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Marion P. Thomas Charter School Board of Trustees Meeting

November 22, 2021 | 6:00 PM ET

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1. CALL TO ORDER – Open Public Meetings Act - 6:12

A. The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act (“Act”) was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of, and to attend meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Marion P Thomas Charter School Board of Trustees has caused notice of this meeting to be advertised by having the date, time, and place thereof posted on the MPTCS website, in the office of the Clerk of the City of Newark, and was published in the Star-Ledger in July 2021.

2. ROLL CALL

A. The following individuals are voting members of the Board:

Board Member	Present	Absent	Board Member	Present	Absent
Vincent Rouse	x		Julio Valdivieso	x	
Dashay Carter	x		Allan Boomer	x	
Jason Denard	x		LaSonya Nevius	x	
Briana Gilchrist	x				
Dr. Princess Towe	x				

Non-Voting Board Members Present	
Elijah Griffiths (Interim Board Secretary/Administrator)	Tina Jalloh(Board Attorney)
Angela Mincy, Chief School Administrator/Superintendent	



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3. BOARD MINUTES

Approval of Board Minutes October 25, 2021

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Vincent Rouse		X				Julio Valdivieso		X			
Dashay Carter		X				Allan Boomer		X			
Jason Denard	XX	X				LaSonya Nevius	X	X			
Briana Gilchrist		X									
Dr. Princess Towe		X									

Approval of Agenda : Approve of Agenda November 22, 2021

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Vincent Rouse		X				Julio Valdivieso		X			
Dashay Carter		X				Allan Boomer		X			
Jason Denard	X	X				LaSonya Nevius		X			
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4. CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

Discussion:

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Discussion:

- **This was anything but boring! You promised transparency and laid out areas for improvements, for example - attendance. You've also promised partnerships and have delivered (Amazon, Kean). Congratulations to Kyle Brown, parents are going to love him. Can you expand on the daily attendance rate vs. average statistics? (Valdivieso)**
 - daily attendance is what you can anticipate in a building daily (Mincy)
 - Any student who has missed less than 5% is considered to have good attendance (Mincy)
- **Thank you Ms. Mincy on the Principal Search at Pac. Mr. Brown is a good person and I know his work to be good.**

5. *2021-11-22-A: Approval of the October Board Secretary Report*

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Vincent Rouse		x				Julio Valdivieso	x	x			
Dashay Carter		x				Allan Boomer		x			
Jason Denard	xx	x				LaSonya Nevius		x			
Briana Gilchrist		x									
Dr. Princess Towe		x									

6. *2021-11-22-B: Approval of November Bill List & October Treasurer's Report*

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Vincent Rouse		x				Julio Valdivieso		x			



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Dashay Carter	X	X				Allan Boomer	XX	X			
Jason Denard		X				LaSonya Nevius		X			
Briana Gilchrist		X									
Dr. Princess Towe		X									

Discussion:

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7. 2021-11-22-C: Personnel: New Hires, Resignations, Leave of Absence(s) and Terminations

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Vincent Rouse		X				Julio Valdivieso		X			
Dashay Carter	X	X				Allan Boomer		X			
Jason Denard		X				LaSonya Nevius		X			
Briana Gilchrist		X									
Dr. Princess Towe	XX	X									

8. 2021-11-22-D: High School Field Trips

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Vincent Rouse		X				Julio Valdivieso	XX	X			
Dashay Carter		X				Allan Boomer		X			
Jason Denard	X	X				LaSonya Nevius		X			
Briana Gilchrist		X									
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9. 2021-11-22-E: Athletic Stipends for HS After School Program(s)

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Vincent Rouse		X				Julio Valdivieso	XX	X			
Dashay Carter		X				Allan Boomer	X	X			
Jason Denard		X				LaSonya Nevius		X			
Briana Gilchrist		X									
Dr. Princess Towe		X									

Discussion:

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10. 2021-11-22-E: PAC Tutoring and Athletic Stipends for After School Program(s)

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Vincent Rouse		X				Julio Valdivieso		X			
Dashay Carter		X				Allan Boomer		X			
Jason Denard	X	X				LaSonya Nevius		X			
Briana Gilchrist	XX	X									
Dr. Princess Towe		X									

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11. 2021-11-22-G: STEAM Tutoring Stipends for After School Program(s)

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Vincent Rouse		x				Julio Valdivieso		x			
Dashay Carter	XX	x				Allan Boomer		x			
Jason Denard		x				LaSonya Nevius		x			
Briana Gilchrist	x	x									
Dr. Princess Towe		x									

Discussion:

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12. 2021-11-22-H: Division of Early Childhood Services - Annual Preschool Operational Plan

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Vincent Rouse		x				Julio Valdivieso		x			
Dashay Carter		x				Allan Boomer		x			
Jason Denard	x	X				LaSonya Nevius		x			
Briana Gilchrist	xx	x									
Dr. Princess Towe		x									

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13. 2021-11-22-I: American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Grant - Elementary and Secondary Schools

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Vincent Rouse		x				Julio Valdivieso		x			
Dashay Carter		x				Allan Boomer		x			
Jason Denard	XX	x				LaSonya Nevius		x			
Briana Gilchrist	X	x									
Dr. Princess Towe		x									

Discussion:

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14. 2021-11-22-J: Cintas Contract for Textile Services

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Vincent Rouse		x				Julio Valdivieso		x			
Dashay Carter		x				Allan Boomer				x	
Jason Denard		x				LaSonya Nevius		x			
Briana Gilchrist	X	x									
Dr. Princess Towe	XX	x									

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15. 2021-11-22-K: Termination of Atalian Cleaning Services Contract

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Vincent Rouse		x				Julio Valdivieso	xx	x			
Dashay Carter		x				Allan Boomer		x			
Jason Denard		x				LaSonya Nevius		x			
Briana Gilchrist	x	x									
Dr. Princess Towe		x									

Discussion:

- If the vendor is not up to hiring-standards, I agree to get rid of them so let's do this. (Valdivieso)
- How will in-house staff work? Will they be paid? (Dr. Towe)
 - We will have per-diems, 3 in each building and substitutes as well. We will have an internal staff member to supervise/oversee (Mincy)
- Do you expect there to be any cost savings from this new process? (Boomer)
 - Slightly... we're not paying benefits. I could have used a 4th person at each building, but we'll start with 3. (Mincy)
- Please let us know if you need more resources (Valdivieso/Gilchrist)

16. 2021-11-22-L: Approve School Business Office, LLC (School Business Administrator)

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Vincent Rouse		x				Julio Valdivieso		x			
Dashay Carter	x	x				Allan Boomer		x			
Jason Denard	xx	x				LaSonya Nevius		x			
Briana Gilchrist		x									
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Discussion:

- Can you break down how this is organized? There will be 3 staff members? (Girlchrist)
 - The Falkows Brothers service schools by remote - portfolio is 17. Michael F. will be the SBA of record. We're keeping our board secretary and in-house SBA staff with the SBO vendor to be the SBA of record holding the certification. (Mincy)
- Will this be temporary or permanent? (Gilchrist)
 - Would like for this to be through charter renewal.
- We have been interviewing since the summer and have had a variety of consultants, assistant consultants, and we found this would be the best solution for now to get us through the audit, charter renewal, and key milestones. We're keeping the requisition open to have a single person cover this role (Boomer)
- Will this org help support retrieving deliverables from CMO? (Gilchrist)
 - We're moving forward with what we have so we'll have to take a hit in some instances (Mincy)

17. 2021-11-22-M: Aramark Food Services Contract 21-22 SY

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Vincent Rouse		x				Julio Valdivieso		x			
Dashay Carter		x				Allan Boomer		x			
Jason Denard		x				LaSonya Nevius		x			
Briana Gilchrist		x									
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19. PUBLIC COMMENT

20. CLOSED SESSION -

21. CLOSING REMARKS FROM BOARD CHAIR:

Thank you to all for your hard work and dedication to the village. Have a great evening! Committees thank you for meeting. Please come to the next meeting with a committee report.

22. MOTION TO ADJOURN 6:58 PM ET

Respectfully submitted at: 11/22/2021

Submitted by: Elijah D. Griffiths