

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOLDEN DOOR CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2015 AT 5:35 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>
Mirza Orriols (Vice President)	<u>Absent</u>
Elizabeth Aviles	<u>Absent</u>
Jessica Cappadona	<u>Present</u>
Nick Del'Re	<u>Present</u>
Danielle Downs	<u>Present</u>
Tonya Keyes	<u>Absent</u>

Additional attendees (non-voting):

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

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**V. PRESENTATION**

- None

**VI. MINUTES**

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

- Board minutes of **February 18, 2015**.

**VII. CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER REPORT**

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

- Report provided at the meeting.

**VIII. 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 Mr. Del'Re and second by Ms. Youmans to approve the following resolution and go into closed Executive Session. Carried by a unanimous voice vote. (4-0)

**EXECUTIVE SESSION STARTED AT 5:40 PM**

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 **collective bargaining and anticipated contract negotiation** and

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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. Youmans and second by Ms. Downs to come out of Executive session. Carried by a unanimous voice vote. (4-0)

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDED AT 6:05 PM**

**THE BOARD RECONVENED THE REGULAR MEETING AT 6:05 PM**

**IX. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Board President invites members of the public to present any comments to the Board. The following comments were made:

- *John Dillon*, NJEA Representative, introduced himself and urged the Board to accept the Golden Door Charter School Education Association. He also expressed his desire for the Enrollment & Truancy Officer position to be included in the unit.

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

**X. FINANCE**

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

- A. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the submission of the **FY15 Insurance Safety Grant** through the New Jersey School Boards Association Insurance Group (NJSBAIG) in the amount of \$2,667.

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

- B. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the **waiver of Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) funding** for the 2015-2016 school year.

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

- C. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the **Payroll Report for February 15, 2015** in the amount of \$176,532.42.

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- D. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the **Payroll Report** for **February 28, 2015** in the amount of \$176,083.62.
- E. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the **Bills List** for **February 2015** in the amount of \$120,780.77.
- F. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the **Bills List** for **March 1<sup>st</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> 2015** in the amount of \$144,690.96
- G. 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, 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. 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, 2015**.

**XI. PERSONNEL**

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

- A. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the hiring of **Jason Schoenfelder** at a pro-rated annual salary of \$44,000 effective March 16, 2015 through June 30, 2015.

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

- B. Resolved that the Board of Trustees removal of probation period and offer official contract to **Anthony Thomas** at the pro-rated annual salary of \$50,000 effective March 16, 2015 through June 30, 2015.

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

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

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**XII. CURRICULUM**

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

- A. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the **NCLB-funded** personnel breakdown (Note: List to be provided at meeting).
- B. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the **School Calendar** for the 2015-2016 school year.

**XIII. GOVERNANCE**

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

- A. **Whereas**, there has been an expression of interest in the formation of a union among non-confidential and non-managerial staff; **Whereas**, this expression of interest was made by way of a card check process; **Whereas**, the New Jersey Public Employment Relations Commission has advised that a majority plus one of those employees eligible have indicated in favor of joining the union; **Whereas**, those in favor of the union have chosen to name their union the Golden Door Charter School Education Association under the auspices of the New Jersey Education Association; **Whereas**, the Golden Door Charter School Education Association will include all regularly employed non-supervisory certificated and non-certificated employees employed by the Golden Door Charter School; **Whereas**, the Golden Door Charter School Education Association will exclude managerial executives, confidential employees and supervisors which includes titles of police, casual employees, craft employees, chief academic officers, assistant directors, business administrators, curriculum supervisors, main office secretary and all other employees employed by the Golden Door Charter School; **Whereas**, there remains a dispute over the exclusion of the Enrollment and Truancy Officer and that same position may be subject to further investigation and review by the Public Employment Relations Commission;

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved** that the Board of Trustees hereby agrees to voluntarily recognize the formation of the Golden Door Charter School Education Association;

**Be it Further Resolved** that the Board of Trustees voluntarily acknowledges that the appropriate unit that should belong to the Golden Door Charter School Education Association includes all regularly employed non-supervisory certificated and non-certificated employees employed by the Golden Door Charter School and excludes managerial executives, confidential employees and supervisors which includes titles of casual employees, craft employees, chief academic officers, assistant

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directors, business administrators, curriculum supervisors, main office secretary and all other employees employed by the Golden Door Charter School;

**Be it Further Resolved** that as the position of Enrollment and Truancy Officer is currently in dispute that the Board of Trustees will abide by the ultimate decision reached by the Public Employment Relations Commission or other higher judicial authority as to the inclusion or exclusion of such position.

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

- B. Resolved that the Board of Trustees appoint **Paul Barger of Barger & Gaines as the labor-relations attorney** at the rate of \$195 per hour for forthcoming collective bargaining negotiations with the Golden Door Charter School Education Association/NJEA.

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

- C. Resolved that the Board of Trustees accept the **resignation of Mirza Orriols** from the Golden Door Charter School Board of Trustees effective March 18, 2015 (Note: The Board would like to acknowledge Ms. Orriols for her years of service and dedication to Golden Door Charter School).

Item Tabled

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

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Ms. Youmans and second by Ms. Downs to adjourn at 6:15 PM. Carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Paul Velelis  
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary