



ACADEMY FOR URBAN LEADERSHIP
ORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES

June 10, 2020

6:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

6:35 pm

This meeting has been publicized in accordance with Section 5, Ch 231, PL 1975, an Open Public Meeting Law by notification of the Home News Tribune and at the Academy for Urban Leadership Charter School within the legal time required.

II. FLAG SALUTE

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under god, indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

III. MISSION STATEMENT

To employ an educational design and experience that merges the highest standards of academic excellence while fostering convictions and commitment to social and economic justice. The school acknowledges that both family and community involvement are integral to the student's academic achievement level, and will focus on fostering strong relationships between the school, family and community. Through these partnerships, the school will strive to create a nurturing environment by providing each student with the five resources deemed necessary for healthy child development by the President's Summit for America's Future. These include: a one-on-one relationship with a caring adult, a safe place to learn and grow, a healthy start, a marketable skill through effective education, and a chance to give back to peers and the community.

In order to provide a quality education, the curriculum offered will involve rigorous academics with a holistic approach to education. Special emphasis will be placed on service learning and espousing the importance of civic and social responsibility. The development of character, leadership skills, conflict resolution abilities, and community responsibility will be stressed to provide the students with the necessary tools to become contributing members of a democratic society.

IV. ROLL CALL

Board Members:

Edgardo Galleno (President)	Present
Joshua Bishop (Vice President)	Present
Jesenia Vargas (Corporate Secretary)	Present
Hector Bonilla	Present
Elba Ceballo	Present
Reyes Ortega	Present
Lisette Vilanova	Present
Michelle Roman	Present
Claudine Bishop	Excused
Stephanie Valdiviezo	Present (Arrived at 7:30 pm)

Additional Attendees:

Margaret Morales (Lead Person)	Present
Mark Kramer (Interim Board Secretary)	Excused
Patricia Bombelyn (Board Solicitor)	Present
Peter Salek Nejad (Supervisor - Curriculum/Instruction)	Present
Daniel Cugini (Vice-Principal)	Present



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Douglas Kelly (Vice-Principal)

Present

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS NONE

Board President invites members of the public to present any comments to the Board.

Board President Edgardo Galleno addressed the Public and the Board welcoming everyone to the board meeting. Mr. Galleno advised everyone that there were some items that fall under Old Business that needed to be addressed prior to the Election so that the current AULCS Board of Trustees resolved the matters prior to the new board members being elected and seated this evening. Mr. Galleno also advised that the 2019-2020 AULCS Board of Trustees were going into Executive (Closed) Session to discuss personnel matters so that the matters could be addressed by way of motion immediately after the return to Open Session. Mr. Galleno advised that the Zoom Call would be suspended from 6:45pm until 7:15pm.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Public bodies may meet in closed session when the matters under discussion are: (1) Matters made confidential by state, federal law or rule by court. (2) Disclosure would result in an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy, unless the person affected consents in writing. (3) Disclosure would impair the body's right to receive federal or state funds. (4) Collective bargaining. (5) Lease or acquisition of property, setting of banking rates, investment of public funds if disclosure would harm the public interest. (6) Investigations into violations of law. (7) Strategies to protect public security. Pending, ongoing or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation, including attorney-client privilege. The threat of litigation must be more than theoretical for this exemption to apply. (8) Personnel matters affecting employees of the public bodies, unless all parties request or consent to a public hearing. Prior to discussion of personnel, affected employees must be given notice, known as a Rice notice, which gives the employee the right to request a public hearing. (9) Proceedings that could result in a suspension, civil penalty, or loss of a license or permit.

- A. Attorney-client Privilege
 - a. AULEA v. AUL
- B. Personnel

Executive Session 6:45pm

Unanimous Vote: Motion: Joshua Bishop Second: Jesenia Vargas

Roll Call: Edgardo Galleno Yes, Joshua Bishop Yes, Jesenia Vargas Yes, Hector Bonilla Yes, Reyes Ortega Yes, Michelle Roman Yes, Lisette Vilanova Yes, Elba Ceballo Yes.

Return from Executive Session 7:15pm

Board President Edgardo Galleno addressed the Public and the Board that unfortunately, the 2019-2020 Board would need approximately 20 more minutes to finalize the Closed Executive Session items.

Executive Session 7:25pm

Unanimous Vote: Motion: Joshua Bishop Second: Jesenia Vargas

Roll Call: Edgardo Galleno Yes, Joshua Bishop Yes, Jesenia Vargas Yes, Hector Bonilla Yes, Reyes Ortega Yes, Michelle Roman Yes, Lisette Vilanova Yes, Elba Ceballo Yes.

Return from Executive Session 7:43pm



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VII. OLD BUSINESS

The Lead Person recommends the following items for approval:

a. Academic Excellence & Educational Equity.

1. Move that the Board of Trustees approve the salary adjustment for Margaret Morales, Lead Person, to \$154,500 effective June 8, 2020 and for the 2020-2021 school year.

Unanimous Vote: Motion: Jesenia Vargas, Second: Lisette Vilanova, Roll Call: Edgardo Galleno Yes, Joshua Bishop Yes, Jesenia Vargas Yes, Hector Bonilla Yes, Reyes Ortega Yes, Michelle Roman Yes, Lisette Vilanova Yes, Elba Ceballo Yes.

2. Move that the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Gail Long as Business Administrator subject to timely receipt of satisfactory disclosures, required by N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7-7.6 et. seq, from the applicant's previous public school district employer, for the 2020-2021 school year beginning on June 15, 2020 at an hourly rate based on her 2020-2021 salary until the start of the 2020-2021 school year of July 1, 2020 wherein she will receive the salary of \$115,000.00. (Pending satisfying the requirements of the New Jersey Criminal History Background Check).

Unanimous Vote: Motion: Jesenia Vargas Second: Lisette Vilanova Roll Call: Edgardo Galleno Yes, Joshua Bishop Yes, Jesenia Vargas Yes, Hector Bonilla Yes, Reyes Ortega Yes, Michelle Roman Abstain, Lisette Vilanova Yes, Elba Ceballo Yes.

3. Move that the Board of Trustees accept the resignation of Mark Kramer, Interim Business Administrator effective June 12, 2020.

Unanimous Vote: Motion: Michelle Roman Second: Lisette Vilanova Roll Call: Edgardo Galleno Yes, Joshua Bishop Yes, Jesenia Vargas Yes, Hector Bonilla Yes, Reyes Ortega Yes, Michelle Roman Abstain, Lisette Vilanova Yes, Elba Ceballo Yes.

VIII. ELECTIONS

1. Election Results (applicants)
 - a. Jorge Cruz – 3 year term (Application)
 - b. Angelo Abreu – 3 year term (Application)
 - c. Joshua Bishop – 3 year term (Application)
 - d. Stephani Valdiviezo – 3 year term (Application)
 - e. Eloisa Hernandez – 3 year term (Application)



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Election Chair: Edgardo Galleno

At-Large Representative

Edgardo Galleno shared that there are three (4) Vacant 3 year At-Large Seats on the board.

Edgardo Galleno shared that there is one (1) Vacant 3 year Parent Representative Seat on the board.

Three year Seat (4) – At-Large Representative

Jorge Cruz is elected as a Board of Trustee member – At-Large Representative – for a 3 year term – 9 Votes

Angelo Abreu is elected as a Board of Trustee member – At-Large Representative – for a 3 year term – 9 Votes

Joshua Bishop is elected as a Board of Trustee member – At-Large Representative – for a 3 year term –9 Votes

Stephanie Valdiviezo is elected as a Board of Trustee member – At-Large / Student Representative – for a 3 year term – 9 Votes

Three year Seat (1) – Parent Representative

Eloisa Hernandez is elected as a Board of Trustee member – At-Large Representative – for a 3 year term – 1 Votes – Reflect parent votes and applicants can vote for themselves.

2. Oath of Office

Board solicitor will swear in each new board member by having them repeat the required oaths for school board members pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:12-2.1 and N.J.S.A. 41:1-1 and 1-3. Each form will be signed upon completion.

Jorge Cruz
Joshua Bishop
Stephanie Valdiviezo
Eloisa Hernandez

Mr. Galleno and Ms. Vargas addressed the Board thanking them for the opportunity to serve AULCS.

3. Election of Board of Trustees President

Eloisa Hernandez nominated Lisette Vilanova who accepted the nomination. No other nominations. Mr. Galleno called for the vote and Lisette Vilanova received 10/11 votes.

Lisette Vilanova is elected as Board of Trustees President.

4. Election of Board of Trustees Vice President

Hector Bonilla nominated Joshua Bishop who accepted the nomination. No other nominations. Mr. Galleno called for the vote and Joshua Bishop received 10/11 votes.

Joshua Bishop is elected as Board of Trustees Vice-President.

5. Election of Board of Trustees Corporate Secretary

Joshua Bishop nominated Jorge Cruz who accepted the nomination. No other nominations. Mr. Galleno called for the vote and Jorge Cruz received 10/11 votes.

Jorge Cruz is elected as Board of Trustees Secretary.

IX. ORGANIZATION AGENDA ITEMS

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Move that the Board of Trustees approve organization agenda items:



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1. Move that the Board of Trustees authorize that the Home News Tribune and the Amboy Guardian be adopted as the official newspaper to be used for the advertisement of meetings and legal ads and all other necessary public notifications for the 2020/2021 school year.

**Unanimous Vote: Motion: Joshua Bishop Second: Michelle Roman
Roll Call: Joshua Bishop Yes, Jorge Cruz Yes, Hector Bonilla Yes, Reyes Ortega Yes, Michelle Roman Yes, Elba Ceballo Yes, Lisette Vilanova Yes, Eloisa Hernandez Yes, Stephanie Valdiviezo, Yes.**

2. Whereas, the Open Public Meeting Act requires notice of regular scheduled meetings within seven (7) days following the annual organization meeting of the board;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following dates and times of the regular meetings of the Academy for Urban Leadership Charter Schools will be held at the Academy for Urban Leadership Charter School High School located at 612 Amboy Avenue, Perth Amboy, New Jersey 08861 in classroom C003 with action being taken at these scheduled meetings:

Date	Time	Date	Time
Wednesday, June 24, 2020	6:30 PM	Wednesday, January 27, 2021	6:30 PM
Wednesday, July 29, 2020	6:30 PM	Wednesday, February 24, 2021	6:30 PM
Wednesday, August 26, 2020	6:30 PM	Wednesday, March 31, 2021	6:30 PM
Wednesday, September 30, 2020	6:30 PM	Wednesday, April 28, 2021	6:30 PM
Wednesday, October 28, 2020	6:30 PM	Wednesday, May 26, 2021	6:30 PM
Wednesday, November 18, 2020	6:30 PM	***Wednesday, June 9, 2021	6:30 PM
Wednesday, December 16, 2020	6:30 PM		
*** - Annual Organization Meeting			

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Academy for Urban Leadership Charter Schools in compliance with N.J.S.A 10:4-18, authorizes the Board Secretary to post a copy of the above schedule of meetings in a prominently posted public place reserved for such or similar announcements, to advertise these meeting dates in the official newspapers of the Academy for Urban Leadership Charter Schools, and to file with the clerk of the municipality.

**Unanimous Vote: Motion: Joshua Bishop Second: Hector Bonilla
Roll Call: Joshua Bishop Yes, Jorge Cruz Yes, Hector Bonilla Yes, Reyes Ortega Yes, Michelle Roman Yes, Elba Ceballo Yes, Lisette Vilanova Yes, Eloisa Hernandez Yes Stephanie Valdiviezo, Yes.**

Discussion was had as to the calendar. Board Solicitor Patricia Bombelyn asked Margaret Morales if there were any differences to the amount of school days from previous years at AULCS. Answer: No. Lisette Vilanova asked if spring break coincided with the local district. She also asked about the Graduation date coinciding or being different from the local district. Answers: Coincides with Spring Break and graduation is a day after the local districts graduation. Clarification as to the break before the Christmas Holiday and the inclusion of 12/24/20. Agreed that 12/24/20 will be included in the calendar as part of



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the break. Administration to ensure calendar is properly changed. Change is reflected prior to Vote.

3. Move that the Board of Trustees approve the “ACADEMY FOR URBAN LEADERSHIP CHARTER SCHOOL – 2020-2021 CALENDAR”.

**Unanimous Vote: Motion: Joshua Bishop Second: Hector Bonilla
Roll Call: Joshua Bishop Yes, Jorge Cruz Yes, Hector Bonilla Yes, Reyes Ortega Yes, Michelle Roman Yes, Elba Ceballos Yes, Lisette Vilanova Yes, Eloisa Hernandez Yes Stephanie Valdiviezo, Yes.**

4. Move that the Board of Trustees authorize that Investors Savings Bank be designated as approved depositories for the Academy for Urban Leadership Board of Trustees funds and that the Financial Institutions be required to be located in New Jersey and insured by either the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation (FSLIC) and/or as required by both Federal and State statues and are entirely insured or collateralized by a collateral pool maintained by the public depositories as required by the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act (GUDPA) for the following accounts:

General Account	Payroll Account	Payroll Agency Account
Health Savings Account	Escrow Account	Cafeteria Account
Student Activities Account		

with any of the following two signatures for money market, checking and savings accounts as follows:

President	Vice President	Board Secretary
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**Unanimous Vote: Motion: Michelle Roman Second: Jorge Cruz
Roll Call: Joshua Bishop Yes, Jorge Cruz Yes, Hector Bonilla Yes, Reyes Ortega Yes, Michelle Roman Yes, Elba Ceballos Yes, Lisette Vilanova Yes, Eloisa Hernandez Yes, Stephanie Valdiviezo, Yes.**

5. Move that the Board of Trustees adopt the existing policies and regulations as set forth in the Academy for Urban Leadership Charter School District Policy and Regulation Manuals.

**Unanimous Vote: Motion: Jorge Cruz Second: Joshua Bishop
Roll Call: Joshua Bishop Yes, Jorge Cruz Yes, Hector Bonilla Yes, Reyes Ortega Yes, Michelle Roman Yes, Elba Ceballos Yes, Lisette Vilanova Yes, Eloisa Hernandez Yes, Stephanie Valdiviezo, Yes.**

6. Move that the Board of Trustees adopt the following resolution authorizing Mark Kramer, Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and Gail Long, Business Administrator upon the start of her employment at AULCS as the district’s Qualified Purchasing Agent for the remainder of the 2020–2021 school year:



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Whereas, pursuant to NJSA 18A:18A-3, the Academy for Urban Leadership Board of Trustees may grant the School Business Administrator of the Board, as the Board's Qualified Purchasing Agent, the authority, responsibility and accountability for the purchasing activity of the Board and the authority to prepare advertisements, to advertise for and receive bids and to award contracts as permitted by law; and

Whereas, pursuant to NJSA 18A:18A-3a, the Board by a general delegation of power may establish a bid threshold in an amount not to exceed \$44,000 if the School Business Administrator is qualified pursuant to NJSA 40A11-9; and

Whereas, Mark Kramer and Gail Long are qualified pursuant to NJSA 40A:11-9; and

Whereas, pursuant to NJSA 18A:18A-37(c) the Board, by general delegation of power, may grant the Purchasing Agent the authority to award any contract the cost or price which, the aggregate, is less than 15 percent of the bid threshold, without advertisement for bids and without solicitation of competitive quotations; and

Whereas, pursuant to NJSA 18A:18A-3a and NJSA 18A:8A-37(a), the Board, by a general delegation of power, may grant the Purchasing Agent the authority to award any contract (1) the cost or price which amounts, in the aggregate, to less than the bid threshold but no greater than 15 percent thereof, or (2) that is exempt from the public bidding requirements as provided in NJSA 18A:18A-5 (except for professional service and work performed by employees of the Board) without advertising for bid but after solicitation of at least two competitive quotations (if practicable) as required by law.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Academy for Urban Leadership Charter School pursuant to the aforesaid statutes as follows;

- A. During such period of time that Mark Kramer and Gail Long shall serve as School Business Administrator/Board Secretary of the Academy for Urban Leadership Charter School, the bid threshold for the Board is hereby established to be \$44,000 for the 2020/2021 school year;
- B. Mark Kramer and Gail Long are duly authorized to award contracts, in the aggregate, to less than \$6,600 (which is 15 percent of the bid threshold of \$44,000) without advertisement for bids and without solicitation of competitive quotations; and
- C. Mark Kramer and Gail Long are duly authorized to seek competitive quotations for and to award contracts as provided by law that either;
 - a. Is an amount, in the aggregate, to less than \$44,000, but to greater than \$6,600 (which is 15 percent of the bid threshold of \$44,000) where two (2) quotes will be required, or
 - b. Are exempt from public bidding requirements to NJASA 18A:18A-5 (except for professional services and work performed by Board employees).

Unanimous Vote: Motion: Jorge Cruz Second: Eloisa Hernandez
Roll Call: Joshua Bishop Yes, Jorge Cruz Yes, Hector Bonilla Yes, Reyes Ortega
Yes, Michelle Roman Yes, Elba Ceballo Yes, Lisette Vilanova Yes, Eloisa
Hernandez Yes, Stephanie Valdiviezo, Yes.

Discussion included the modification to the original agenda that would include Gail Long.
Change is reflected prior to Vote.

7. Move that the Board of Trustees approve the following appointments for the 2020/2021 school year:

- a. Board Secretary – Gail Long



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- b. Affirmative Action Officer – Margaret Morales
- c. Affirmative Action Coordinator (i.e. validates racial equity) – Miriam Rodriguez
- d. Custodian of Records – Gail Long
- e. Title IX Coordinator (i.e. validates gender equity) – Miriam Rodriguez
- f. Section 504 Compliance Officer (i.e. medical, etc.) – Erica Charles
- g. Special Education Coordinator (i.e. special education) – Erica Charles
- h. Anti-Bullying Coordinator – Mabel Leonardo and Erica Charles

Unanimous Vote: Motion: Jorge Cruz Second: Eloisa Hernandez
Roll Call: Joshua Bishop Yes, Jorge Cruz Yes, Hector Bonilla Yes, Reyes Ortega
Yes, Michelle Roman Yes, Elba Ceballo Yes, Lisette Vilanova Yes, Eloisa
Hernandez Yes, Stephanie Valdiviezo, Yes.

Discussion that Gail Long should replace Mark Kramer as Board
Secretary and Custodian of Records as she was appointed Business
Administrator earlier in the evening. Change is reflected prior to
Vote.

8. Move that the Board of Trustees approve the following professional services appointments for the 2020/2021 school year, contingent upon receipt all necessary completed State document requirements:
- a. Attorney:
 - i. Patricia Bombelyn, Board Attorney
 - ii. Nicholas J. Repici. Labor Law Attorney
 - b. Treasurer of School Monies – Patrick De Blasio
 - c. School Physician – Dr. Surinder K. Sodhi

Unanimous Vote: Motion: Jorge Cruz Second: Eloisa Hernandez
Roll Call: Joshua Bishop Yes, Jorge Cruz Yes, Hector Bonilla Yes, Reyes Ortega
Yes, Michelle Roman Yes, Elba Ceballo Yes, Lisette Vilanova Yes, Eloisa
Hernandez Yes, Stephanie Valdiviezo, Yes.

9. Move that the Board of Trustees approve the following additional services appointments for the 2020/2021 school year:
- a. 403(b) provider – AXA Equitable
 - b. Flexible Spending Account (FSA) provider – Colonial Life
 - c. Disability provider – Colonial Life
 - d. Insurance/Risk Management/Consulting Broker: Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.

Unanimous Vote: Motion: Jorge Cruz Second: Hector Bonilla
Roll Call: Joshua Bishop Yes, Jorge Cruz Yes, Hector Bonilla Yes, Reyes Ortega
Yes, Michelle Roman Yes, Elba Ceballo Yes, Lisette Vilanova Yes, Eloisa
Hernandez Yes, Stephanie Valdiviezo, Yes.



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10. Move that the Board of Trustees authorizes the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary to approve the payment of bills, as may be necessary between board meetings, and that said bills list payments be presented to the Board for approval at the next regularly scheduled meeting with authority, as provided by 18A:19-2 amended, to direct pre-payment of claims for payroll, fixed charges and any other claim or demand which would be in the best interests of the Board to pay promptly.

Unanimous Vote: Motion: Michelle Roman Second: Elba Ceballo.

Roll Call: Joshua Bishop Yes, Jorge Cruz Yes, Hector Bonilla Yes, Reyes Ortega Yes, Michelle Roman Yes, Elba Ceballo Yes, Lisette Vilanova Yes, Eloisa Hernandez Yes, Stephanie Valdiviezo, Yes.

11. Move that the Board of Trustees authorizes the Lead Person and the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary to implement the 2020-2021 budget pursuant to local and state policies and regulations and to use the level of accounts from the Uniform Minimum Chart of Accounts (Handbook 2R2) for New Jersey Public Schools to be used.

Unanimous Vote: Motion: Michelle Roman Second: Elba Ceballo

Roll Call: Joshua Bishop Yes, Jorge Cruz Abstain (stepped away, Hector Bonilla Yes, Reyes Ortega Yes, Michelle Roman Yes, Elba Ceballo Yes, Lisette Vilanova Yes, Eloisa Hernandez Yes, Stephanie Valdiviezo, Yes.

Discussion was had as to the word Superintendent in the first line being changed to be AULCS specific. Changed to Lead Person to reflect the discussion prior to Vote.

12. Move that the Board of Trustees is authorized to enter into a cooperative pricing agreement with the Educational Data Services, Inc. (Ed-Data) hereinafter referred to as the "lead agency" for the conduct of certain functions relating to the purchase of work materials and supplies for their respective jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees encourages the use of shared services through State approved cooperative entities; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees encourages open public bidding for goods and services; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees recognizes the need for obtaining the most competitive and responsive bid for goods and/or services; and

WHEREAS, the Educational Data Services, Inc. (Ed-Data) hereinafter referred to as the "lead agency", is a Service Cooperative to allow participating governmental and municipal agencies to reduce the cost of purchased goods by leveraging their combined purchasing power for Licensing and Maintenance, Cooperative Skilled Trades, Compliance Services and Ancillary bids and the Right to Know service; and

WHEREAS, this resolution shall be known and may be cited as The Educational Data Services, Inc. (Ed-Data) Cooperative Pricing resolution; and



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WHEREAS, the Lead Agency entering into contracts on behalf of the Academy for Urban Leadership Charter Schools shall be responsible for complying with the provision of the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S. 40A:11-1 et seq.) and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S. 40A:11-11(5) the Academy for Urban Leadership Charter Schools is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency for the purchase of work materials and supplies, as needed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that t the Academy for Urban Leadership Charter Schools authorizes administration to enter into a cooperative pricing agreement with Educational Services Inc. for the purchase of work materials and supplies, for the 2020-2021 school year, as needed at a cost not to exceed \$16,640.

**Unanimous Vote: Motion: Hector Bonilla Second: Elba Ceballo.
Roll Call: Joshua Bishop Yes, Jorge Cruz Abstain (stepped away), Hector Bonilla
Yes, Reyes Ortega Yes, Michelle Roman Yes, Elba Ceballo Yes, Lisette Vilanova
Yes, Eloisa Hernandez Yes, Stephanie Valdiviezo, Yes.**

13. Move that the Board of Trustees authorizes administration to enter into cooperative pricing agreements with:

Bergen County Special Services
Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ)
Morris County Cooperative Council
PEPPM Technology Bidding and Purchasing Program
R e g i o n V
Somerset County Cooperative Pricing System
Sussex County Regional Cooperative
South Bergen Jointure Commission
The Hunterdon County Educational Services

WHEREAS, these agencies conduct a certain function relating to the purchase of work materials and supplies for their respective jurisdictions during the 2020-2021 school year; and

WHEREAS, the Academy for Urban Leadership Charter Schools encourages the use of shared services through State approved cooperative entities; and

WHEREAS, the Academy for Urban Leadership Charter Schools encourages open public bidding for goods and services; and

WHEREAS, the Academy for Urban Leadership Charter Schools recognizes the need for obtaining the most competitive and responsive bid for goods and/or services; and

WHEREAS, the agencies are cooperative pricing systems which allow participating governmental and municipal agencies to reduce the cost of purchased goods by leveraging their combined purchasing power at no cost; and

WHEREAS, this resolution shall be known and may be cited as the Cooperative Pricing resolution of the Academy for Urban Leadership Charter Schools; and



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WHEREAS, the agencies entering into contracts on behalf of the Academy for Urban Leadership Charter Schools shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J. S. 40A:11-1 et seq.) and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A.-40A:11-11(5) the Academy for Urban Leadership Charter Schools is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the listed agencies for the purchase of work materials and supplies, as needed;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Academy for Urban Leadership Charter Schools that the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to enter into a cooperative pricing agreement with the agencies listed above for the purchase of work materials, supplies and services, for the 2020-2021 school year, as needed.

Unanimous Vote: Motion: Jorge Cruz Second: Eloisa Hernandez
Roll Call: Joshua Bishop Yes, Jorge Cruz Yes, Hector Bonilla Yes, Reyes Ortega
Yes, Michelle Roman Yes, Elba Ceballo Yes, Lisette Vilanova Yes, Eloisa
Hernandez Yes, Stephanie Valdiviezo, Yes.

14. Move that the Board of Trustees, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 18A:33-1 and 18A:35, that the Academy for Urban Leadership Charter Schools confirms the adoption of the existing textbooks and curricula resources in the District's schools and that no course of study shall be altered except by the recorded roll call majority vote of the full membership of the board and approves for use in the district classrooms during the 2020-2021 School Year, curricular, courses, textbooks, reference books, manuals, workbooks, library collections, ancillary materials, and related curricular resources.

Unanimous Vote: Motion: Jorge Cruz Second: Eloisa Hernandez
Roll Call: Joshua Bishop Yes, Jorge Cruz Yes, Hector Bonilla Yes, Reyes Ortega
Yes, Michelle Roman Yes, Elba Ceballo Yes, Lisette Vilanova Yes, Eloisa
Hernandez Yes, Stephanie Valdiviezo, Yes.

15. WHEREAS, each member of the Board of Education shall possess the qualifications required by law and shall be bound by the provisions of the School Ethics Act in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:12-24.1; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education is required on an annual basis to sign an acknowledgment that he/she received a copy, read and will become familiar with the Code of Ethics for School Board Members contained within N.J.S.A. 18A:12-21 et seq.;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education adopts the New Jersey School Board Member Code of Ethics to include that the School Ethics Act and Code of Ethics have been received and discussed; that the policies and procedures regarding training of district Board of Education members have been adopted in policy; and that each Board of Education member acknowledges receipt of the Code of Ethics for School Board members and has become familiar with the Code of Ethics. Code of Ethics:

1. I will uphold and enforce all laws, state board rules and regulations, and court orders pertaining to schools. Desired changes should be brought about only through legal and ethical procedures.

2. I will make decisions in terms of the educational welfare of children and will seek to develop and maintain public schools which meet the individual needs of all children regardless of their ability, race, creed, sex or social standing.



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3. I will confine my board action to policymaking, planning, and appraisal, and I will help to frame policies and plans only after the board has consulted those who will be affected by them.
4. I will carry out my responsibility, not to administer the schools, but, together with my fellow board members, to see that they are well run.
5. I will recognize that authority rests with the Board of Education and will make no personal promises nor take any private action which may compromise the board.
6. I will refuse to surrender my independent judgment to special interest or partisan political groups or to use the schools for personal gain or for the gain of friends.
7. I will hold confidential all matters pertaining to the schools which, if disclosed, would needlessly injure individuals or the schools. But in all other matters, I will provide accurate information and, in concert with my fellow board members, interpret to the staff the aspirations of the community for its schools.
8. I will vote to appoint the best qualified personnel available after consideration of the recommendation of the chief administrative officer.
9. I will support and protect school personnel in proper performance of their duties.
10. I will refer all complaints to the chief administrative officer and will act on such complaints at public meetings only after failure of an administrative solution.

NO ACTION TAKEN BY THE BOARD ON AGENDA ITEM 15

X. MOTIONS – 9:30 pm

4. Move that the Board of Trustees approve the revision to the grading scale to reflect a Pass/Fail option for the fourth marking period.

**Unanimous Vote: Motion: Hector Bonilla Second: Jorge Cruz
Roll Call: Joshua Bishop Yes, Jorge Cruz Yes, Hector Bonilla Yes, Reyes Ortega
Yes, Michelle Roman Yes, Elba Ceballo Yes, Lisette Vilanova Yes, Eloisa
Hernandez Yes, Stephanie Valdiviezo, Yes.**

5. Move that the Board of Trustees approve:
 - a. Fund 10 General Warrants List for:
 - i. May 14, 2020 through June 10, 2020 in the amount of \$XXX,XXX.XX;

MOTION TABLED

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS 9:40 NONE

Board President invites members of the public to present any additional comments to the Board.



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XI. ADJOURNMENT

9:45pm

**Unanimous Vote: Motion: Jorge Cruz Second: Eloisa Hernandez Roll Call:
Joshua Bishop Yes, Jorge Cruz Yes, Hector Bonilla Yes, Reyes Ortega Yes, Michelle Roman
Yes, Elba Ceballo Yes, Lisette Vilanova Yes, Eloisa Hernandez Yes, Stephanie Valdiviezo,
Yes.**