

**I. Call to Order By Board Secretary – 5:39pm**

**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, 5:43pm Departed 6:57pm  7:33pm	
Evan Gentry	Board Trustee	X	
Sean Hewitt	Board Trustee	X	
Susan Jackson	Board Chair	X	
Molly Larobina	Board Vice-Chair	X, 6:11 pm	
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	

**IV. Pledge of Allegiance**

**V. Approve Meeting Agenda**

Motion for Greater Brunswick Charter School, Board of Trustees to approve the Agenda for the **October 20, 2016** meeting.

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Claudia Avarado		X				Molly Larobina					X
Christopher Coulthard					X	Mariu Reynoso	2 <sup>nd</sup>	X			
Evan Gentry	1 <sup>st</sup>	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 **September 15, 2016**.

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

**VII. Public Comment - NONE**

**VIII. Correspondence**

Resignation letter on agenda.

**IX. Reports**

1. Aquaponics Presentation – Erica Yvonnete, Rina Jones
2. Director’s Report – Ms. Jones went over the report in detail.
3. HIB Report – No Reported Cases
4. Charter School Renewal Update
5. PARCC Presentation

Motion to accept Director’s and HIB Report.

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

**X. Closed Session (if necessary) - NONE**

**XI. Motions for Approval**

**1. Finance**

- a. To approve the August 2016 Board Secretary Report
- b. To approve the August 2016 Treasurer Report
- c. Bills List: Approve Bills List from September 16, 2016 to October 20, 2016.
- d. Payroll: To approve the following payrolls:

September 30, 2016	\$196,558.73
October 14, 2016	\$193,482.43

- e. To approve the contract with **Blackboard** to provide Blackboard Connect K-12 at \$756 for the 2016-2017 school year.
- f. To approve the contract with **Lifetouch** to provide photography services for the 2016-2017 school year.

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

## 2. Buildings & Grounds

- a. To approve the following facility use:

Who	Space	Date	Cost
Girl Scouts of SCNJ	Classroom TBD	October 19 <sup>th</sup> to June 14, 2017, every other Wednesday.	No Cost
Girl Scouts of SCNJ	Classroom 123	October 17 <sup>th</sup> to June 19, 2017, every other Monday	No Cost
Girl Scouts – Brownies	Art Room	October 17 <sup>th</sup> to June 30, 2017, every other Monday	No Cost

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

## 3. Personnel

- a. To approve **Gestie Rajasekaran** as an after school substitute at an amended rate of \$15.78/hr.
- b. To approve the following new staff:

Name	Title	Salary / Rate	Start Date
Maria D. Torres	Leave replacement Teacher	Step 11 MA, \$59,189 prorated 5.5 months = \$32,553.98	10/10/16 to 3/31/2016
Daisy Amador	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Spanish World Language Teacher	Step 1 BA, \$48,670 prorated	10/10/16

- c. To approve the following Family Learning Nights staff:

Name	Title	Salary / Rate
Maria Rivera	Workshop Instructor	\$60 an hour ( \$20 30min prep + \$40 1hr class )
Guadalupe Dominguez	Child Care	\$20.00
Sarita Taylor	Cooking & Nutrition Classes for Kids	\$60 an hour ( \$20 30min prep + \$40 1hr class )
Monica Gonzalez	Cooking & Nutrition Classes for Kids	\$60 an hour ( \$20 30min prep + \$40 1hr class )
Ana Perez	Coordinator	Stipend - \$6,000

d. To approve the following Professional Development:

Who	When	Where	Topic	Cost
Staff	11/2/2016	GBCS	Southern Regional Institute and ETTC at Stockton University – Intervention and Referral Services (I&RS) Training	\$658
Linda Seidenstein	10/28/2016	Hyatt Regency New Brunswick	49 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Reading and Writing	\$180
Zoe Coleman & Amie Fitzgerald	TBD	TBD	NCTM (Math) conference	Up to \$500 each
Eric Kaufman & Nathan Burr	4/24/17	Rutgers NB	Reading and Writing with Kelly Gallagher	\$150 each
Martha Goz	11/16/16	NJPSA/FEA – Monroe Twp., NJ	Social Media and Cyberbullying	\$150
Martha Goz	12/16/16	Rutgers NB	Enhancing Your Work with LGBT youth	\$129
Martha Goz	10/28/16	Rutgers NB	Culturally Competent Practice and Trauma Informed Care	\$155
Nathan Burr	6/2/17	Rutgers NB	Project Based Pedagogy with Nell Duke	\$150
Nathan Burr & Jacqueline Martin	11/1/16	South Plainfield, NJ	Restorative Discipline, Bureau of Ed and Research	\$245 each

e. To accept the resignation of **Jeanette Collado**, effective October 7, 2016.

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

#### 4. Curriculum/Special Education

a. To approve the following tuition contracts:

- i. Honor Ridge Academy - S.C.
- ii. Honor Ridge Academy - R.A.

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Evan Gentry	1 <sup>st</sup>	X				Anna Seewald					X
Sean Hewitt		X				Anju Thomas		X			
Susan Jackson		X				Choka Yogalingam					X

#### 5. Policy/Miscellaneous

- a. To approve the MOU with the Youth Advocate Programs, Inc. as described in letter addressed to State of New Jersey Department of Children and Families.
- b. To approve the Participation in Rutgers School of Nursing Project PESO.
- c. To approve the fundraiser request to raise money for field trips by Eva Barabas with activities to be held on 10/19, 10/25, 11/9 & 11/16/2016.
- d. To approve the following field trip:

Who	When	Where	Cost
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	12/2/2016	Camden Aquarium	No Cost to school, fundraising
Carmen Rine	5/16/2017	Mayhem Poets for MS	Student pay \$10 each, Total \$1,112
Nathan Burr, 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Jan or Feb 2017	Anshe Emeth Memorial Temple	No Cost to school

3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	10/28/2016	Hyatt to meet Children's Author Janet Wong	Transportation Cost only not to exceed \$1,000
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Evan Gentry	1 <sup>st</sup>	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									23
1	44	44	43	43	43									13
2	44	44	44	43	44									15
3	44	44	43	43	43									6
4	44	44	44	44	43									10
5	44	44	44	44	44									3
6	44	44	45	46	45									6
7	44	44	44	43	43									5
8	42	42	43	43	43									1
<b>Total</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>392</b>									<b>82</b>

## XIII. Committee Reports

1. SRC – minutes will be uploaded into Dropbox, discussion of goals for the year were discussed at the last meeting.
2. Community Outreach – minutes will be uploaded into Dropbox, committee met to discuss what was accomplished last year, and goals for this year
3. Finance and Facilities – committee met to discuss upcoming negotiations, facility use for fundraising
4. Governance - minutes to be uploaded into Dropbox, training requirements and compliance discussed, discussed Board recruitment breakfast may be held in November
5. Development – committee met, and thought about having one large fundraiser in the spring

## XIV. New Business

To approve the submittal of grants by Ms. Erica Yvonete to various business/organizations to support the startup of an Aquaponics Program; whereas, if a Grant is awarded the Board will require a formal proposal for the Board to vote on before the program moves forward.

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Evan Gentry	1 <sup>st</sup>	X				Anna Seewald					X
Sean Hewitt		X				Anju Thomas		X			
Susan Jackson		X				Choka Yogalingam					X

- ## XV. Closing Comments
- The Board went around the room and thanked those who brought in food, Ms. Jackson commented about her attendance at a NJSBA meeting, Ms. Thomas commented on the NJ

Seeds program, comments on Greenhouse, 10/24 seeds will be at school, 11/3 PARCC results breakdown, high school programs, PARCC scores sent home to parents and workshop to support, thanked committees.

**XVI. Action Items**

- Next Board Meetings: **2016** - 11/17, 12/15 | **2017** - 1/19, 2/16, 3/16, 4/20, 5/11, 6/15

**XVII. Adjournment – 8:03 pm**

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Evan Gentry	1 <sup>st</sup>	X				Anna Seewald					X
Sean Hewitt		X				Anju Thomas		X			
Susan Jackson		X				Choka Yogalingam					X

**XVIII. Closed Session (if necessary) - NONE**