

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOLDEN DOOR CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 2014 AT 6:05 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

<u>Board Members (voting):</u>	
Joanne Youmans (President)	<u>Present</u>
Mirza Orriols (Vice President)	<u>Present</u>
Elizabeth Aviles	<u>Present</u>
Jessica Cappadona	<u>Present</u>
Danielle Downs	<u>Present</u>
Theda Riggins-Crawford	<u>Absent</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. Orriols and second by Ms. Aviles to approve the following minutes by unanimous voice vote (5-0):

- Board minutes of **June 18, 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.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Public bodies may meet in closed session when the matters under discussion are: (1) Matters made confidential by state, federal law or rule by court. (2) Disclosure would result in an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy, unless the person affected consents in writing. (3) Disclosure would impair the body's right to receive federal or state funds. (4) Collective bargaining. (5) Lease or acquisition of property, setting of banking rates, investment of public funds if disclosure would harm the public interest. (6) Investigations into violations of law. (7) Strategies to protect public security. Pending, ongoing or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation, including attorney-client privilege. The threat of litigation must be more than theoretical for this exemption to apply. (8) Personnel matters affecting employees of the public bodies, unless all parties request or consent to a public hearing. Prior to discussion of personnel, affected employees must be given notice, known as a Rice notice, which gives the employee the right to request a public hearing. (9) Proceedings that could result in a suspension, civil penalty, or loss of a license or permit.

Motion by Ms. Youmans and second by Ms. Cappadona to approve the following resolution and go into closed Executive Session. Carried by a unanimous voice vote. (5-0)

EXECUTIVE SESSION STARTED AT 6:25 PM

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WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act of 1975, intends to exclude the public for a portion of this meeting, and

WHEREAS, that pursuant to an exception contained in the Open Public Meetings Act of 1975, the Board of Education will now go into closed session for the purpose of discussing **individual student retention matters** and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that appropriate minutes shall be taken by the Board of Trustees during this closed session, and at such time as the confidentiality of these minutes is no longer necessary, they will be released to the public, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no formal action will be taken by the Board of Trustees during this closed session.

Motion by Ms. Aviles and second by Ms. Downs to come out of executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDED AT 6:55 PM

THE BOARD RECONVENED THE REGULAR MEETING AT 6:55 PM

The Chief Academic Officer recommends the following resolutions for approval:

X. FINANCE

Motion by Ms. Downs and second by Ms. Orriols to approve Items A through F. Carried by unanimous voice vote (5-0).

- A. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve **Maschio's Food Services** as the **Food Services Management Company (FSMC)** at a management fee of \$10,000 with a guarantee "no-cost" operation for the 2014-2015 school year.
- B. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the **copier proposal from Kyocera** at a cost of \$1,536.38 per month which includes 40,000 monthly copies and a buyout of the existing contract from Stewart Business Systems in the amount of \$58,050.
- C. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the **Payroll Report for June 15, 2014** in the amount of \$164,586.05.
- D. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the **Payroll Report for June 30, 2014** in the amount of \$193,893.44.
- E. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the **Bills List for June 2014** in the amount of \$111,656.99.
- F. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the **Bills List for July 1st thru 15th 2014** in the amount of \$56,690.86.

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Items G and H Tabled until audit.

- 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 **June 30, 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. 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 **June 30, 2014**.

XI. PERSONNEL

Motion by Ms. Youmans and second by Ms. Downs to approve Item A. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (5-0).

- A. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the hiring of **Vanessa Viccajee** as a **Paraprofessional** at an annual salary of \$25,000 for the 2014-2015 school year.

Motion by Ms. Orriols and second by Ms. Aviles to approve Item B. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (5-0).

- B. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the hiring of **Ezio Montorio** as a **Physical Education Teacher** at an annual salary of \$46,000 for the 2014-2015 school year.

Motion by Ms. Youmans and second by Ms. Downs to approve Item C. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (5-0).

- C. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the **employee salaries (12-month staff)** for the 2014-2015 school year as per attached document.

Motion by Ms. Youmans and second by Ms. Downs to approve Item D. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (5-0).

- D. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve up to an **additional (5) sick day payouts** as per employee hardship letters.

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XII. CURRICULUM

Motion by Ms. Youmans and second by Ms. Cappadona to approve Items A through H. Carried by unanimous voice vote (5-0).

- A. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the **extended private placement contract with Windsor Learning Center** for JB as per attached tuition contract (Note: Private Placement to be paid by Jersey City Board of Education).
- B. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the **agreement between Sensory Kids & Social Minds LLC and Golden Door Charter School** for the 2014-2015 school year as per attached document.
- C. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the **submission of the NCLB application and the refusal of Title III funds** for the 2014-2015 school year.
- D. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the **submission of the IDEA application** for the 2014-2015 school year.
- E. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the **submission of the IDEA carryover amendment** for the 2013-2014 school year.
- F. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the **private placement contract with The Deron School of New Jersey, Inc.** for MG as per attached tuition contract (Note: Private Placement to be paid by Jersey City Board of Education).
- G. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the **private placement contract with Windsor Learning Center** for CS as per attached tuition contract (Note: Private Placement to be paid by Jersey City Board of Education).
- H. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the **private placement contract with YCS Ernest May Academy** for JN as per attached tuition contract (Note: Private Placement to be paid by Jersey City Board of Education).

XIII. GOVERNANCE

Motion by Ms. Orriols and second by Ms. Cappadona to approve Items A through B. Carried by unanimous voice vote (5-0).

- A. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the submission of the **Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act (ABR) Statement of Assurances** for the 2014-2015 school year.
- B. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the submission of the **2014 Annual Report** to be submitted to NJ Charter School Office.

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Motion by Ms. Orriols and second by Ms. Aviles to approve Item C. Carried by unanimous voice vote (5-0).

- C. Resolved that the Board of Trustees uphold the **retention of HP** following review of the appeal form submitted by the parent(s).

Motion by Ms. Orriols and second by Ms. Youmans to approve Item D. Carried by unanimous voice vote (5-0).

- D. Resolved that the Board of Trustees uphold the **retention of WO** following review of the appeal form submitted by the parent(s).

Motion by Ms. Downs and second by Ms. Aviles to approve Item E. Carried by unanimous voice vote (5-0).

- E. Resolved that the Board of Trustees uphold the **retention appeal of DF** following review of the appeal form submitted by the parent(s).

Motion by Ms. Youmans and second by Ms. Cappadona to approve Item F. Carried by unanimous voice vote (5-0).

- F. Resolved that the Board of Trustees uphold the **retention appeal of JB** following review of the appeal form submitted by the parent(s).

Motion by Ms. Orriols and second by Ms. Youmans to approve Items G and H. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (5-0).

- G. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the **Tenure policy (first reading)** as per attached document.

- H. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the **Nepotism policy (first reading)** as per attached document.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ms. Aviles and second by Ms. Orriols to adjourn 7:50 PM. Carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Paul Velelis
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary