

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOLDEN DOOR CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD WEDNESDAY, MAY 16 AT 5:40 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):

Danielle Downs (President)

Absent

Tonya Keyes (Vice President)

Present

Jessica Cappadona

Present

Tiehia Schonberger

Present

Additional attendees (non-voting):

Brian Stiles (Chief School Administrator)

Present

Paul Velelis (Business Administrator / Board Secretary)

Present

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V. MINUTES

Motion by Ms. Keyes and second by Ms. Cappadona to approve the following minutes by unanimous voice vote (3-0):

- Board minutes of **April 18, 2018**.

VI. CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER REPORT

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

- Report discussed at the meeting.

VII. PRESENTATION

- None

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Board President invites members of the public to present comments to the Board. **Public participation** shall be governed by the following rules: **(1)** A participant must be recognized by the presiding officer and must preface comments by an announcement of his/her name, place of residence, and group affiliation; **(2)** Each statement made by a participant shall be limited to three minutes' duration; **(3)** No participant may speak more than once on the same topic until all others who wish to speak on that topic have been heard; **(4)** All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer; no participant may address or question Board members individually; **(5)** The presiding officer may: Interrupt, warn, or terminate a participant's statement when the statement is too lengthy, abusive or obscene.

- No comments were made at that time.

The Chief Academic Officer recommends the following resolutions for approval:

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IX. FINANCE

Motion by Ms. Keyes and second by Ms. Cappadona to approve Item A. Carried by unanimous voice vote (3-0).

- A. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve **Maschio's Food Services** as the **Food Services Management Company (FSMC)** at a management fee of \$10,200 with a guarantee "no-cost" operation for the 2018-2019 school year.

Motion by Ms. Cappadona and second by Ms. Schonberger to approve Items B through E. Carried by unanimous voice vote (3-0).

- B. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the **Payroll Report for April 15, 2018** in the amount of \$186,049.20.
- C. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the **Payroll Report for April 30, 2018** in the amount of \$193,543.61.
- D. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the updated **Bills List for April 2018** in the amount of \$127,986.19.
- E. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the **Bills List for May 1st through May 16th 2018** in the amount of \$71,332.09

Items F and G tabled until next month

- F. 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 **April 30, 2018** 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.
- G. 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 **April 30, 2018**.

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X. PERSONNEL

Motion by Ms. Keyes and second by Ms. Cappadona to approve Item A. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (3-0).

- A. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the hiring of the following **substitute teachers** to be used on an *as-needed basis* at the rate of \$100 per day
 - a. Gamell Pascal
 - b. FNU Anumpama

Motion by Ms. Keyes and second by Ms. Cappadona to approve Item B. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (3-0).

- B. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the list of **renewals and non-renewals for the 2018-2019 school year with salary increases as follows:**
 - a. GDCSEA members have yet to agree upon a new contract with the Board of Trustees so salary increase(s) are yet to be determined.
 - b. Non-GDCSEA members will each receive increases of 2.3%.

Motion by Ms. Keyes and second by Ms. Cappadona to approve Item C. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (3-0).

- C. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the **School Business Administrator contract** for Paul Velelis from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. (Note: Annual raise is 2.3% which mirrors the non-GDCSEA staff increase).

Motion by Ms. Cappadona and second by Ms. Keyes to approve Items D and E. Carried by unanimous voice vote (3-0).

- D. Resolved that the Board of Trustees accept the **retirement of Suzanne LaForge** on June 29, 2018 which coincides with the end of the 2017-2018 school year.
- E. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve a **FMLA leave of absence for Alison Kraft** from May 31, 2018 through June 29, 2018.

XI. CURRICULUM

- None

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XII. GOVERNANCE

Motion by Ms. Cappadona and second by Ms. Keyes to approve Item A. Carried by unanimous voice vote (3-0).

- A. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the *revised* **PK Before-Care Program Schedule and Rates** effective September 2018 as per attached document.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ms. Keyes and second by Ms. Cappadona to adjourn at 6:10 PM. Carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Paul Velelis
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary