



Maria L. Varisco-Rogers Charter School

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Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

Present: Carmen Baez, Marta Nieves, Migdalia Concepcion, Carmen Lebron, Jesus Padilla, Vincent Cozzarelli, Daisey Herrera, Carmen Camacho, Jaziel Rios, and Margartia Valentin

Not Present:, Maria Camacho

Staff Present: Jose Segarra, Eneida Perez, Teresa Segarra, Ms. Fartura, and Gynise Gotto

- I. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm.
- II. Roll call was taken and quorum was present.
- III. The minutes from February were approved. Motion to approve Ms. Herrera, seconded by Ms. Camacho, and carried unanimously.
- IV. The student report was provided by Mr. Rios.
- V. **Supervisor of Curriculum Report- Ms. Fartura**
 - a. A presentation on the Author's Fair, the InquiTs commercial, and the STEM competition was provided by Ms. Fartura. Ms. Valentine, board member, also spoke on attending the Author's Fair.
- VI. **Lead Person/Executive Director Report**
 - a. An update was provided on the operation of the school.
 - b. Follow-up on January 2025 board meeting- Parent Concern.
 - c. Reminder of Ethics Filing for anyone still pending.
 - d. The SY 25-26 School Calendar was approved. Motion to approve Ms. Concepcion, seconded Mr. Padilla, and carried unanimously.
 - e. The contracts for Essex County Regional Commission were presented for SY 25-26: Home Instruction and Paraprofessionals. Motion to approve Ms. Lebron, seconded Ms. Concepcion, and carried unanimously.
 - f. The Plans for SY 25-26 were shared with the board:
 - i. Sports- return of the soccer team;
 - ii. After school Clubs- STEM, Dance, Photography, etc.;
 - iii. Contacting Boy/Girls Scouts to bring back after school;
 - iv. Curriculum- Full roll out of Envisions Math in all grades K-8
 - v. Enrichment Blocks- adding enrichment blocks in the schedule to ensure incorporation of iReady for extra support;
 - vi. LinkIT Pilot-Piloting LinkIT program to determine if it would be beneficial to us next school year.
- VII. **School Business Administrator Report**
 - a. The February Financial Report was presented to the board. Motion to approve Ms. Concepcion, seconded Ms. Lebron, and carried unanimously.
 - b. The payroll was presented to the board. Motion to approve by Ms. Herrera, seconded by Ms. Lebron, and carried unanimously.
 - c. The FY26 Budget was presented to the board. Motion to approve Mr. Padilla, seconded Ms. Lebron, and carried unanimously.

- d. The new technology initiative was discussed. Upgrade phone system, PA system, and Smart Boards.
 - e. The joining of Hudson County Co-Op and the Educational Services Commission of NJ was presented to the board. Motion to approve Ms. Lebron, seconded Ms. Camacho, and carried unanimously.
- VIII. Motion to adjourn was made at 6:15 pm. Motion Ms. Concepcion, seconded by Ms. Lebron, and carried unanimously.