



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING March 22, 2022

Maureen Hulings on behalf of President Nyaboga called to order the **Regular Meeting** of the DLEACS Board of Directors on March 22, 2022 via Electronic Zoom Meeting at 5:39pm; she then advised “In accordance with the New Jersey P.L. 1975, Chapter 231 (SUNSHINE LAW-OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT) adequate notice of this **REGULAR BOARD MEETING** has been provided to the Offices of the City Clerk of Jersey City & the Hudson County Superintendent of Schools, the Jersey Journal & the Jersey City Reporter; followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

<i>TRUSTEES</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>
ANDREW NYABOGA		X
JOSEPH DI FEO	X	
PHYLLIS FASONE	X	
JOHN SEAZHOLTZ		X
EUGENE SQUEO	X	
PATRICIA MADISON		X
KEITH DAVIS	X	
SHARON SANTANA	X	

Also present:

- Christopher Garlin, CEO
- Brian Falkowski, SBA Board Secy.
- James Brewer, Principal
- Jeffrey Mohr, Assistant Principal
- Francis Schiller, General Counsel
- Maureen Hulings, Recording Secy

Maureen Hulings Called for a Motion to Approve February 22, 2022 Regular Meeting

Minutes: **Vote: 5-0 3 absent**

Maureen Hulings asked if there were any public speakers; she then called for a Motion to close Public Speaking; **Vote: 5-0 3 absent**

Maureen Hulings called for a Motion to close Regular Session and go into Executive Session:

Vote: 5-0 3 absent

Board Returned to Regular Session:

Counsel Schiller advised staff hiring for current school year was discussed in Executive Session.

Phyllis Fasone advised they finance committee met today; had a good discussion with Brian who answered all questions; Dr. Falkowski discussed Budget vs. Actual; Fund Balance is strong; school has enough cash on hand to satisfy the State (90 days); no findings in the Audit for June 30, 2021; all findings from pervious audit were done properly; receiving approximately \$900,000 from Jersey City payroll tax Fund balance at \$1,065,000; we are out of the hole & in excellent fiscal shape;

Maureen Hulings called for a Motion to Approve & Accept the SBA/Board Secy Reports & Bill List.

Vote: 5-0 3 absent

Auditor's Management Report & Comprehensive Annual Financial Report were discussed; There were no findings in the Auditor's Report.

Brian Falkowski advised that the Budget was compliant & strong; if there are any changes they can be made at a later date; must be submitted by March 31st;

Maureen Hulings asked if anyone had any questions regarding the Principal's monthly reports; Gene Squeo said he had concerns about the chronic absenteeism; Principal said besides all the current protocols used a committee was formed, including Board member Sharon Santana, to assist in contacting the families.

Phyllis Fasone asked what Teacher openings did we have; Principal advised Social Studies, Math (one math teacher will be starting in the new school year beginning July 1, 2022), World Language and Special Ed; he further advised that the NJCU interviews will be taking place in April; that we will have 11 SPC Tutors coming; he will be in touch with Michele at SPU about teaching openings.

Phyllis Fasone asked Asst. Principal if had the metrics to compare the students being tutored with those not being tutored; he advised was halfway done would have results next week; she asked if we had over 100 students in tutoring; yes and trying to get more of the upper grades involved; Joe DiFeo asked if he thought the students being tutored w3re doing better; yes, Teachers say class performance is improving; Phyllis Fasone asked what the student ratio was, 10 or 12 to 1, will be less when SPU tutors start; Phyllis Fasone asked if we can get tutors from NJCU & HCCC; she asked principal to get in

touch with colleges for tutors even if they are not education students; Counsel Schiller asked Maureen Hulings to reach out to HCCC since she is a board member.

Phyllis Fasone asked Principal if Dr. Perna & Dr. Luce did their walk through; yes, on Dr. Perna and he will submit his report on Friday he visited all classrooms.

Chris Garlin gave an update on meeting with Union; they discussed ground rules and future negotiations; went well; by our next meeting we should have a Union Proposal; we sent them our must haves list; Joe DiFeo asked if there were discussion on salaries; no; we are still waiting for info from Brian Falkowski; Counsel Schiller stated that we will stay with our current contracts if we do not have an agreement with the Union by the end of this school year; Phyllis Fasone asked if Teachers have any idea where we are headed; Chris Carlin stated our labor attorney advised not to put any info out since teachers have a union; Counsel Schiller advised we should have a Union update every month in Executive Session.

RES. NO. 3/22/1

Approve New Hire/Guidance Counselor Alina Capalnear for the Remainder of the 2021/2022 SY; Maureen Hulings asked if anyone had any questions; she then called for a Motion to Approve Resolution No. 3/22/1

VOTE: 5-0 3 absent

RES. NO. 3/22/2_

Accept & Approve Auditor's Management Report for FY ended June 30, 2021 for Submission to NJ DOE; Maureen Hulings asked if anyone had any questions; she then called for a Motion to Approve Resolution No. 3/22/2

VOTE: 5-0 3 absent

RES. NO. 3/22/3

Accept and Approve Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for FY ended June 30, 2021 for Submission to NJ DOE; Maureen Hulings asked if anyone had any questions; she then called for a Motion to Approve Resolution No. 3/22/3

VOTE: 5-0 3 absent

RES. NO. 3/22/4

Approve & Adopts Budget for FY 2022-2023 and Submit to NJ DOE

Vote: 5-0 3 absent

Maureen Hulings asked if there was any new business;

Phyllis Fasone asked Principal when is testing; April 25 through June 3; our schedule is May 2 ending prior to Memorial Day.

Counsel Schiller requested that Chris Garlin send a note to Elnardo Webster's family on behalf of the Board; Gene Squeo said Elnardo's heart was in DLEACS. Principal said

we have the 21st Century Program at DLEACS because of Dr. Webster which we are going to expand.

Maureen Hulings called for a Motion to adjourn Meeting:

VOTE: 5-0 3 absent

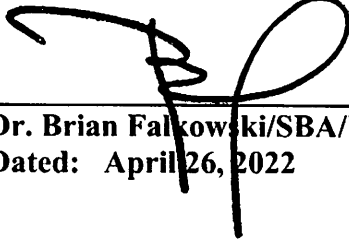
Next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday April 26, 2022- @ 5:30pm via Electronic Zoom Meeting or in the alternative at the Maher Learning Center located at 513 Bramhall Avenue, Jersey City, NJ

Meeting adjourned at 6:21pm.

March 22, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes were approved at the April 26, 2022 Regular Board Meeting

Vote: 4-0 1 abstain 3 absent

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Dr. Brian Falkowski/SBA/Board Secretary

Dated: April 26, 2022