



**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**MINUTES/REGULAR MEETING April 23, 2024**

On April, 23, 2024 Maureen Hulings (MH) called to order the **Regular Meeting** of the DLEACS Board of Directors via Electronic Zoom Meeting & In Person at 5:39PM; she then advised “In accordance with the New Jersey P.L. 1975, Chapter 231 (SUNSHINE LAW-OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT) adequate notice of this **REGULAR BOARD MEETING** has been provided to the Offices of the City Clerk of Jersey City & the Hudson County Superintendent of Schools, the Jersey Journal & the Jersey City Reporter; followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call**

<i>TRUSTEES</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>
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KEITH DAVIS	X	
JOSEPH DI FEO	X	
PHYLLIS FASONE	X	
JOHN SEAZHOLTZ	X	
EUGENE SQUEO	X	
SHARON SANTANA		X
SUZANNE MADISON	X	

**Also Present:**

Christopher Garlin, CEO  
 Brian Falkowski, SBA Board Secy.  
 James Brewer, Principal  
 Jeffrey Mohr, Assistant Principal  
 Francis Schiller, General Counsel  
 Maureen Hulings, Recording Secy

MH Called for a Motion to approve March 26, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes  
**Vote: 5-0 1 abstain 1 absent**

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

**Vote: 6-0 1 absent**

SBA Brian Falkowski said he met with the Finance Committee today; that we are trending well with the Fund Balance; that there was one question from the FC regarding Head Start Program; he was asked how does HLC bill; that the next few months will be quiet as to Finance as we close out on June 30, 2023 and prepare for the 2024 Audit; Phyllis Fasone spoke about the HLC Summer Program asked Brian if Funds were available; yes funds available until close out at end of August; he advised Board that his staff requested Motion be on the Agenda that were related to Grants after we were notified that we will have a compliance audit.

Phyllis Fasone recommended that Board approve this month's Financials and Payment of Bills.

MH called for a Motion to Approve Payment of the Monthly Bill list:

**Vote: 6-0 1 absent**

MH asked if anyone had any questions or comments on the school general monthly reports; Gene Squeo was glad to see that we did not have any suspensions this month.

Mr. Brewer discussed open staff positions.

Huntington Learning Center Report (HLC) was discussed.

CEO Garlin advised that there were no non-renewals on this year's Teachers/TA Renewal list.

MH reminded Board Members FY24 Financial Statements are due by April 30, 2024

MH asked for Motion to Approve Retirement of TA Amelita Javier as of June 30, 2024; Mrs. Javier has been a TA at DLEACS since October 2014

**Vote: 6-0 1 absent**

#### **RESOLUTIONS:**

**MH asked for a Motion to Approve Resolution No 4/24/1  
Accept NJSIG SAFETY GRANT FUNDS**

**Vote: 6-0 1 absent**

**MH asked for a Motion to Approve Resolution No 4/24/2**

**Approve FY 24 IDEA Application**  
**Vote: 6-0 1 absent**

**MH asked for a Motion to Approve Resolution No 4/24/3**  
**Approve FY 24 ESEA Application**  
**Vote: 6-0 1 absent**

**MH asked for a Motion to Approve Resolution No 4/24/4**  
**Approve DLEACS Purchasing Manual for 2023-2024 Fiscal School Year**  
**Vote: 6-0 1 absent**

**MH asked for a Motion to Approve Resolution No 4/24/5**  
**Approve DLEACS BOARD Standard Operating Procedures**  
**Vote: 6-0 1 absent**

**MH asked for a Motion to Approve Resolution No 4/24/6**  
**Approve & Adopt DLEACS 2023-2024 Staff Salaries paid under ESEA Title I, ARP ESSER Evidence Based Summer Learning and Enrichment, ARP ESSER Evidence Based Comprehensive Beyond the School Day**  
**Vote: 6-0 1 absent**

**MH asked for a Motion to Approve Resolution No 4/24/7**  
**Approve ARP ESSER APPLICATION**  
**Vote: 6-0 1 absent**

**MH asked if there was any new business;**

Discussions were held regarding HLC Summer Program; could we use them for K-2; John Seazholtz asked if we could pay for Trinity Pre K to use HLC; we can not use DLEACS Funds for Trinity during school hours; Principal.....approximately 90 % of DLEACS Kindergarten class comes from Trinity (40 students); Joe Difeo asked if we assess K-2 or do we start in 3; we start in grade 3;

Phyllis asked if we knew if any of the staff was looking to go elsewhere in September;.... unknown; Gene Squeo asked how many Teachers would be tenured; CEO Garlin....2;

Gene Squeo said we had reached a great milestone in our chronic absenteeism average of 9.2% and that the State average is 15%; congratulated Principal and Asst. Principal;

Principal discussed Mr. Seazholt's daughter and son in law visiting school and discussing exchange program we have with children in Tanzania where they teach; kids really enjoyed it; they received a painting from a student in Nigeria.

Joe Difeo asked can we compare kids not in the HLC with those who are in it to see if there is a difference.....Yes

MH called for a Motion to adjourn Meeting:

**Vote: 6-0 1 absent**

*Next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for May28, 2024 @ 5:30pm via Zoom Meeting or in the alternative at the Maher Learning Center located at 513 Bramhall Avenue, Jersey City, NJ*

**Meeting adjourned at 6:36 pm**

**April 23, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes were approved at the Regular Board Meeting on May 28, 2024.**

**Vote: 5-0 1 absent 1 abstain**

**Certified to be a true copy**



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**By: BRIAN FALKOWSKI/SBA**

**Dated: May 28, 2024**