



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES REGULAR MEETING October 29, 2024

On October 29, 2024 Maureen Hulings (MH) called to order the **Regular Meeting** of the DLEACS Board of Directors via Electronic Zoom Meeting at 5:34 PM.

2. ATTENDANCE

Roll Call

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

ALSO PRESENT:

- Christopher Garlin, CEO
- Brian Falkowski, SBA/Board Secy.
- James Brewer, Principal
- Jeffrey Mohr, Assistant Principal
- Tanisha Marchan, Assistant Principal
- Maureen Hulings, Recording Secy
- Jodi Howlett, Esq., Board General Counsel

MH Called for a Motion to approve September 24, ,2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

Vote: 6-0 2 abstain

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

Vote: 8-0

ASST PRINCIPAL JEFFREY MOHR: NJSLA Report

Gene Squeo acknowledged the passing of Rev. Francis Schiller and reminded us how he was the initiator who applied and received our charter after St. Patrik School was closed as it the parish could no longer financially keep it open; he wanted to continue to have the facility used in our community so we could provide a quality education in our seservubg community; he always belied we should reach father than our grasp.

Brian Falkowski discussed financials; met with Finance Committee earlier; answered all John's questions; Phyllis fasone recommended payment of the bills list; MH called for a Motion to Approve Payment of the Bill list:

Vote: 8-0

MH asked if anyone had any questions on the school general monthly reports: John Seazholtz advised that absences are prt of the Ford Report; that we should be ready with this for the renewal; Princiapl Brewer advised still need 3 SPED Teachers, 1 Spanish Teacher and a 5th grade teacher; we have had only 1 response from a SPED teacher; that he has reached out to East Orange displaced teachers.

Counsel JODI HOWLETT discussed Collective Bargaining Agreement which expires June 30, 2025; that we should start negotiations with the Union no sooner than 90 prior to expiration; first discuss with Board and CEO.

ASST PRINCIPAL JEFFREY MOHR discussed the NJSLA Report; Asst Principal Tanisha Marchan discussed her classroom work with teachers;

MH asked for a Motion to close the Regular Session and to into Executive Session:

Vote: 8-0

Board returned to open Session; MH advised new hires were discussed during Executive Session

MH called for a Motion to APPROVE Tianna Robinson, 5th Grade Teacher, 12 week **(unpaid)** Baby Bonding leave time; upon counsel's recommendation, leave will be approved upon confirmation that Ms. Robinson has enough time to be entitled to her request.

VOTE: 8-0

MH asked for a Motion to Approve Resolution # 10/24/2 New Hires; she then called for a vote

Vote: 8-0

MH asked for a Motion to Approve Resolution # 10/24/3 Approve STATE REQUIRED PROCUREMENT CODE OF CONDUCT; she then called for a vote

Vote: 8-0

MH asked for a Motion to Approve Resolution # 10/24/4 Approve CURRICULUM ASSOCIATES 3 Year RENEWAL; Resolution was discussed; Gene Squeo asked if it was for one or three years; not clear on proposal provided to Board; Resolution was pulled until November's meeting so that Board would be provided with contract with complete details.

MH asked for a Motion to Approve Resolution # 10/24/5 Approve NJ SCHOOLS INSURANCE GROUP RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP; she then called for a vote
Vote: 8-0

MH asked for a Motion to Approve Resolution # 10/24/6 Approve EMPIRE CHARTER SCHOOLS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING; Discussion was held; Resolution Amended to delete extra payment up front; that payment would be made after workshop completed upon completion of their services; she then called for a vote on the Amended Resolution.
Vote: 8-0

MH asked for a Motion to Approve Resolution # 10/24/7 Approve COMPLETE DIRECTION MENTOR PROGRAM; discussion was held; Board agreed to pull Resolution until November meeting that they were provided with a proposal lacking in required information.
Vote: 8-0

MH asked for a Motion to Approve Resolution # 10/24/ Approve SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS 2024/2025 SY; she then called for a vote
Vote: 8-0

MH asked if there was any new or old business to be discussed
CEO Garlin discussed December 5th virtual interviews; Board scheduled for 9-10 am; he will need to know how many Board members wished to be interviewed; then schedule prep with Regina; Phyllis Fasone asked Principal how are we replacing Ms. Robinso while she is on leave; is she the SPED coordination; Principia advised other staff is covering:
she then called for a Motion to adjourn meeting:
VOTE: 8-0

Next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for November 26, 2024 @ 5:30pm via Zoom or in the alternative at the Maher Learning Center located at 513 Bramhall Avenue, Jersey City, NJ
Meeting adjourned at 7:13pm.

The Minutes of the October 29, 2024 Regular Board Meeting were approved at the
November 26, 2024 Regular Board Meeting
VOTE: 7-0 1 absent

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Dr. Brian Falkowski/SBABoard Secy
Dated: November 26, 2024