

THE PHILADELPHIA CHARTER SCHOOL
FOR ARTS AND SCIENCES

AT H.R. EDMUNDS

1197 Haworth St, Philadelphia, PA 19124

February 15, 2021

6:00 PM

LOCATION:
ZOOM Conference

MINUTES

SECTION I: CALL TO ORDER AT 6:14 PM

A. Roll Call

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

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

2. I'd like to state, for purposes of the Minutes of this meeting that on February 15, 2021, 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.

C. Approval of Agenda

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R210215.01 Approval: February 15, 2021 Agenda

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts and Sciences at H.R. Edmunds approves of the **February 15, 2021** Agenda of The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts and Sciences at H.R. Edmunds.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>Board</i>	<i>General Discussion</i>

D. Approval of Minutes

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R210215.02 Approval: January 18, 2021 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 **January 18, 2021**.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>Board</i>	<i>General Discussion</i>

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.

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>

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

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R210215.03 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:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>Judy Taggart</i>	<i>Arts & Sciences' report has been previously disseminated to the Board. The school is very excited to have ionizers installed in the school to help with air purification.</i>

C. Report of String Theory Schools

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R210215.04 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:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>Angela Corosanite</i>	<i>String Theory Schools' report has been previously disseminated to the Board.</i>
	<i>CHOP will begin to vaccinate all teachers and staff</i>

beginning February 22, 2021.

Both schools are installing ionization devices in all rooms.

String Theory and School Leaders are planning an extended school year in order to provide services to students who are not currently proficient in their studies. The schools were notified that students will have to take PSSAs in March.

D. Report of General Counsel

R210215.05 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:

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<i>Daniel H. Saidel</i>	<i>Opening school for hybrid learning on March 1 has been approved by various governmental and medical organizations. Fifty percent of the students remaining virtual may be a hindrance to the schools' efforts to educate. The results will be shown by which students test scores were most affected by the virtual learning period. Additionally, the schools will need to be prepared for lower than normal test scores to be used against the school in the future, as well as for a potential increase in compensatory education cases due to virtual learning.</i> <i>Additionally, should students suffer due to teachers' refusal to come to the building due to COVID-19, the school may be held liable for that as well. Next school year's budget will need to take into account all these potential issues and adjust accordingly.</i>

E. Report of Business Controller

R210215.06 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 Santilli & Thomson and hereby incorporates into these minutes by reference the financial statements and the documents presented by Santilli & Thomson to the board.

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Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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<i>Michael Danyo</i>	<i>A&S is performing \$200k better than budgeted. All air filtration installation for COVID-19 issues are covered by the budget.</i>

SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS

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R210215.07 Professional Services

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
Alderson Engineering, Inc.	\$10,000 + add on expenses	Cooling Tower construction
Chadwick Service Company	\$1,680/day + \$1,280/day for technician	Air quality/flow balancing and testing
Laredo Mechanical LLC	\$29,443.00	Installation of ionization devices

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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R210215.08 Purchases Contracts

RESOLVED, the Purchase Contracts and associated reports listed

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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 purchases; 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
Wilson Language Training Corp	\$28,044.43	Instructional Software
Jamf Software	\$14,007.18	Instructional Software
PowerSchool Group LLC	\$10,059.45	Administrative Software
Energy Transfer Solution LLC	\$19,849.00	Cooling Tower
Evapco Inc.	\$44,500.00	Cooling System

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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R210215.09 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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R210215.10 Election to Extend Paid Leave

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WHEREAS, the Families First Coronavirus Response Act of 2020 (“FFCRA”), which mandated employee paid-leave of absences for certain qualifying reasons described therein, expired on December 31, 2020;

WHEREAS, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, enacted into law on December 27, 2020, allows employers, on a voluntary basis, to continue to provide such employee paid-leave for a FFCRA qualifying reason through March 31, 2021, in exchange for certain payroll tax credit described therein;

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts & Sciences at H.R. Edmunds hereby elects to continue to provide such employee paid-leave for a FFCRA-qualifying reason through March 31, 2021, in accordance with the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, effective December 27, 2020.

FURTHER RESOLVED, the CEO is authorized and directed to take, or delegate, any action necessary to effect this resolution.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- NEXT BOARD MEETING: MARCH 15, 2021

ADJOURNMENT AT 6:20 PM

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