m.

Monday-Friday, February 21-25 – HCS will be closed for the February break.

**10. K-12 Report**

Student Ambassadors worked with students in grades K, 1, 3, and 4 to create cards thanking our first responders in Hoboken.

Hoboken, the Robotics Club, held a demonstration and interactive challenge activity to recruit new students to the club. Upper School students planned, organized and led the event, assisted by Middle School members of the club.

**11. Lower/Middle School Report**

The kindergarten class hosted an “alphabet fashion show” before winter break to show all they’ve learned about letters and sounds.

The fifth grade class celebrated winter break by turning their classroom into a cave. The class has been studying early humans and had the chance to become cave painters and create their own art to put on display.

Eighth graders formed a class congress and each Senator or Representative was responsible for drafting and sponsoring a bill. They then worked in committee to amend these bills and pass into law with the President's signature.

Lower and Middle School classes have been learning about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in advance of Monday's holiday honoring his birthday. Classes are reading stories about his life and legacy, learning about youth activism and exploring issues of social justice that were held by Dr. King.

**12. Upper School Report**

10th grade English Language Arts Classes wrote and worked with Senior Center at Multi Service Center to deliver cards to Senior Citizens in Hoboken, some of whom have been isolated for over 2 years.

The Hudson River Biology class, which studies the botany and zoology of the Hudson River, is working with the Hudson River Park to experience a virtual Plankton Microscopy Field Trip.

**13. New Business**

**14. Public Comments**

**15. Looking Ahead**

By February 1, 2022	Commissioner makes a determination about HCS renewal or denial of charter
February 5, 2022	Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) due to state (likely to be extended)
February X, 2022	Form 990 IRS return to be submitted upon completion of CAFR and after review with board
March 15, 2022	Review of 2023 Budget (first draft)
March 22, 2022	Final Review of 2023 Budget (if required)

**16. Executive Session**

**17. Return to Open Session**

**18. 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, January 18, 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, January 18, 2022.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

TRUSTEE	MOTION	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
John Berger					
Lauren Calmas					
Amanda Grant					
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Certified by Board Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Adjournment: \_\_\_\_\_