

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOLDEN DOOR CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD WEDNESDAY MARCH 19, 2014 AT 6:10PM 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**

<u>Board Members (voting):</u>	
Elizabeth Aviles (President)	<u>Present</u>
Theda Riggins-Crawford (Vice President)	<u>Absent</u>
Danielle Downs	<u>Present</u>
Mirza Orriols	<u>Present</u>
Joanne Youmans	<u>Present</u>
 <u>Additional attendees (non-voting):</u>	
Brian Stiles (Chief School Administrator)	<u>Present</u>
Paul Velelis (Business Administrator / Board Secretary)	<u>Present</u>
Bob Doria (Treasurer of School Monies)	<u>Present</u>

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**V. PRESENTATION**

- None

**VI. MINUTES**

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

- Board minutes of **February 20, 2014**.
- Executive minutes of **February 20, 2014**.

**VII. CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER REPORT**

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

- Report provided at the meeting.

**VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

***The Chief Academic Officer recommends the following resolutions for approval:***

**IX. FINANCE**

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

- A. Resolved that the Board of Trustees offer the following **health benefit waiver stipends** effective in the 2014-2015 school year:
  - a. \$2,200 for employees who waive both medical and dental coverage.
  - b. \$2,000 for employees who waive medical only.

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

- B. Resolved that the Board of Trustees **eliminate the school paid disability plan** through CIGNA effective July 1, 2014.

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

- C. Resolved that the Board of Trustees **eliminate the school contribution to the vision plan** effective July 1, 2014.

Motion by Ms. Aviles and second by Ms. Orriols to approve Item D. Carried by unanimous voice vote (4-0).

- D. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the **waiver of Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) funding** for the 2014-2015 school year.

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

- E. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the **FY15 Budget** to be submitted to the NJDOE as per attached document.

Motion by Ms. Orriols and second by Ms. Aviles to approve Items F through K. Carried by unanimous voice vote (4-0).

- F. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the **Payroll Report for February 15, 2014** in the amount of \$160,043.09.

- G. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the **Payroll Report for February 28, 2014** in the amount of \$162,158.82.

- H. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the **Bills List for February 2014** in the amount of \$177,302.37.

- I. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the **Bills List for March 1-19<sup>th</sup> 2014** in the amount of \$144,435.54

- J. Resolved 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 **February 28, 2014** 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.

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6A:23-2.11(a) 3 and that sufficient funds are available for the remainder of the fiscal school year.

- K. Resolved 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 **February 28, 2014**.

**X. PERSONNEL**

Motion by Ms. Aviles and second by Ms. Orriols to approve Item A. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (4-0).

- A. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the **hiring of Shonda Jackson** to a permanent position of security guard at a pro-rated annual salary of \$22,000 effective April 1, 2014 (**Note**: This position will be 12-month position and will also be utilized for office coverage as needed).

Motion by Ms. Aviles and second by Ms. Youmans to approve Item B. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (4-0).

- B. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the **reduction in the night cleaning staff** from 12 P/T employees down to 7 P/T employees effective May 1, 2014 with final determination to be made by the CAO and BA.

Motion by Ms. Downs and second by Ms. Orriols to approve Item C. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (4-0).

- C. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the **reduction of salary for Maria Pimenidis** from \$42,000 to \$35,000 annually effective April 1, 2014. (Ms. Pimenidis was given a raise to coincide with a promotion to Assistant to the BA. Effective February 24, 2014, at her request, Ms. Pimenidis was Resolved back to her prior role as Main Office Secretary).

**XI. CURRICULUM**

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

- A. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the **School Calendar for the 2014-2015 school year** as per attached document.

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**XII. GOVERNANCE**

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

- A. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the **revision (first reading) to the bylaws** in Article II Section 1A to read as follows: *Voting Members: Voting members not less than three (3) or more than seven (7) voting members ("Voting Members"), at least one (1) whom shall be a parent of a child then enrolled in the Charter School ("Parent").*

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Ms. Aviles and second by Ms. Downs to adjourn 8:10 PM. Carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Paul Velelis  
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary