



MPTCS Board of Trustees
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Marion P. Thomas Charter School Board of Trustees Meeting

August 23, 2021 | 6:00 PM ET

Zoom:

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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)
	Ana Pfalzgraf (School Business Administrator)



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3. BOARD MINUTES

A. Approval of Board Minutes July 26, 2021

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

Discussion:

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B. Approval of Agenda : Approve of Agenda August 23, 2021

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

5. 2021-08-26-A: Approval of the July Board Secretary Report

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

6. 2021-08-26-B: Approval of August Bill List & July Treasurer's Report

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

Discussion:

- requesting vendor summary of services on the vendor bill list (julio)

7. 2021-08-26-C: Personnel Report: New Hires, Resignations, Reassignments/Transfers, Approval of Teacher/Administrator Evaluation Frameworks, Rescinded Contracts, Terminations, Affirmative Action Officer, and District HIB Coordinator 21-22 SY

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent



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

Discussion:

- Who is the acting facilities director (Julio)
 - The role is being posted - hopefully we'll have filled the roll in the 60-day period.
- Really happy with the evaluation of framework - there's a lot of research on the effectiveness of using this tool (Jasonn)

8. [2021-08-26-D: NWEA MAP Renewal of Contract\(s\) for Services](#) | bundle package together all pending final attorney review.

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

Discussion:

- CSA covered in presentation - really good to see that we're filling in these gaps. Really happy with the curricular resources. Thank you to Attorney Jalloh ensuring that we're getting the best deal. PreK-12 will get a phenomenal education experience (Jasonn)
- Using the standard Danielson model - no modifications (Mincy)

9. [2021-08-26-E: HMT Into Reading Contract for Services SY 21-22](#)



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

Discussion:

10. 2021-08-26-F: No Red Ink (Software) Contract for Services SY 21-22

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		x									
Dr. Princess Towe		x									

A. 2021-08-26-G: Literably (K-8 Assessment) Contract for Services SY 21-22

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			



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Briana Gilchrist		X									
Dr. Princess Towe		X									

B. [2021-08-26-H: Reading Plus Contract for Services SY 21-22](#)

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									
Dr. Princess Towe		X									

C. [2021-08-26-I: STEAM Field Trips SY 21-22](#)

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

D. [2021-08-26-L: Atalian Cleaning Services Contract for Renewal Contract SY 21-22](#)

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

E. 2021-08-26-M: MPTCS Safe Return (School Reopening) Plan SY 21-22

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					
Jason Denard		x				LaSonya Nevius		x			
Briana Gilchrist		x									
Dr. Princess Towe		x									

F. 2021-08-26-N: Extension of DWC Security Service Contract (1-month)

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	x				LaSonya Nevius		x			
Briana Gilchrist		x									
Dr. Princess Towe **		x									

Discussion:



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- We are extending for 1-months to put in the RFP process. Shouldn't take longer than 2-weeks however, wanted to ensure we were ready for a safe school opening on 8/30 (Mincy).

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Discussion:

- Anna Brown
 - Thank you for the opportunity to rejoin MPTCS. I was made aware on Friday that I would not be moving forward in my position as an HR manager - a huge shock. I am happy for the local control & was looking forward to working with local control. I was told I wasn't a good fit moving forward and I understand the board has a preference however, when I received my termination notice it said something quite different - it stated that I did not perform my duties as assigned. I feel offended. I've worked for MPTCS for 12 years in addition to the merger & acquisition, working with BRICK, then to return to MPTCS again to be terminated. I have a heart for the village - I am willing... However, again, the letter was offensive to me stating that I didn't do my job. After all of these years, I took great offense. This was a toxic work environment lately - I wasn't even told about the HR job fair. I showed up. I was not even invited to the conversation on the HR handbook. To the board, I hope we do not see the same cycle as we did with BRICK. Again, I wish you all the best moving forward.

7. CLOSED SESSION -

8. CLOSING REMARKS FROM BOARD CHAIR:

Thank you to all for your hard work and dedication to the village. Have a great evening!

9. MOTION TO ADJOURN 7: 39 PM ET

Respectfully submitted at: 8/23/2021

Submitted by: Elijah D. Griffiths