

- I. **Call to Order By Board Secretary – 5:40 Pm**
- II. **Public Notice of Meeting/NJ Sunshine Law**

The New Jersey Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the right to the public to have advanced notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted on in accordance with N.J.S.A 10:4-6 et seq.

On the rules of this act, Greater Brunswick Charter School has caused notice of this meeting by Publicizing the date, time and place, of the regularly scheduled meeting in the Public Notice Section of the Home News Tribune and Star Ledgers, sent to the clerks of Highland Park, Edison and New Brunswick and posted at the Greater Brunswick Charter School located at 429 Joyce Kilmer Ave, New Brunswick, NJ 08901. Formal action will take place at this meeting.

III. **Roll Call**

Voting Members	Role	Present	Absent
Claudia Avarado	Board Trustee		X
Christopher Coulthard	Board Trustee	X	
Evan Gentry	Board Trustee	X, 5:49pm	
Sean Hewitt	Board Trustee	X	
Susan Jackson	Board Chair	X	
Molly Larobina	Board Vice-Chair	X	
Mariu Reynoso	Board Trustee	X	
Anna Seewald	Board Trustee	X	
Anju Thomas	Board Trustee	X	
Choka Yogalingam	Board Trustee		X

Also Present

Non-Voting	Role	Present	Absent
Vanessa Jones	Education Director	X	
Hector Alvarez	Assistant Education Director	X	
Michael Falkowski	SBA/ Board Secretary	X	
Peter Creekmore	Teacher Representative		X
Melanie Yogalingam	Student Representative	X	

- IV. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- V. **Approve Meeting Agenda**

Motion for Greater Brunswick Charter School, Board of Trustees to approve the Agenda for the **March 16, 2017** meeting.

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Claudia Avarado					X	Molly Larobina		X			
Christopher Coulthard	1 st	X				Mariu Reynoso	2 nd	X			
Evan Gentry					X	Anna Seewald		X			
Sean Hewitt		X				Anju Thomas		X			
Susan Jackson		X				Choka Yogalingam					X

VI. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes

Motion for Greater Brunswick Charter School, Board of Trustees to accept the minutes from **February 16, 2017**.

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Claudia Avarado					X	Molly Larobina		X			
Christopher Coulthard	1 st	X				Mariu Reynoso	2 nd	X			
Evan Gentry					X	Anna Seewald		X			
Sean Hewitt		X				Anju Thomas				X	
Susan Jackson		X				Choka Yogalingam					X

VII. Public Comment

Melanie Yogalingam – Updated Board on fundraising activities for Greenhouse & BoxTops.

VIII. Correspondence – NONE

IX. Reports

1. Director’s Report
 - i. L.A. Unit Assessment Comparison presented to the Board
2. HIB Report – No HIBs to report

Motion to accept Director’s and HIB Report.

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Claudia Avarado					X	Molly Larobina		X			
Christopher Coulthard	1 st	X				Mariu Reynoso		X			
Evan Gentry		X				Anna Seewald	2 nd	X			
Sean Hewitt		X				Anju Thomas		X			
Susan Jackson		X				Choka Yogalingam					X

X. Closed Session - 6:25 pm

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Claudia Avarado					X	Molly Larobina		X			
Christopher Coulthard	1 st	X				Mariu Reynoso		X			
Evan Gentry		X				Anna Seewald	2 nd	X			
Sean Hewitt		X				Anju Thomas		X			
Susan Jackson		X				Choka Yogalingam					X

Discussion Topics:

- Student matter
- Employee matters
- Negotiations updated

Adjourn Closed Session and Open Public Session - 7:10 pm

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Christopher Coulthard	1 st	X				Mariu Reynoso	2 nd	X			
Evan Gentry		X				Anna Seewald		X			
Sean Hewitt		X				Anju Thomas		X			
Susan Jackson		X				Choka Yogalingam					X

XI. Motions for Approval

1. Finance

- To approve the February 2017 Board Secretary Report.
- To approve the February 2017 Treasurer Report.
- To approve transfers through the month February 2017.
- Bills List: Approve Bills List from February 17, 2017 to March 16, 2017.
- Payroll: To approve the following payrolls:

February 28, 2017	\$189,873.43
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f. SEMI Waiver:

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.3 provides that a charter school may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the school’s participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2017-2018 school year; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Brunswick Charter School Board of Trustees desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that it projects having fewer than 40 Medicaid eligible classified students in the 2017-2018 school year, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Greater Brunswick Charter School Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the School Leader to submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Middlesex an appropriate waiver of the requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.3 for the 2017-2018 school year.

- Budget: To approve the projected budget for the 2017/2018 school year.

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Christopher Coulthard	1 st	X				Mariu Reynoso	2 nd	X			
Evan Gentry		X				Anna Seewald		X			
Sean Hewitt		X				Anju Thomas		X			
Susan Jackson		X				Choka Yogalingam					X

2. Buildings & Grounds – NONE

3. Personnel

- a. To approve the following Professional Development:

Who	When	Where	Topic	Cost
Jessica Kurc	4/7 – 5/18/2017	Online	Mindfulness Fundamentals Course	\$125
Martha Goz	6/7/2017	Rutgers, Office of Continuing Education, Piscataway, NJ	Challenging Racial Disparities: Poverty, Race & Addiction	\$69
Nathan Burr & Eric Kaufmann	5-19-2017	NJ State Bar Foundation, New Brunswick, NJ	How to Teach the Holocaust	No Cost

- b. To approve the tuition reimbursement request for **Peter Creekmore** for the summer coursework as attached.
- c. To approve **Victoria Salomone** as the replacement coach for **Mathew Rago** for Tuesday soccer at a stipend of \$800 (pro-rated).

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Evan Gentry		X				Anna Seewald		X			
Sean Hewitt		X				Anju Thomas		X			
Susan Jackson		X				Choka Yogalingam					X

4. Curriculum/Special Education

- a. To approve the proposal from Chelsea Tracy Bronson to provide a Special Education Review at a cost of \$4100, to be paid for by NCLB funds.
- b. To approve the proposal by George Street Playhouse Education to provide Professional Development & Student Workshops at a cost of \$5,600.

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Evan Gentry		X				Anna Seewald		X			
Sean Hewitt		X				Anju Thomas		X			
Susan Jackson		X				Choka Yogalingam					X

5. Policy/Miscellaneous

- a. To approve the Harassment, Intimidation & Bullying (HIB) report presented to the Board of Trustees at the February 16, 2017 regular board meeting.
- b. **Special Education Policies and Procedures**

WHEREAS, the Greater Brunswick Charter School Board of Trustees must adopt the revised Special Education Policies and Procedures as required by the State of NJ in a letter dated February 7, 2017; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Part B of the IDEA and N.J.A.C. 6A:14-1.1, N.J.A.C. 6A:14-1.2(b) and (c), the Board of Trustees shall adopt and assure compliance with the policies as attached.

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED, that the Greater Brunswick Charters School Board of Trustees adopts and assures compliance with the revised Special Education Policies and Procedures as attached.

- c. To approve the revised 2016/2017 school calendar where the last day for students is Monday, June 26 and staff is Tuesday, June 27 (formerly Friday, June 23 for students and Monday, June 26 for staff).

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Evan Gentry		X				Anna Seewald		X			
Sean Hewitt		X				Anju Thomas		X			
Susan Jackson		X				Choka Yogalingam					X

XII. Enrollment Report

Grade	FY17 ENR	Jul 15, 2016	Aug 15, 2016	Sep 15, 2016	Oct 15, 2016	Nov 15, 2016	Dec 15, 2016	Jan 15, 2017	Feb 15, 2017	Mar 15, 2017	Apr 15, 2017	May 15, 2017	Jun 15, 2017	Wait List 2016/2017
K	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44				21
1	44	44	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	43				14
2	44	44	44	43	44	44	44	44	44	44				7
3	44	44	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	43				18
4	44	44	44	44	43	44	44	44	44	44				4
5	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44				9
6	44	44	45	46	45	46	46	46	46	46				8
7	44	44	44	43	43	43	43	43	43	43				1
8	42	42	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	43				1
Total	394	394	394	393	392	394	394	394	394	394				83

XIII. Committee Reports

1. School Review – Ms. Jones said they met to go over the school wide plan.
2. Community Outreach – Ms. Jackson updated the Board on the status of elections.
3. Development – Ms. Seewald updated the Board with details on the fundraising dinner.
4. Finance & Facilities – NONE
5. Governance – Election update.

XIV. New Business – NONE

XV. Closing Comments

Thanks to Ms. Seewald for her efforts with fundraising, thanks for those participating in renewal, PTO dance was a success, thanks from Mr. Alvarez for the Board’s support, and Trustee encouraged to participate in dinner.

XVI. Action Items

– Next Board Meetings: **2017** - 4/20, 5/11, 6/15

XVII. Adjournment – 8:05 pm

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Evan Gentry		X				Anna Seewald		X			
Sean Hewitt		X				Anju Thomas		X			
Susan Jackson		X				Choka Yogalingam					X

XVIII. Closed Session (if necessary)