



MINUTES/ REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

April 28, 2026

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>SONJA GARLIN</i>	<i>X</i>	

Also Present: CEO Chris Garlin
PRINCIPAL James Brewer
ASST PRINCIPAL Tanisha Marchang
GENERAL COUNSEL Jodi Howlett, Esq.
RECORDING SECY Maureen Hulings

Motion to approve the Minutes of the March 24, 2026 Regular Meeting;
Vote: 8-0 1 absent

Motion to close Public Speaking;
Vote: 8-0 1 absent

FINANCE COMMITTEE: met today with SBA Brian Falkowski, discussed 2026-2027 Budget; all questions answered satisfactorily.

CEO Garlin advised that we are finetuning the construction work on school buildings with the Archdiocese and work will begin when school ends for the summer;

Motion to pay monthly bills:
Vote:8-0 1 absent

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: met April 23rd discussed Regina's Contract, new member vetting process; school lease renewal; Board member Suzanne Madison advised this is her last meeting; she is resigning suggested her brother Dr. Madison as a replacement.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM COMMITTEE : Gene Squeo advised that they met with Asst Principal Marchan to discuss learning and behavior issues; she discussed activities with kids and parents; that middle school had the greatest improvements...decrease in suspensions....increase in attendance; science fair for grades 3, 4 &5 was well attended by parents; next year science fair will be schoolwide; School store was discussed how kids are very engaged; they are rewarded for academics and good behavior; Phyllis Fasone asked who supplies store, Board pays, it is a collective effort; school is preparing for the upcoming NJSLA testing; Principal discussed after school program with the academic teams; that Summer program will target grades 3-5 who have 12 students in each grade that are 1 & 2 grade levels behind; Sonja Galin asked if this would include incoming class...Yes; Board calendar will be ready by July 1; Regina is working on revising our Mission Statement; will have for next month's meeting

CEO's REPORT: DISCUSSED Mission statement revisions; met today with Asst Principal Moore; doing a desk audit with job descriptions which will be ready by the end of school year; HVAC work completed in the gym; roof repairs next; work on bathrooms will start in July

Principal discussed Open Staff Positions; school purchased Rosetta Stone for Spanish lessons; will discuss with SPU if they have a summer program

Motion for Board to accept Teacher medical leave request.

Vote: 8-0 1 absent

Motion to close Regular Agenda and go into Executive Session

Vote: 8-0 1 absent

Board returned to Regular Session.....Counsel Howlett advised that Suspensions & new hires were discussed in Executive Session.

Res. No. 4/26/1 Approve ACCEPTANCE OF FOCUS GRANT

Vote:8-0 1 absent

Res. No. 4/26/2 Approve RENWAL OF NU-WAY CONCESSIONAIRES CONTRACT TO PROVIDE MEALS

Vote:8-0 1 absent

**Res. No. 4/26/3 Approve SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS
Science Park HS in Newark NJ on 5/14/26
American Dream 6/15/26
Vote:8-0 1 absent**

**Res. No. 4/26/4 Approve ADJUSTMENT to 2025-2026 SY CALENDAR DUE TO
INCLEMENT WEATHER
VOTE:8-0 1 absent**

**Res. No. 4/26/5 Approve NEW HIRE TA TIFFANY GOODWIN
VOTE: 8-0 1 absent**

**Res. No. 4/26/6 Approve NEXT CHAPTER CHARTER CONSULTING
AGREEMENT
VOTE: 8-0 1 absent**

**Res. No. 4/26/7 Approve FORMAL BOARD MEMBER VETTING PROCESS
VOTE:8-0 1 absent**

**Res. No. 4/26/8 Approve STAFF NON-RENEWALS
VOTE: 8-0 1 ABSENT**

Valerie Slack asked if we had a graduation speaker; CEO Garlin not yet; Phyllis Fasone asked if Principal and Asst Principals were going to attend the Professional Development at Harvard; Principal & Asst Principal Marchan said yes, not sure if Asst Principal Moore is going; GEO Garlin stated not effective if all don't go.

Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:04pm.

Next Board Meeting will be held on **Tuesday May 26, 2026** @ 6:00pm Via Zoom.

April 28, 2026 Regular Board meeting Minutes were approved at the May 26, 2026 Regular Board meeting.

VOTE: 7-0 1 ABSTAIN

Certified to be a true copy



BRIAN FALKOWSKI/SBA/BOARD SECY
Dated: May 26, 2026