



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Meeting

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING, September 22, 2020

Recording Secy. Maureen Hulings (MH) on behalf of Board President Andrew Nyaboga called to order the Regular Meeting of the Dr. Lena Edwards Academic Charter School Board of Trustees (DLEACS) on September 22, 2020 via Electronic Zoom Meeting at 5:36PM.

MH advised “In accordance with New Jersey P.L. 1975, Chapter 231 (SUNSHINE LAW - OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT) adequate notice of this Board Meeting has been provided to the Offices of the City Clerk of Jersey City & the Hudson County Superintendent of Schools, the Jersey Journal and the Jersey City Reporter”.

Roll Call

<i>TRUSTEES</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>
ANDREW NYABOGA	X	
JOSEPH DI FEO	X	
PHYLLIS FASONE	X	
JOHN SEAZHOLTZ	X	
ELLEN ZADROGA	X	
EUGENE SQUEO	X	
PATRICIA MADISON		X
KEITH DAVIS	X	

Also present:

Christopher Garlin, CEO
Dr. Brian Falkowski, SBA Board Secy.
Maureen Hulings, Recording Secy.

James Brewer, Principal
Jeffrey Mohr, Asst. Principal
Counsel Francis Schiller

MH called for a Motion to approve the Minutes of the August 25, 2020 Regular Meeting

Vote: 7-0 1 Absent

<i>TRUSTEES</i>	<i>Motion</i>	<i>Second</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
ANDREW NYABOGA			X		
JOSEPH DI FEO			X		
PHYLLIS FASONE	X		X		
JOHN SEAZHOLTZ			X		
ELLEN ZADROGA			X		
EUGENE SQUEO		X	X		
PATRICIA MADISON					
KEITH DAVIS			X		

MH asked if there were any public speakers; she then called for a Motion to close Public Speaking;

Vote: 7-0 1 Absent

<i>TRUSTEES</i>	<i>Motion</i>	<i>Second</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>
ANDREW NYABOGA			X	
JOSEPH DI FEO			X	
PHYLLIS FASONE	X		X	
JOHN SEAZHOLTZ			X	
ELLEN ZADROGA			X	
EUGENE SQUEO		X	X	
PATRICIA MADISON				
KEITH DAVIS			X	

THE following items were discussed:

Valerie Slack gave an enrollment report; discussed current enrollment 383 with a goal of 393; that she was expecting 9 more enrollments; she explained all the measures she and school are taking to increase enrollment; that we did not have a lottery for grades 1-8 in March; that applications are on the school website;

Counsel Schiller asked how is the monitoring of teachers going so far; Mr. Mohr explained how during instruction he goes into the Zoom link; monitors at least 15 minutes in all classes; monitors new teachers more frequently; that the staff is going above and beyond;

Mr. Garlin advised that the Lavinia Group Proposal was discussed during Finance Committee meeting; Mr. Brewer advised we would have another proposal information by Thursday; Mr. Garlin suggested a Special Meeting in early October to decide on proposal;

Phyllis Fasone asked if all Teachers were in school; Chris Garlin – any Teachers with concerns were given option to teach remotely;

Principal discussed monthly reports;

Dr. Falkowski discussed SBA Package; that Sobel will work with new auditor when necessary.

MH called for a Motion to Approve August Board Secy Report & Treasurer’s Report & August Bill List.

Vote: 7-0 1 Absent

<i>TRUSTEES</i>	<i>Motion</i>	<i>Second</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>
ANDREW NYABOGA			X	
JOSEPH DI FEO			X	
PHYLLIS FASONE	X		X	
JOHN SEAZHOLTZ			X	
ELLEN ZADROGA			X	
EUGENE SQUEO		X	X	
PATRICIA MADISON				
KEITH DAVIS			X	

MH called for a Motion to close Regular Session and go into Executive Session;

Vote: 7-0 1 Absent

<i>TRUSTEES</i>	<i>Motion</i>	<i>Second</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>
ANDREW NYABOGA			X	
JOSEPH DI FEO		X	X	
PHYLLIS FASONE			X	
JOHN SEAZHOLTZ			X	
ELLEN ZADROGA	X		X	
EUGENE SQUEO			X	
PATRICIA MADISON				
KEITH DAVIS			X	

Board returned to open session; MH called for a motion to open the Regular Session;

Vote: 7-0 1 Absent

<i>TRUSTEES</i>	<i>Motion</i>	<i>Second</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>
ANDREW NYABOGA			X	
JOSEPH DI FEO			X	
PHYLLIS FASONE			X	
JOHN SEAZHOLTZ			X	
ELLEN ZADROGA	X		X	

EUGENE SQUEO			X	
PATRICIA MADISON				
KEITH DAVIS		X	X	

Counsel Schiller advised that a personnel matter regarding hiring a school physician was discussed during Executive Session.

No. 9/20/1 Approve NJSIG Membership Renewal

John Seazholtz asked if we are liable for other schools; Dr. Falkowski advised that we are all pooled in the JIF & it is in our best interest to participate.

MH called for a Motion to approve:

Vote: 7-0 1 Absent

<i>TRUSTEES</i>	<i>Motion</i>	<i>Second</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
ANDREW NYABOGA			X		
JOSEPH DI FEO			X		
PHYLLIS FASONE			X		
JOHN SEAZHOLTZ			X		
ELLEN ZADROGA	X		X		
EUGENE SQUEO			X		
PATRICIA MADISON					
KEITH DAVIS		X	X		

No. 9/20/2 Approve School Physician Contract

MH called for a Motion to approve:

Vote: 7-0 1 Absent

<i>TRUSTEES</i>	<i>Motion</i>	<i>Second</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
ANDREW NYABOGA			X		
JOSEPH DI FEO		X	X		
PHYLLIS FASONE			X		
JOHN SEAZHOLTZ			X		
ELLEN ZADROGA	X		X		
EUGENE SQUEO			X		
PATRICIA MADISON					
KEITH DAVIS			X		

MH asked if there was any new business; she then called for a Motion to adjourn Regular Meeting:

Vote: 7-0 1 Absent

<i>TRUSTEES</i>	<i>Motion</i>	<i>Second</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
ANDREW NYABOGA			X		
JOSEPH DI FEO			X		
PHYLLIS FASONE		X	X		
JOHN SEAZHOLTZ			X		
ELLEN ZADROGA			X		
EUGENE SQUEO			X		
PATRICIA MADISON					
KEITH DAVIS	X		X		

*Next Board Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday October 27, 2020-** @ 5:30pm via Electronic Zoom Meeting or in the alternative at the Maher Learning Center located at 513 Bramhall Avenue, Jersey City, NJ*

Meeting adjourned at 6:46pm.

September 22, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes were approved at October 27, 2020 Regular Board Meeting.

Vote 6-0 1 abstain 1 absent

<i>TRUSTEES</i>	<i>Aye</i>	<i>Nay</i>	<i>Abstain</i>	<i>Absent</i>
ANDREW NYABOGA	X			
JOSEPH DI FEO	X			
PHYLLIS FASONE	X			
JOHN SEAZHOLTZ	X			
ELLEN ZADROGA				X
EUGENE SQUEO	X			
PATRICIA MADISON			X	
KEITH DAVIS	X			

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Dr. Brian Falkowski/SBA/Board Secretary
Dated: October 27, 2020