

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOLDEN DOOR CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2016 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)	<u>Present</u>
Joanne Youmans (Vice President)	<u>Present</u>
Jessica Cappadona	<u>Absent</u>
Nick Del'Re	<u>Present</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>

Note: Ms. Downs arrived late at 5:55pm.

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V. PRESENTATION

- Jane Kershner, NJSBA Field Services Director, reviewed self-assessment results with the Board.

VI. MINUTES

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

- Board minutes of **October 19, 2016**.
- Executive session minutes of **October 19, 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 this time.

The Chief Academic Officer recommends the following resolutions for approval:

IX. FINANCE

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

- A. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the **professional services agreement with Parette Somjen Architects** in the amount of \$13,500 (plus reimbursables) as per attached document.

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

- B. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the **Payroll Report** for **October 15, 2016** in the amount of \$189,058.87.
- C. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the **Payroll Report** for **October 31, 2016** in the amount of \$187,393.58.
- D. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the **Bills List** for **October 2016** in the amount of \$178,419.48.
- E. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the **Bills List** for **November 1st-16th 2016** in the amount of \$119,598.83.

Motion by Ms. Youmans and second by Ms. Keyes to approve Items F and G. Carried by unanimous voice vote (4-0).

- F. 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 **October 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. 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 **October 31, 2016**.

X. PERSONNEL

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

- A. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the hiring of **Julia Zaki** for the position of **Paraprofessional** at a *pro-rated* salary of \$25,310 for the 2016-2017 school year (Note: Replacement position for Caitlin Coll with salary in accordance with Step 1 of the salary guide).
- B. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the hiring of **Caitlin Coll** for the position of **Second Grade teacher** at a *pro-rated* salary of \$45,350 for the 2016-

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2017 school year (Note: Replacement position for Ms. Lubczynski with salary in accordance with BA Step 1 of the salary guide).

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

- C. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the **maternity leave for Michelle Taliercio** effective January 3, 2017 through August 31, 2017.
- D. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the hiring of **April Sparacello** as Leave **Replacement for Second Grade** at a rate of \$150 per day from January 3, 2017 through June 30, 2017 (Note: Replacement position for Ms. Taliercio who is taking maternity leave).

XI. CURRICULUM

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

- A. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the **new field trip site** of Broadway Theatre in New York.

XII. GOVERNANCE

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

- A. Resolved that the Board of Trustees agree to replace its existing Straus Esmay **transgender policy (#5756)** with the attached NJSBA version (#5145.7).

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ms. Downs and second by Ms. Youmans to adjourn at 6:35 PM. Carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Velelis
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary