THE PHILADELPHIA CHARTER SCHOOL FOR ARTS AND SCIENCES

AT H.R. EDMUNDS

1197 Haworth St, Philadelphia, PA 19124
August 17, 2020
6:00 PM

LOCATION:
Zoom Conference

MINUTES

SECTION I: CALL TO ORDER AT 6:20 PM

A. Roll Call

Board Members:	By Invitation: Non-Board Members:
Javier Kuehnle – Chairman ("JK") William Bradley Leach – Vice Chairman ("WL") Kristin Kubach – Secretary ("KK") Ramona Griffiths ("RG") Ronald Pigliacelli ("RP") Evelt Vertil ("EV")	Dr. Jill Parker Clark Judith Taggart Tyffany Stroman Angela Corosanite Dr. Jason Corosanite Michael Thomson Michael Danyo
Board Members Absent: Krista Alexander – Treasurer ("KA")	Daniel H. Saidel, Esq. David Annecharico, Esq. Abigail Lipow, Esq.

B. DISCLOSURE: EXECUTIVE SESSION *BY DANIEL H. SAIDEL*

2. I'd like to state, for purposes of the Minutes of this meeting that on August 17, 2020, the Board of Trustees met in Executive Session for the following purposes under 65 P.S. § 708:

(X) Consultation with Professional Advisor or Attorney. To consult with its attorney or other professional advisor regarding information or strategy in connection with litigation or with issues on which identifiable complaints are expected to be filed.

(X) Discuss Confidential Matters. To review and discuss agency business which, if conducted in public, would violate a lawful privilege or lead to the disclosure of information or confidentiality protected by law, including matters related to the initiation and conduct of investigations of possible or certain violations of the law and quasi-judicial deliberations.

Additional Notes for Minutes of Meeting:

C. Approval of Agenda

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R200817.01 Approval: August 17, 2020 Agenda

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts and Sciences at H.R. Edmunds approves of the **August 17, 2020** Agenda of The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts and Sciences at H.R. Edmunds.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

Who	***What***
Board	*General Discussion*

D. Approval of Minutes

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R200817.02 Approval: June 15, 2020 Minutes

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts and Sciences at H.R. Edmunds approves of The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts and Sciences at H.R. Edmunds Board of Trustees Board minutes for **June 15, 2020.**

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

Who	***What***
Board	*General Discussion*

SECTION II: REPORTS

A. COMMUNITY COMMENT

Community Comment Colloquy (General Counsel)

Good Evening, my name is David Annecharico. I serve as General Counsel to the Charter School Board of Trustees. Will you please state your name for our records?

You will have three minutes to address the Board of Trustees. Any documents or communications that you might supplement your comment with should be submitted to me. I will keep the time and notify the board when three minutes have elapsed.

This Board may choose not to comment, question or respond in any way to your public comment. I will begin the time now.

Who	***What***
None	*None*

B. Report of The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts and Sciences at H.R. Edmunds

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R200817.03 Report of The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts and Sciences at H.R. Edmunds

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts and Sciences at H.R. Edmunds accepts The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts and Sciences at H.R. Edmunds report and hereby incorporates into these minutes by reference the written reports of The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts and Sciences at H.R. Edmunds presented to the board.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

Who	***What***
Judy Taggart	*Arts & Sciences' report has been previously disseminated. A&S is working with STS to develop plan for fall. A&S has scheduled a virtual town hall for this week to discuss the virtual learning plan with families and share expectations with families for the upcoming school year.* *A&S has been preparing building for when students eventually return to the school under the CDC guidelines, which is moving along smoothly.* *A&S held a SAC meeting in July so that Dr. Clark could meet SAC committee as the new CEO.* *A&S will fill a few new teacher and staff positions, but had low turnover overall. Teachers have been helping with virtual planning, and approximately 90% of staff attended an August employee meeting.*

C. Report of String Theory Schools

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R200817.04 Report of String Theory Schools

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts and Sciences at H.R. Edmunds accepts the String Theory Schools report and hereby incorporates into these minutes by reference the written reports of String Theory Schools presented to the board.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

Who	***What***
Angela Corosanite	*String Theory Schools' report has been previously disseminated to the Board.* *A&S's Health and Safety Plan was submitted to the State. The creation of the plan was a large undertaking. The Plan has also been provided to the Board, and will be available on the School's website.* *STS has applied for multiple grants, and so far A&S will receive a $790K grant. A&S has also applied for two more grants for $90K and $25K respectively. STS is currently waiting to receive any updates on the status of those applications.*

D. Report of General Counsel

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R200817.05 Report of General Counsel

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts and Sciences at H.R. Edmunds accepts the General Counsel's report and hereby incorporates into these minutes by reference the written reports of Sand & Saidel P.C. as presented to the board.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

Who	***What***
Daniel H. Saidel	*Mr. Saidel explained how virtual learning is problematic for students who come from lower socioeconomic status. Mr. Saidel discussed a concern that even with best efforts, children will fall behind, and that we must be aware how testing for children in the future will potentially inhibit children and progress of the school due to the losses in education from COVID-19.* *Mr. Saidel discussed the issue of delivering FAPE and some potential solutions for delivering services to children who are in need of those services.*

	Mr. Saidel expressed hope that the School District and state government will come to a position where these children will be able to come to an environment where they can learn.
Angela Corosanite	*String Theory Schools has created a plan to bring SPED children into school to test them. The school is making all accommodations for SPED and EL students that are possible,* *Noted that closing the schools is detrimental, but the decision was made based on the information that was available. STS is hoping to get back to hybrid model and bringing the children physically back to school as soon as possible.* *STS and A&S also have a plan to bring children in small groups ("pods") to experience arts and sciences and receive services outdoors on school property.*
Judith Taggart	*A&S will be utilizing outdoor space, and have ordered large tents to have students on the premises.*

E. Report of Business Controller

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R200817.06 Report of Business Controller

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts and Sciences at H.R. Edmunds reviews and accepts the Financial Report of M. Thomson and hereby incorporates into these minutes by reference the financial statements and the documents presented by M. Thomson to the board.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

Who	***What***
Michael Danyo	*Santilli & Thomson's financial report was previously disseminated to the Board. A&S is finishing closing its books for the previous school year, and its audit starts next week. A&S looks to have a substantial surplus from last fiscal year, based on the SPED population rising and expenses going down.*

SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS

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R200817.07 Professional Services

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RESOLVED, the Professional Services Contracts, proposals and associated reports listed below are hereby accepted and ratified;

FURTHER RESOLVED, the CEO, in consultation with the general counsel and business controller are hereby authorized and directed to negotiate the terms and conditions of any agreement between The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts and Sciences at H.R. Edmunds and the Contractors listed below for the enumerated professional services; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, any officer of this Board is directed and authorized to execute any document necessary to effect this resolution.

Contractor	Amount	Comment: Terms and Conditions
Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health	$234/per diem and $40/hour for 1:1 services	ESY Summer 2020 – Student A.G.
Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health	$268.20/per diem and $40/hour for 1:1 services	ESY Summer 2020 – Student S.B.
The Lincoln Center	$79,000	Provision of Masters Level Mental Health Counselor for 2020-2021 SY
Fairwold Academy	$32,400	APS Placement for SY 2020-2021 – Students N. D-G.; L.E.; K.G.; Z.W.; S.Y.
Green Tree School and Services	$318.84/per diem	APS Placement for SY 2020-2021 – Student S.W.
Charles Ames Fischer	$800/day $70/virtual hour	Provision of Professional Development, Training Workshops, Professional Learning Communities, and Coaching & Modeling

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

Who	*What*
Judith Taggart	*Charles Fischer will be funded by a grant from the CARES Act. The administration met with him virtually to discuss programming.*
Angela Corosanite	*There are lots of contracts are for mental health services specifically because of the COVID-19 Pandemic, because there will be a lot of psychological services needed for the children.*

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R200817.08 Purchases Contracts

RESOLVED, the Purchases Contracts and associated reports listed

below are hereby accepted and ratified;

FURTHER RESOLVED, the CEO, in consultation with the general counsel and business controller are hereby authorized and directed to negotiate the terms and conditions of any agreement between The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts and Sciences at H.R. Edmunds and the Contractors listed below for the enumerated purchase services; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, any officer of this Board is directed and authorized to execute any document necessary to effect this resolution.

Contractor	Amount	Comment: Terms and Conditions

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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R200817.09 Human Resources

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts and Sciences at H.R. Edmunds accepts the human resources changes, modifications and additions as presented below:

HIRES		
NAME	**TITLE**	**SALARY**

TERMINATIONS / RESIGNATIONS		
NAME	**TITLE**	**EFFECTIVE DATE**

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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R200817.10 2020-2021 Student Handbook

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts and Science at H.R. Edmunds hereby approves of the 2020-2021 Student Handbook, as presented.

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R200817.11 2020-2021 Employee Handbook

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts & Sciences at H.R. Edmunds hereby approves of the 2020-2021 Employee Handbook, as presented.

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R200817.12 Health and Safety Plan

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts and Science at H.R. Edmunds ratifies and approves the Health and Safety Plan, any addendums thereby, and the Emergency Instructional Time Template as presented.

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R200817.13 Continuing Conflict Waivers

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts and Science at H.R. Edmunds ratifies and approves of the continuing conflict waivers as presented.

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R200817.14 Safe Schools MOU

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts & Sciences at H.R. Edmunds hereby approves of the Safe Schools MOU between it and the Philadelphia Police Department, as presented.

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R200817.15 Confidential Settlement Agreement in re: A.P.

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts & Sciences at H.R. Edmunds hereby approves of the Confidential Settlement Agreement and Trust in re: A.P., as presented.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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R200817.16 Confidential Settlement Agreement in re: D.C.C.

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts & Sciences at H.R. Edmunds hereby approves of the Confidential Settlement Agreement and Trust in re: D.C.C., as presented.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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Board	*General Discussion*

B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- NEXT BOARD MEETING: SEPTEMBER 21, 2020

ADJOURNMENT AT 6:44 PM

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