

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES – Tuesday, February 25, 2020

A Public Session of the Elysian Charter School of Hoboken Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at the Elysian Charter School, 1460 Garden St., Hoboken, NJ at 6:30 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 April 29, 2019. 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 -

I. Roll Call

Voting Members	Role	Present	Absent
Jennifer O'Callaghan	Chair	x	
Brian Blake	Vice-Chair	x	
Daniel Glynn	Treasurer	x	
Alison Ziegler	Trustee		x
Andrea O'Connor	Trustee	x	
Maria Badali	Trustee	x	
Diane Sasso	Trustee	x	
Ken Nilsen	Trustee	x	
Chris DeFilippis	Trustee	x	

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

II. Motion for Elysian Charter School Board of Trustees to accept the minutes from January 28 2020.

Voting Members	Motion	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Jennifer O'Callaghan		x				Maria Badali		x			
Brian Blake	1	x				Diane Sasso		x			
Daniel Glynn				x		Ken Nilsen	2	x			
Alison Ziegler					x	Chris DeFilippis		x			
Andrea O'Connor		x									

III. Public Comment

The meeting is open to the public for comment on items on or off the agenda.
(Limited to 5 minutes per person).

IV. Director's Report (see attached)

V. Faculty Representative Report:

The 2nd grade has completed their hero projects and will be presenting a Hero Museum to parents and other classes in the coming week.

The 5th grade will be hosting their annual grilled cheese fundraiser in March which will raise money to offset the costs of the Mystic Trip.

Samantha shared Hillary's concern over the number of student absences over the recent February break due to the fact that it spanned over 2 weeks. A discussion followed about possible ways we can prevent this and that it needed to be addressed when planning the 2020-21 calendar.

Upon recommendation of the Director of Elysian Charter School the following resolutions are presented for approval:

Finance:

1. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approves the Payroll Report of January 15, 2020 in the amount of \$140,809.05.
2. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approves the Payroll Report of January 30, 2020 in the amount of \$140,327.00.
3. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approves the January 2020 Check Register in the amount of \$326,075.60.
4. Resolved that the Board of Trustees approves the Board Secretary and Treasurer Reports for January 2020 as per attached.

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 January 2020, 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.

5. The State of New Jersey Department of Education permutes requests for waiver of the SEMI. The State of New Jersey Department of Education permutes requests for waiver of the SEMI program in school districts with 40 or fewer Special Education/Medicaid eligible students in the 2020/21 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 9 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 FY21 waiver request attached.

In light of the recent expansion denial, Diane Macon shared that she has been working on various cost saving measures which she will email to all Board members for further discussion at the March meeting.

Personnel:

6. Resolved that the Board of Trustees of Elysian Charter School in accordance with N.J.A.C. 17:27-3.2 appoints Diane M. Macon, Business Manager, Board Secretary as the Public Agency Compliance Officer for the Elysian Charter School of Hoboken.
7. Resolved that the Board of Trustees of Elysian Charter School appoints Daisy Tavarez as a one to one part time aide at a rate of \$15.00 per hour for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year. Total salary not to exceed \$2,610.00.

8. Resolved by the Board of Trustees of Elysian Charter School to approve adding Vanetta Rivera and Jowa Alfano to the substitute teacher list for the 2019-20 school year. The rate of pay will be \$95.00 per day. This is an as needed position therefore not eligible for benefits such as health, dental insurance and pension.

Curriculum/Special Education:

Facilities:

Governance:

Miscellaneous:

VI. Presentation of Committee Reports:

Facilities Committee – Chris DeFilippis is continuing to investigate our options for closing off the 1st floor mezzanine door access from the residential building. He is hoping to get the Building Manager and Fire Chief to meet to discuss viable options.

Nominating Committee – Jen O’Callaghan requested that everyone get the word out so that we have good attendance at the March 10th Annual Meeting to elect new Board members.

VII. New Business -

VIII. Motion approving resolution 1 through 8

Voting Members	Motion	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Jennifer O'Callaghan		x				Maria Badali					
Brian Blake	2	x				Diane Sasso					
Daniel Glynn	1	x				Ken Nilsen					
Alison Ziegler					x	Chris DeFilippis					
Andrea O'Connor		x									

XII. Adjournment of Meeting of Tuesday, February 25, 2020 – Time: _8:10 PM _____

Voting Members	Motion	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Jennifer O'Callaghan		x				Maria Badali		x			
Brian Blake		x				Diane Sasso		x			
Daniel Glynn	2	x				Ken Nilsen		x			
Alison Ziegler					x	Chris DeFilippis	1	x			
Andrea O'Connor		x									