

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOLDEN DOOR CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2015 AT 5:33 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>Absent</u>
Danielle Downs (Vice President)	<u>Present</u>
Jessica Cappadona	<u>Present</u>
Nick Del'Re	<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>

V. PRESENTATION

- None

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VI. MINUTES

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

- Board minutes of **July 22, 2015**.
- Executive session minutes of **July 22, 2015**.

VII. CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER REPORT

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

- No report provided but there was an update on the job openings for the 2015-2016 school year.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Board Secretary 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 Mr. Del'Re 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 5:35 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 **collective bargaining, personnel matters and student retentions** 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 Mr. Del'Re and second by Ms. Cappadona to come out of Executive session. Carried by a unanimous voice vote. (3-0)

EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDED AT 7:00 PM

THE BOARD RECONVENED THE REGULAR MEETING AT 7:00 PM

The Chief Academic Officer recommends the following resolutions for approval:

X. FINANCE

Motion by Mr. Del'Re and second by Ms. Downs to approve Item A. Carried by unanimous voice vote (3-0).

- A. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the agreement with **Sensory Kids** for occupational therapy during the 2015-2016 school year (Note: Paragraphs two through four need to be removed from the agreement).

Item B Tabled

- B. Move that the Board of Trustees approve the agreement with **Bryant, Gemza, Keenoy & Kozlik** for special education consulting services at the rate of \$650 per month for the 2015-2016 school year (Note: Represents a reduction of \$1,850 per month from prior agreement).

Motion by Mr. Del'Re and second by Ms. Cappadona to approve Items C through G. Carried by unanimous voice vote (3-0).

- C. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the **Payroll Report for July 15, 2015** in the amount of \$45,958.39.
- D. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the **Payroll Report for July 30, 2015** in the amount of \$42,941.50.

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- E. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the **Bills List** for **June 2015** in the amount of \$206,539.68
- F. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the **Bills List** for **July 2015** in the amount of \$136,475.64.
- G. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the **Bills List** for **August 1st – 19th 2015** in the amount of \$123,749.84.

Items H through K Tabled until September

- H. 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, 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.
- I. 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, 2015**.
- J. 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 **July 31, 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.
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XI. PERSONNEL

Motion by Mr. Del'Re and second by Ms. Cappadona to approve Items A through F. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (3-0).

- A. Resolved that the Board of Trustee approve the hiring of **Lindsay Fishman** as **ELA teacher** at a annual salary of \$48,000 for the 2015-2016 school year (Note: Replacement position for Katherine Johnson who resigned).
- B. Resolved that the Board of Trustee approve the promotion of **Carissa Figueroa** to **Preschool teacher** at a annual salary of \$47,000 for the 2015-2016 school year (Note: Replacement position for Jeanette Medwid who resigned).
- C. Resolved that the Board of Trustee approve the promotion of **Darla West** to **Third Grade teacher** at a annual salary of \$47,000 for the 2015-2016 school year (Note: Replacement position for Christine Krueger who resigned).
- D. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the hiring of **Katherine Javier** as **Paraprofessional** at an annual salary \$27,000 for the 2015-2016 school year (Note: Replacement position for Jessica Fowler who is being promoted to a teacher position).
- E. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the hiring of **Caitlin Coll** as **Paraprofessional** at an annual salary \$26,000 for the 2015-2016 school year (Note: Replacement position for Carissa Figueroa who is being promoted to a teacher position).
- F. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the hiring of **Kelly Lehr** as **First Grade teacher** at an annual salary \$46,000 for the 2015-2016 school year (Note: Replacement position for Alina White who resigned).

XII. CURRICULUM

- A. None

XIII. GOVERNANCE

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

- A. Resolved that the Board of Trustees uphold the **retention of TG** following review of the appeal form submitted by the parent.

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Item B Rejected through unanimous roll call vote (3-0).

- B. Move that the Board of Trustees uphold the **retention of RK** following review of the appeal form submitted by the parent.

Motion by Mr. Del'Re 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 **promotion of KG** to fifth grade for the start of the 2015-2016 school year under the condition that the student maintains an 85% or better in Reading, Writing and Mathematics (Note: Student would be skipping the fourth grade).

Motion by Mr. Del'Re and second by Ms. Cappadona to approve Item D. Carried by unanimous voice vote (3-0).

- D. Resolved that the Board or Trustees approve the **revised School Calendar** for the 2015-2016 school year (Note: The school will now be closed for the Teacher's Convention on November 5th and 6th).

Motion by Mr. Del'Re and second by Ms. Cappadona to approve Item E. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (3-0).

- E. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the **revised Tenure policy** as per attached document (Note: Prior version approved on 12-17-14 must be replaced in order to be meet statute).

Motion by Mr. Del'Re and second by Ms. Cappadona to approve Item F. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (3-0).

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

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Del'Re and second by Ms. Cappadona to adjourn at 7:20 PM. Carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Paul Velelis
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary