

MEETING MINUTES – Thursday, February 28, 2019

A Public Session of the Elysian Charter School of Hoboken Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, February 28, 2019 at the Elysian Charter School, 1460 Garden St., Hoboken, NJ. at 7:00 p.m.

Sunshine statement: Pursuant to Section 5 of the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this meeting was advertised as directed by resolution adopted May 21, 2018.. Notice of the meeting was published in the Public Notice Section of the Jersey Journal and to the Public posted on the Elysian Charter School website at www.ecsnj.org and at the Elysian Charter School located at 1460 Garden Street, Hoboken, NJ, 07030.

Call to Order by Board Chair -

1. Roll Call

Voting Members	Role	Present	Absent
Eduardo Gonzalez	President	x	
Jennifer O'Callaghan	Vice-President	x	
Alison Ziegler	Treasurer		x
Andrea O'Connor	Trustee	x	
Paul Ballantyne	Trustee	x	
Maria Badali	Trustee	x	
Diane Sasso	Trustee	x	
Brian Blake	Trustee	x	
Ken Nilsen	Trustee	x	

Non - Voting Members	Role	Present	Absent
Susan Grierson	Director	x	
Diane M Macon	Business Manager	x	
Amanda Tripp	Faculty Representative	x	
Lauren Barker	Faculty Representative	x	

2. Motion for Elysian Charter School, Board of Trustees to accept the minutes from January 28, 2019

Voting Members	Motion	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Eduardo Gonzalez		x				Maria Badali		x			
Jennifer O'Callaghan		x				Diane Sasso		x			
Alison Ziegler					x	Brian Blake	1				
Andrea O'Connor				x		Ken Nilsen		x			
Paul Ballantyne	2										

3. Public Comment

The meeting is open to the public for comment on items on or off the agenda.

(Limited to 5 minutes per person).

- Lynn Kluepfel spoke about the Black History Month Community Meeting. She mentioned how well the program was run, the large amount of parent attendance and the excitement and involvement of the students.

4. Director's Report – As attached
5. Faculty Representative Report – Amanda Tripp
 - The teachers worked to streamline and consolidate the report cards also adding a growth section.
 - Units of Study for reading was implemented
 - Teachers in grades 3-5 visited Freehold to observe Bridges Math Program implemented
 - Hoboken Charter School teachers came to visit our K-5
 - Teachers in K-1 attended a professional development program in the Teachers College Phonics Program.
 - The community meeting was a wonderful breath of fresh air.
6. Resolutions for Approval:

Finance:

- A. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the Payroll Report of January 14, 2019 in the amount of \$143,209.94.
- B. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the Payroll Report of January 21, 2019 in the amount of \$143,130.79
- C. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approve the February 2019 Check Register in the total amount of \$778,724.02.
- D. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:23-2.11(a)4, the Board of Trustees acknowledges receipt of the secretary's certification, and after review of the monthly financial report (appropriations section) certifies that, to the best of its knowledge, as of July and August 2018, no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(b), and that sufficient funds are available to meet the school's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.
- E. The State of New Jersey Department of Education permits requests for a waiver of the SEMI program in school districts with 40 or fewer Special Education/Medicaid eligible students in the 2019/20 fiscal year. Upon recommendation by the Director, we will apply for a waiver given that Elysian Charter has a projected Medicaid-Eligible/Special Education student count of 11 and the application would not be cost-effective for the school; Resolved that the Board of Trustees of the Elysian Charter School hereby authorizes submission of the SEMI FY20 waiver request attached.

Personnel:

Curriculum/Special Education:

Facilities:

Governance:

Miscellaneous:

F. Now therefore be it resolved on the recommendation of the Director that the Board of Trustees approves the Memorandum of Agreement between Elysian Charter School and the Hudson County law enforcement officials as presented.

7. Presentation of Committee Reports

Nominating Committee –

Jennifer O’Callaghan reviewed the schedule for the Annual Meeting.

Ann Murphy will be presenting the 5 Year Strategic Plan survey results.

Renderings of 3 proposed plans for Harborside Park will be on display and a representative of Rebuild by Design will attend to answer any questions.

A school newsletter should go out to parents and other schools in the area to ensure they vote online for the park rendering they prefer.

8. New Business

9. Motion approving resolution A through F

Voting Members	Motion	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Eduardo Gonzalez		x				Maria Badali		x			
Jennifer O'Callaghan		x				Diane Sasso	1				
Alison Ziegler					x	Brian Blake		x			
Andrea O'Connor		x				Ken Nilsen	2				
Paul Ballantyne		x						x			

10. Adjournment into Executive Session

Voting Members	Motion	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Eduardo Gonzalez		x				Maria Badali		x			
Jennifer O'Callaghan		x				Diane Sasso		x			
Alison Ziegler					x	Brian Blake	1				
Andrea O'Connor		x				Ken Nilsen	2				
Paul Ballantyne		x									

The Board of Trustees of the Elysian Charter School hereby adjourns to Executive Session in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, *N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.*, for the purpose of discussing attorney consultation. The minutes of the discussion during Executive Session will be available to the public when such minutes have been approved by the Board of Trustees pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1* and the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

11. Reconvene Public Session/Report from Executive Session (If Applicable)

Voting Members	Motion	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Eduardo Gonzalez		x				Maria Badali		x			
Jennifer O'Callaghan		x				Diane Sasso		x			
Alison Ziegler		x				Brian Blake		x			
Andrea O'Connor		x				Ken Nilsen	2				
Paul Ballantyne	2										

12. Adjournment of Meeting -

Voting Members	Motion	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Eduardo Gonzalez		x				Maria Badali		x			
Jennifer O'Callaghan	1					Diane Sasso		x			
Alison Ziegler					x	Brian Blake	2				
Andrea O'Connor		x				Ken Nilsen		x			
Paul Ballantyne		x									