

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Meeting

MINUTES: August 24, 2021

Maureen Hulings on behalf of Board President Andrew Nyaboga called to order the **Regular Meeting** of the Dr. Lena Edwards Academic Charter School Board of Trustees (DLEACS) on July 27, 2021 via Electronic Zoom Meeting at 5:33pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ATTENDANCE

Roll Call

| TRUSTEES | Present | Absent |
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| 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:

Brian Falkowski, SBA Board Secy. Maureen Hulings, Recording Secy. James Brewer, Principal Counsel Francis Schiller

Maureen Hulings called for a Motion to approve the Minutes of the July 27, 2021 Regular Meeting

Vote: 6-0 2 absent

Maureen Hulings asked if there were any public speakers; she then called for a Motion to close Public Speaking;

Vote: 6-0 2 absent

Phyllis Fasone said the Finance Committee reviewed the Bill List and recommended approval by the Board; SBA Brian Falkowski advised they were working on closing out July & August reports and they would be provided at the September meeting.

Maureen Hulings called for a Motion to approve Bill List

Vote: 6-0 2 absent

Maureen Hulings asked if there were any questions on Principal's Monthly Reports; No questions.

Principal Brewer advised:

156 students signed up for the summer program; average attendance was 118 students; pre and post tests were given and there were gains in all levels; ELA & Math scores were discussed; Playworks did enrichment activities for students; Keith Davis said we need to get the math scores up; Principal said we will use this summer info to start our assessments in September; Gene Squeo asked if we had feedback on Playworks from Teachers; Principal advised TAs worked on Playworks activities not teachers; that about 80% of staff attended Professional Development; that Harassment Training took place; Phyllis Fasone asked...weren't all staff required to attend; Principal and Chris Garlin will discuss with staff on September 1st; Gene Squeo was disappointed in the staff turnout.

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

Vote: 6-0 2 absent

Board returned to Regular session; Counsel Schiller advised Partnership Agreement with St. Peter's University and Union Negotiations were discussed during Executive Session.

Resolutions:

Playworks Contract was discussed; Patricia Madison asked why we pay upfront; Chris Garlin advised that many vendors request upfront payment from Charter Schools; Resolution was approved subject to Brian Falkowski confirming that the Contract had been paid upfront previously;

Vote: 6-0 2 absent

Shirley Scamardella Contract was discussed: Resolution was approved subject to removal of "estimate" as to contract amount;

Vote: 6-0 2 absent

Partnership with St. Peter's University was discussed: Resolution was passed subject to date correction of "analysis report 2021-2022".

Vote: 6-0 2 absent

Maureen Hulings asked if there was any new business; None; she then asked for a Motion to Adjourn;

Vote: 6-0 2 absent

Meeting adjourned at 6:33pm

August 24, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes were approved on September 28, 2021.

Vote: 6-0 1 abstain 1 absent

Certified to be a true copy

Dr. Brian Falkowski/SBA/Board Secretary

Dated: September 24 2021