

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOLDEN DOOR CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2015 AT 5:50 PM IN THE MAIN FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING

I. CALL TO ORDER

This meeting has been publicized in accordance with Section 5, Ch 231, PL 1975, Open Public Meeting Law by notification of the Jersey Journal and Hudson Reporter within the legal time required. Time may be allotted for public comment at this meeting

II. FLAG SALUTE

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

III. OUR MISSION

The Golden Door Charter School was founded on the simple convictions that a first-rate education is the right of every individual, that all children can learn, and that every child should be challenged to reach his or her full potential. The overall goals of the school are to:

- Demonstrate the benefits of academic achievement that public school students can routinely attain when the advantages of charter school governance are coupled with ambitious new academic standards
- Increase the availability of choice to parents and students when selecting a learning environment
- Encourage the use of different and innovative learning methods

IV. ROLL CALL

Board Members (voting):

Joanne Youmans (President)	<u>Present</u>
Elizabeth Aviles	<u>Absent</u>
Jessica Cappadona	<u>Present</u> (via phone until 6:05)
Nick Del'Re	<u>Present</u>
Danielle Downs	<u>Present</u>
Tonya Keyes	<u>Present</u>

Additional attendees (non-voting):

Brian Stiles (Chief School Administrator)	<u>Absent</u>
Paul Velelis (Business Administrator / Board Secretary)	<u>Present</u>
Bob Doria (Treasurer of School Monies)	<u>Absent</u>

Note: Danielle Downs arrived at 6:35pm following 30-minute recess from 6:05pm through 6:35pm.

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V. PRESENTATION

- None

VI. MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Del'Re and second by Ms. Youmans to approve the following minutes by unanimous voice vote (4-0):

- Board minutes of **March 18, 2015**.
- Executive session minutes of **March 18, 2015**

VII. CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER REPORT

Chief Academic Officer, Mr. Brian Stiles, reviewed the following items for the Board:

- Report provided prior to meeting.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Board President invites members of the public to present any comments to the Board. No comments were made at that time.

- *Note: Following Public Comment, the Board went into a 30-minute recess as quorum was lost due to Ms. Cappadona having to abandon the meeting via phone. The meeting subsequently continued once quorum was regained upon arrival of Ms. Downs at 6:35pm.*

The Chief Academic Officer recommends the following resolutions for approval:

IX. FINANCE

Motion by Ms. Keyes and second by Ms. Youmans to approve Item A. Carried by unanimous voice vote (4-0).

- A. Move that the Board of Trustees approve the **submission of the FY16 Budget**.

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Motion by Ms. Downs and second by Ms. Keyes to approve Item B. Carried by unanimous voice vote (4-0).

- B. Move that the Board of Trustees accept the following **grants/donations** to be allocated towards the new school playground:
 - a. BCB Community Bank in the amount of \$25,000
 - b. Goya in the amount of \$5,000

Motion by Ms. Youmans and second by Ms. Keyes to approve Items C through H. Carried by unanimous voice vote (4-0).

- C. Move that the Board of Trustees approve the **Payroll Report** for **March 15, 2015** in the amount of \$174,716.26.
- D. Move that the Board of Trustees approve the **Payroll Report** for **March 30, 2015** in the amount of \$177,479.36.
- E. Move that the Board of Trustees approve the **Bills List** for **March 2015** in the amount of \$144,690.96.
- F. Move that the Board of Trustees approve the **Bills List** for **April 1st – 15th 2015** in the amount of \$131,954.40.
- G. Move that the Board of Trustees approve the Board of Trustees's Monthly Certification of Financial Status: Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:23-2.11 (a) 4, the members of Golden Door Charter School Board of Trustees certify that as of **March 31, 2015** after review of the secretary's monthly financial reports (appropriation section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, that to the best of our knowledge, no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(a) 3 and that sufficient funds are available for the remainder of the fiscal school year.
- H. Move that the Board of Trustees approve the Board Secretary's Report and Treasurer's Report: The Golden Door Charter School Board of Trustees accepts the Report of the Secretary and Treasurer's Report which said reports are in agreement for the month ending **March 31, 2015**.

X. PERSONNEL

Motion by Ms. Downs and second by Ms. Youmans to approve Item A. Carried by unanimous voice vote (4-0).

- A. Move that the Board of Trustees approve an extended **leave of absence for Cheryl Lewandoski** through May 15, 2015 (Note: Previous approval was through May 1, 2015).

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XI. CURRICULUM

Motion by Ms. Youmans and second by Mr. Del'Re to approve Item A. Carried by unanimous voice vote (4-0).

- A. Move that the Board of Trustees approves the following **list of field trips** as per attached Field Trip Request Forms:
1. Turtle Back Zoo on 4/27/15
 2. Liberty Science Center on 5/18/15 & 5/28/15
 3. Sandy Hook on 5/4/15
 4. Field Station Dinosaurs on 5/28/15

Note: The Board recommended that additional chaperones be added to the Sandy Hook trip for safety purposes.

XII. GOVERNANCE

Motion by Ms. Downs and second by Ms. Keyes to approve Item A. Carried by unanimous voice vote (4-0).

- A. Move that the Board of Trustees approve a **change in the school calendar** with the last day of school being changed from June 30, 2015 to June 29, 2015 (Note: Due to one less snow day being used school would end one day earlier).

Item B Tabled

- B. Move that the Board of Trustees approve the **list of 2000 series policies (first reading)** as per attached policy index.

Motion by Ms. Keyes and second by Ms. Downs to approve Item C. Carried by unanimous voice vote (4-0).

- C. Move that the Board of Trustees accept the **resignation of Elizabeth Aviles** from the Golden Door Charter School Board of Trustees effective April 15, 2015 (Note: The Board would like to acknowledge Ms. Aviles for her years of service and dedication to Golden Door Charter School).

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XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ms. Downs and second by Ms. Keyes to adjourn at 8:00 PM.
Carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Paul Velelis
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary