



MINUTES REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

January 27, 2026

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ATTENDANCE

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

Also Present: CEO Chris Garlin
PRINCIPAL James Brewer
SBA/BOARD SECY Brian Falkowski
GENERAL COUNSEL Jodi Howlett, Esq.
RECORDING SECY Maureen Hulings

Motion to approve the Minutes of the November 25, 2025 Regular Meeting;

Vote: 7-0 2 ABSTAIN

Motion to close Public Speaking;

Vote: 9-0

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: by COMMITTEES

SBA met with FINANCE COMMITTEE& discussed Budget vs actual; the Fund Balance is trending to be good for the end of the year; there were no findings we are 100% clean; we will be amending budget to reflect change in revenue due to the October

15th enrollment; Phyllis Fasone advised Finance Committee recommended payment of all monthly bills.

Motion to pay monthly bills:

Vote: 9-0

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Administration will be opening a money market account which accrues interest;

ACADEMIC PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Gene Squeo advised committee met; discussed proposal to reduce number of instruction school days from 190 to 180; teachers would remain with 190 days; SBA advised reducing classroom days does not change money we received from state; John Seazholtz said this will go to Executive committee for review; CEO Garlin said this could impact Union negotiations

Organizational Dashboard

Phyllis Fasone said it seems the longer a student is with use they drop to a lower grade level and this is very disturbing; Principal said they will do a deeper dive into the data

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Principal Brewer discussed open staff positions; SPU setting up training with families & Sonja.

Motion to close Regular Agenda and go into Executive Session

Vote: 9-0

Board return to Regular Session:

Counsel Howlett advised that new hire was discussed.

Res. No. 1/26/1 Approve New Hire (Science Middle School)

Vote: 9-0

Res. No. 1/26/2 Approve Accepting Optimal Comprehensive Universal Screeners (FOCUS Grant) \$1,710.00 from DOE (Literacy tool)

Vote: 9-0

Res. No. 1/26/3 Approve Accepting Cultivating Ongoing Achievement through Coaching in Literacy (COACH-L Grant) \$100,000.00 from DOE (Coaching Salaries)

Vote: 9-0

**Res. No. 1/26/4 Approve SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS:
Vote: 9-0**

CEO Garlin discussed charter requirement that board meetings (not all) must be in person.

Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:09pm.

Next Board Meeting will be held on **Tuesday February 24, 2026** @ 6:00pm Via Zoom.

Minutes of the January 27, 2026 Regular Board meeting were approved at the February 24, 2026 Regular Board Meeting:

VOTE: 9-0

Certified to be a true copy



Brian Falkowski/SBA/Board Secy

Dated: February 24, 2026