

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOLDEN DOOR CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2016 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

<u>Board Members (voting):</u>	
Joanne Youmans (President)	<u>Present</u>
Danielle Downs (Vice President)	<u>Present</u>
Jessica Cappadona	<u>Absent</u>
Nick Del'Re	<u>Present</u>
Tonya Keyes	<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>

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V. PRESENTATION

- Chief Academic Officer, Mr. Brian Stiles, presented **PARCC results** to the Board.

VI. MINUTES

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

- Board minutes of **January 20, 2016**.

VII. CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER REPORT

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

- Report provided and discussed 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.

The Chief Academic Officer recommends the following resolutions for approval:

IX. FINANCE

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

- A. 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 Mr. Del'Re 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 January 15, 2016** in the amount of \$214,672.63 (*includes stipends payments 1 of 2).
- C. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the **Payroll Report for January 31, 2016** in the amount of \$184,270.51

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- D. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the **Bills List** for **January 2016** in the amount of \$142,699.21.
- E. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the **Bills List** for **February 1st-17th 2016** in the amount of \$97,013.04 (Note: Original list was thru Check #A4529).

Items F and G Tabled until March

- 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 **January 31, 2016** 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 **January 31, 2016**.

X. PERSONNEL

Motion by Mr. Del'Re and second by Ms. Downs 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:
 - Kyashia Felton

XI. CURRICULUM

Motion by Ms. Youmans and second by Ms. Downs to approve Item A. Carried by unanimous voice vote (2-0) with one abstention by Mr. Del'Re.

- A. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the **consultant services agreement** with Bryant, Gemza, Keenoy & Kozlik in the amount of \$5,000 as per attached agreement.

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Motion by Ms. Youmans and second by Ms. Downs to approve Item B. Carried by unanimous voice vote (3-0).

- B. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the **ESL professional services contract** with the Essex Regional Educational Services Commission (ERESC) in the amount of \$70 per hour on an as-needed basis as per attached agreement.

Items C and D Tabled until March.

- C. Move that the Board of Trustees approve the **FY16 NCLB Amendment** to include carryover funds as per attached document.
- D. Move that the Board of Trustees approve the revised **NCLB-funded position & personnel breakdown** (Note: List to be provided at meeting).

XII. GOVERNANCE

Note: Phil Nicastro from Straus Esmay provided an overview of the following policies for the Board prior to voting on resolutions.

Motion by Ms. Youmans and second by Ms. Downs to approve Items A through E. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (3-0).

- A. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the **list of 3000 series policies (first reading)** as per attached policy index.
- B. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the **list of 4000 series policies (first reading)** as per attached policy index.
- C. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the **list of 6000 series policies (first reading)** as per attached policy index.
- D. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the **list of 7000 series policies (first reading)** as per attached policy index.
- E. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the **list of 8000 series policies (first reading)** as per attached policy index.

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XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ms. Downs and second by Ms. Youmans to adjourn at 7:30 PM.
Carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Paul Velelis
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary