



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Meeting

MINUTES/REGULAR MEETING October 26, 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 October 26, 2021 via Electronic Zoom Meeting at 5:32 PM 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

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

Maureen Hulings called for a Motion to approve the Minutes of the SEPTEMBER, 28, 2021 Regular Meeting

Vote: 7-0 1 absent

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

Vote: 7-0 1 absent

Brian Falkowski: reviewed FY 2020 Audit with auditor; they are currently conducting the FY 21 Audit; the PPL is still not forgiven but should be approved soon; fund balance is in a good direction;

Phyllis Fasone: John Seazholtz had questions on the bill list which Brian answered; the Finance Committee reviewed the Bill List and SBA reports & recommended approval by the Board

Maureen Hulings called for a Motion to approve Bill List & SBA Reports

Vote:

<i>TRUSTEES</i>	<i>Motion</i>	<i>Second</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>
ANDREW NYABOGA				
JOSEPH DI FEO				
PHYLLIS FASONE				
JOHN SEAZHOLTZ				
EUGENE SQUEO				
PATRICIA MADISON				
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Mr. Olabintan (auditor) introduced himself to Board; discussed CAFR; 2021 Audit must include school is on probation.

Patricia Madison asked for an explanation to help her understand the Food Service deficiency; Brian explained satisfactorily, including the unexpected costs due to Covid; that we are ending 2021 in the positive.

Mr. Childs reported on the SECD program (Social Emotional Character Development); looking at the many issues as children return to the classrooms full time; Chris Garlin discussed the program with the Program Committee; that we should be revamping our IRS (Intervention and Referral Services; that we would need 3 Para Professionals to help with the Special Needs population; an Admin Assistant to handle clerical; a Program Mgr. to coordinate services; that Teachers should be paid a stipend for their involvement; that staff and SECD families should have Professional development in this area; Phyllis asked: asked Principal are we are still looking for TAs, yes; John Seazholtz: can Covid money pay for this; Chris Garlin: can pay for some of it; Joe DiFeo: are you saying you need 3 additional people hire for this program, and if so would they be permanent; once ESSER money is gone how will we pay; Chris Garlin: some permanent and some short timer and only if we have success.

Mr. Mohr: IReady reports were given to all parents on October 14th who attended; folders were given to children to bring home to parents who did not attend; Teachers went over the result with the students; had a good response from parents; parents were given instructions on how to go online for reports; Joe DiFeo: we should reward students who improve a lot as a visible example to the whole school; Principal: he spoke

with Chris Garlin about student of the month receiving the Principal's Award;; Phyllis Fasone: can we get come kind of Interim report instead of waiting for January results; Principal and Asst. Principal looking at getting a 1 page report prior to January; will we have a mid year Lavinia report.

Resolution No. 10/21/1

Maureen Hulings asked if anyone had any questions regarding Resolution 10/21/1 Accept 2020 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and Approve Submission to NJDOE ; she then called for a Motion to Approve Resolution No. 10/21/1

Vote: 7-0 1 absent

Resolution No. 10/21/2

Maureen Hulings asked if anyone had any questions regarding Res. 10/21/2 Accept 2020 Auditor's Management Report (AMR) and Approve Submission to NJDOE; she then called for a Motion to Approve Resolution No. 10/21/2

Vote: 7-0 1 absent

Resolution No. 10/21/3

Maureen Hulings asked if anyone had any questions regarding Res. No. 10/21/3 Acknowledge that 2020 CAFR did not have any findings or recommendations and does not require Corrective Action Plan (CAP); she then called for a Motion to Approve Resolution No. 10/21/3

Vote: 7 – 0 1 absent

Resolution No. 10/21/4 Approve Hiring of 2nd Guidance Counselor

Maureen Hulings asked if anyone had any questions regarding Res. No. 10/21/4 Acknowledge that 2020 CAFR did not have any findings or recommendations and there does not require Corrective Action Plan (CAP); she then called for a Motion to Approve Resolution No. 10/21/4

Vote: 7 – 0 1 absent

Maureen Hulings asked if there were any questions for Mr. Brewer on Principal's Monthly Reports; None

Resolution No. 10/21/5

Maureen Hulings asked if anyone had any questions regarding Res. No. 10/21/5 Approve Nu-Way Concessionaires Contract; she then called for a Motion to Approve Resolution No. 10/21/5

Vote: 6 – 0 2 absent

Maureen Hulings asked if there was any new business; she then called for a Motion to adjourn Regular Meeting:

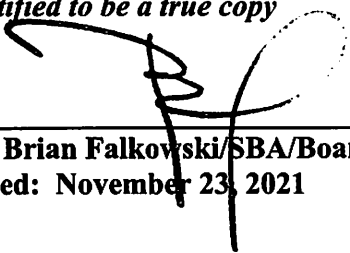
Vote: 6 – 0 2 absent

*Next Board Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday November 23, 2021**- @ 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 7:14pm.

October 26, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes were approved on November 23, 2021
Vote: 5-0 2 absent 1 abstain

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Dr. Brian Falkowski/SBA/Board Secretary
Dated: November 23, 2021