



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES May 25, 2021

Maureen Hulings (MH) 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 May 25, 2021 via Electronic Zoom Meeting at 5:33pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MH advised “In accordance with 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 and the Jersey City Reporter”.

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.
- Maureen Hulings, Recording Secy.
- James Brewer, Principal
- Jeffrey Mohr, Asst. Principal
- Counsel Francis Schiller

MH called for a Motion to approve the Minutes of the April 27, 2021 Regular Meeting

Vote: 7-0 1 abstain

MH called for a Motion to approve the Minutes of the May 11, 2021 Special Meeting.

Vote: 7-0 1 abstain

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

Vote: 8-0

6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

6.1) SBA Package

SBA advised: that our fund balance was in good shape; that currently we are at \$827,644 and that is not including PPP forgiveness which we are waiting for in the amount of \$740,000;

that the additional monies we are waiting for are to be used for students to regain what they lost this past year;

there are strict regulations; money is not to be used to pay teachers their salaries; can pay teachers working additional programs; not to be used for bonuses; the additional monies must be used by 9/30/2023;

that we are still waiting on payroll tax money from City.

Phyllis Fasone said the Finance Committee reviewed the May Business Office Package and recommended approval by the Board;

MH called for a Motion to Approve Board Secy Report, Treasurer's Report & Bill List.
Vote: 8-0

Principal discussed the Academic & Supplement Pandemic Data Report that was requested by the State after their visit in March.

Assistant Principal discussed I Ready Example & I Ready Middle School Data reports; how they work and how teachers would put to use;

that students would be tested 3 times during the SY... September... Winter-January... Spring-May;

there would be a class report showing where students began and where they are at after the 3rd test;

Principal advised: that next SY we will be using I-Ready assessments not Link It; this year only 6, 7 & 8 took all the assessments; all others will be taking last test which is in process of being scheduled;

he displayed a sample data binder and would provide it to Board;

Patricia Madison asked if the I-Ready reports will mirror report cards;

Principal said yes in some ways but report cards also include, homework, participation etc.

Joe DiFeo wants class goals set as to what % we want to be proficient by the end of the SY; that Teachers should be part of the goal setting;

John Seazholtz asked if we can have a report by the July meeting; Yes

Phyllis Fasone said middle school results are not good; did not see improvement in scores;

Counsel Schiller asked if Teacher evaluations were being done. Yes; that Board evaluates Teachers through the Principal & Asst. Principal; requirements of I-Ready & Lavinia should be included in Teacher Contracts. Chris will do;

Principal advised that recently over 200 viewed the Summer School program information on social media; that 56 signed up for Math Tutoring and 64 for Language Arts;

Gene Squeo said he & Counsel Schiller had met with Elnardo Webster of SPU; that a meeting is being scheduled with Elnardo and Dr. Doria of SPU to work on tutoring program for the fall;

Counsel Schiller advised that he had received Lavinia Contracts just prior to start of meeting; that he would need to review before Board could approve; that SBA must certify the availability of the funds on all contracts.

There were no questions on the Principal's Monthly reports.

MH called for a Motion to Approve Resolution No. 5/21/1 Approve Lavinia Proposal Subject to Contract Review and Approval of General Counsel

Vote: 7-0 1 absent

<i>TRUSTEES</i>	<i>Motion</i>	<i>Second</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Absent</i>
ANDREW NYABOGA			X		
JOSEPH DI FEO	X		X		
PHYLLIS FASONE		X	X		
JOHN SEAZHOLTZ			X		
EUGENE SQUEO			X		
PATRICIA MADISON			X		
KEITH DAVIS					X*
SHARON SANTANA			X		

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MH called for a Motion to Approve Resolution No. 5/21/2 Approve Safety Grant Application.

Vote: 7-0 1 absent

<i>TRUSTEES</i>	<i>Motion</i>	<i>Second</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Absent</i>
ANDREW NYABOGA			X		
JOSEPH DI FEO			X		
PHYLLIS FASONE	X		X		
JOHN SEAZHOLTZ			X		
EUGENE SQUEO		X	X		
PATRICIA MADISON			X		
KEITH DAVIS					X*
SHARON SANTANA			X		

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

Vote: 7-0 1 absent

ANNUAL BOARD REORGANIZATION MEETING is scheduled for June 22, 2021- @ 5:15pm followed by Regular Board meeting @ 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 6:55pm

May 25, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes were approved on June 22, 2021

Vote: 8-0

Certified to be a true copy

Dr. Brian Falkowski/SBA/Board Secretary

Dated: June 22, 2021