

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOLDEN DOOR CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2015 AT 5:45 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>
Danielle Downs (Vice President)	<u>Present</u>
Jessica Cappadona	<u>Present</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>

V. PRESENTATION

- None

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VI. MINUTES

Motion by Ms. Downs and second by Mr. Del'Re to approve the following minutes by unanimous voice vote (5-0):

- Board minutes of **August 19, 2015**.
- Executive session minutes of **August 19, 2015**.

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 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 Ms. Youmans and second by Ms. Cappadona to approve the following resolution and go into closed Executive Session. Carried by a unanimous voice vote. (5-0)

EXECUTIVE SESSION STARTED AT 6:05 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 and personnel matters** 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 Ms. Cappadona and second by Ms. Keyes to come out of Executive session. Carried by a unanimous voice vote. (5-0)

EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDED AT 7:05 PM

THE BOARD RECONVENED THE REGULAR MEETING AT 7:05 PM

The Chief Academic Officer recommends the following resolutions for approval:

X. FINANCE

Motion by Ms. Youmans and second by Ms. Keyes to approve Items A through L. Carried by unanimous voice vote (5-0).

- A. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the **Health Benefit Plans** for the new plan year beginning on October 1, 2015 (Note: Prior medical plan through Aetna was cost prohibitive due to the 31% increase which would've resulted in additional premium costs of approximately \$200,000).
 - Medical: United Healthcare / Oxford
 - Oxford Liberty Access POS (High Plan)
 - Oxford Liberty EPO (Low Plan)
 - Dental: Delta Dental
 - Delta Dental PPO (High Plan)
 - Flagship (Low Plan)
 - Vision: NVA
- B. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the **Payroll Report for August 15, 2015** in the amount of \$43,182.92.
- C. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the **Payroll Report for August 30, 2015** in the amount of \$42,717.64.
- D. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the **Bills List for June 2015 (revised)** in the amount of \$211,654.35

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- E. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the **Bills List** for **August 2015** in the amount of \$123,099.84.
- F. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the **Bills List** for **September 1st – 16th 2015** in the amount of \$217,939.47.
- 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 **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.
- 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 **June 30, 2015**.
- I. 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 **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 Ms. Youmans and second by Ms. Keyes to approve Items A through C. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (5-0).

- A. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the hiring of **Susan Alfieri** as the **MS ELA teacher** at a annual salary of \$49,000 for the 2015-2016 school year (Note: Replacement position for Kerrie Mulvaney who resigned).
- B. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the hiring of **Emily Bischoff** as **MS Special Education teacher** at a annual salary of \$46,000 for the 2015-2016 school year (Note: Replacement position for Karen Russo who resigned).
- C. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the hiring of **Caitlin Culhane** as a **substitute** at the rate of \$175/day for the 2015-2016 school year.

XII. CURRICULUM

Motion by Ms. Downs and second by Ms. Keyes to approve Items A through E. Carried by unanimous voice vote (5-0).

- A. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the agreement with **Lynn McAuley** for *school psychologist services* during the 2015-2016 school year.
- B. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the agreement with **Jimmy Castro** for *school social worker services* during the 2015-2016 school year.
- C. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the agreement with **Mary Ann Foley** for *ELA coach consulting* during the 2015-2016 school year (Note: To be paid for with NCLB funding).
- D. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the agreement with **Sally Schannen** for *Math coach consulting* during the 2015-2016 school year (Note: To be paid for with NCLB funding).
- E. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the **HIB School Self Assessment** for the 2014-2015 school year as per attached document.

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XIII. GOVERNANCE

Item A Tabled

- A. Move that the Board of Trustees approve the **list of 5000 series policies (first reading)** as per attached policy index.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ms. Youmans and second by Ms. Cappadona to adjourn at 7:35 PM.
Carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Paul Velelis
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary