

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOLDEN DOOR CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2015 AT 5:55 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>
Jessica Cappadona	<u>Present</u>
Nick Del'Re	<u>Present</u>
Danielle Downs	<u>Absent</u>
Tonya Keyes	<u>Present</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>

Note: Tonya Keyes arrived towards the end of Executive session at 6:40.

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**V. PRESENTATION**

- None

**VI. MINUTES**

Motion by Ms. Youmans and second by Mr. Del'Re to approve the following minutes by unanimous voice vote (3-0):

- Board minutes of **April 15, 2015**.

**VII. CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER REPORT**

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

- Report to provided during 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 Ms. Youmans and second by Ms. Cappadona to approve the following resolution and go into closed Executive Session. Carried by a unanimous voice vote. (3-0)

**EXECUTIVE SESSION STARTED AT 6:00 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 **personnel matters** 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. Cappadona and second by Mr. Del'Re to come out of Executive session. Carried by a unanimous voice vote. (4-0)

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDED AT 6:45 PM**

**THE BOARD RECONVENED THE REGULAR MEETING AT 6:45 PM**

**IX. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

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

**X. FINANCE**

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

- A. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve **renew the membership with the New Jersey Schools Insurance Group (NJSIG)** from July 1, 2015 through July 1, 2018 as per the Indemnity and Trust Renewal Agreement.

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

- B. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the playground plans and expenditures at an amount not the exceed \$70,000 as per attached documentation (Note: Fund allocation as follows on page 4).

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Cost</b>
MRC Game-time	Playground equipment	\$25,009.49
Whirl Construction	Installation and site-work	\$33,084.00
RubbeRecycle	Shredded rubber mulch	\$ 7,456.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$65,549.49</b>
	BCB Bank	\$(25,000.00)
	Goya	\$( 5,000.00)
	Tricky Trays (school \$\$ raised)	\$(19,222.84)
<b>BALANCE</b>		<b>\$16,326.65</b>
<b>Ancillary costs</b>	Additional unexpected costs	<b>\$ 3,673.35</b>
<b>MAX TOTAL DUE FROM SCHOOL</b>		<b>\$ 20,000</b>

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 April 15, 2015** in the amount of \$180,827.45.
- D. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the **Payroll Report for April 30, 2015** in the amount of \$185,144.29.
- E. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the **Bills List for April 2015** in the amount of \$131,954.40.
- F. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the **Bills List for May 1<sup>st</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> 2015** in the amount of \$131,486.96.
- 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 **April 30, 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 **April 30, 2015**.

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**XI. PERSONNEL**

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

- A. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the list of **renewals and non-renewals** as per attachment.

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 Trustee approve the hiring of **Lindsay Kruk as First Grade teacher** at a annual salary of \$46,000 for the 2015-2016 school year (Note: Position available due to the extra first grade class that will need to be created due to the enrollment bubble).

**XII. CURRICULUM**

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

- A. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the following **list of field trips** as per attached Field Trip Request Forms:
  - 1. Prudential Center on 6/4/15 (Music)
  - 2. Bowcraft on 6/19/15 (Pre-K)
  - 3. Broadway Theatre on 5/28/14 (Choir)

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

- B. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the **use of facility for a summer camp** by Apollo as per attached proposal guidelines with the following additional stipulations:
  - 1. At least 80% of the children are Golden Door Charter School students
  - 2. Remaining 20% would only be open to other Jersey City charter school students.

**XIII. GOVERNANCE**

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

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

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**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Ms. Keyes and second by Ms. Cappadona to adjourn at 8:05 PM.  
Carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Paul Velelis  
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary