

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes Thursday, March 15, 2018 – 5:30 pm

I. Call to Order By Board Secretary – 5:37 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
1.	Claudia Avarado	Board Trustee	X, 6:09pm	
2.	Shamara Gatling-Davila	Board Trustee	X	
3.	Evan Gentry	Board Trustee	X	
4.	Sean Hewitt	Board Trustee	X, 5:43pm	
5.	Susan Jackson	Board Chair	X	
6.	Molly Larobina	Board Vice-Chair	X	
7.	Mariu Reynoso	Board Trustee	X, 5:44pm	
8.	Anju Thomas	Board Trustee	Х	

Also Present

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

IV. Pledge of Allegiance

V. Approve Meeting Agenda

Motion for Greater Brunswick Charter School, Board of Trustees to approve the Agenda for the **March 15, 2018** meeting.

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Claudia Avarado					Х	Susan Jackson		Χ			
Shamara Gatling-Davila		Χ				Molly Larobina		Х			
Evan Gentry	1 st	Χ				Mariu Reynoso					Χ
Sean Hewitt					Х	Anju Thomas	2 nd	Χ			

Location: 429 Joyce Kilmer Ave

VI. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes

Motion for Greater Brunswick Charter School, Board of Trustees to accept the minutes from **February 15, 2017**.

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Claudia Avarado		Χ				Susan Jackson		Χ			
Shamara Gatling-Davila		Χ				Molly Larobina		Х			
Evan Gentry	1 st	Χ				Mariu Reynoso	2 nd	Х			
Sean Hewitt				Х		Anju Thomas		Х			

VII. Public Comment – NONE

VIII. Correspondence

 New Jersey Transit – DELCO Lead Storage and Inspection and County Improvements Project Notifications

IX. Reports

- 1. Director's Report
 - i. HIB Report No Cases

Motion to accept Director's Report.

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Claudia Avarado		Χ				Susan Jackson		Χ			
Shamara Gatling-Davila		Χ				Molly Larobina		Χ			
Evan Gentry	1 st	Χ				Mariu Reynoso		Х			
Sean Hewitt		Χ				Anju Thomas	2 nd	Χ			

X. Adjourn Public Session and Open Closed Session – 6:16 pm

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Claudia Avarado		Χ				Susan Jackson		Χ			
Shamara Gatling-Davila		Χ				Molly Larobina		Х			
Evan Gentry	1 st	Χ				Mariu Reynoso	2 nd	Х			
Sean Hewitt		Χ				Anju Thomas		Х			

Topics:

- Student Matters
- Staffing Matter
- Negotiations
- Budget as it related to Negotiations

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XI. Adjourn Closed Session and Open Public Session – 8:21 pm

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Claudia Avarado		Χ				Susan Jackson		Χ			
Shamara Gatling-Davila		Χ				Molly Larobina		Х			
Evan Gentry	1 st	Χ				Mariu Reynoso	2 nd	Χ			
Sean Hewitt		Χ				Anju Thomas		Х			-

XII. Motions for Approval

1. Finance

- a. To approve the February 2018 Board Secretary Report
- b. To approve the February 2018 Reconciliation Report
- c. <u>Bills List</u>: Approve Bills List from February 16, 2018 to March 15, 2018.
- d. Payroll: To approve the following payrolls:

450.31	
4	50.31

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Shamara Gatling-Davila		Χ				Molly Larobina		Х			
Evan Gentry	1 st	Χ				Mariu Reynoso	2 nd	Х			
Sean Hewitt		Χ				Anju Thomas		Х			

2. Contracts - NONE

3. Buildings & Grounds - NONE

4. Personnel

a. To approve the following Professional Development:

Who	When	Where	Topics	Cost
Daniel Cyckowski	3/16/2018	Montclair State University	Echoes and Reflections	No Cost
Martha Goz	5/4/2018	Rutgers, Piscataway	Intro to Mindfulness & Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction	\$160 reg fee

- b. To approve the following graduate coursework:
 - Stephani Estrella, Coursework at TCNJ EDFN508 Intro to Research: Data-Based Decision Making
- c. To approve the Case Study request by Katherine O'Neill.
- d. To approve Jennifer Turner to conduct research at GBCS as part of a dissertation.
- e. Motion to ratify the Memorandum of Agreement between Greater Brunswick Charter School and Brunswick Charter Education Association, dated March 1, 2018.

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Shamara Gatling-Davila		Χ				Molly Larobina		Χ			
Evan Gentry	1 st	Χ				Mariu Reynoso	2 nd	Χ			
Sean Hewitt		Χ				Anju Thomas		Χ			

5. Curriculum/Special Education

a. To approve the following field trips:

Who	When	Where	Cost
Maria Torres, 1 st grade, 44 Students	5/10/2018	NJ State Museum, Trenton	No cost to school.
Angelique Sheehan, K-1, 88 Students, 16 Chaperones	4/17/2018	State Theatre, New Brunswick	No cost to school.
Carmen Rine, Afterschool, K-8	4/18/2018	The Pingry School, Basking Ridge	No cost to school.

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Sean Hewitt		Χ				Anju Thomas		Χ			

6. Policy/Miscellaneous

- a. To approve the February 2018 HIB report.
- b. To accept the March 2018 HIB report.
- c. To approve the amended GBCS By-Laws.
- d. To approve two (2) make-up snow days on Monday, April 9th and Monday, June 25th. The PD schedule will be held on the afternoon of April 9th and May 16th, students will be dismissed early on April 9th.
- e. To approved following fundraisers:
 - PTO Art Show March 27th, to raise money for field trips, goal at \$500

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XIII. Enrollment Report

Grade	FY18	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Wait List
	Max	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018	2017/2018
K	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44				29
1	44	43	44	43	44	44	44	44	44	44				9
2	44	42	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44				12
3	44	43	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44				27
4	44	43	43	44	44	44	44	44	44	44				8
5	44	41	43	44	44	44	44	44	44	44				5
6	44	44	45	46	46	46	46	47	47	46				3
7	44	43	44	43	43	43	43	42	42	42				6
8	42	42	42	42	42	41	41	41	41	41				3
Total	394	385	393	394	395	394	394	394	394	393				102

XIV. Committee Reports

- 1. SRC provided during Director's report.
- 2. Community Outreach Mr. Alvarez discussed the Pingry School trip, advertising, etc.
- 3. Development discussion regarding fundraising events such as the GALA.

- 4. Finance and Facilities budget was discussed
- 5. Governance Board elections next week, discussion about process

XV. New Business – NONE

XVI. Closing Comments

Thanks for the food, discussion about elections, afterschool funding application is complete, update on fundraisers.

XVII. Action Items

Next Board Meetings: 4/19/18, 5/14/18, 6/21/18

Board Retreat Dates: Tuesday, May 8, 2017 – 5:30pm & Tuesday, May 22, 2017 – 5:30pm

XVIII. Adjournment - 8:48 pm

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