

GBCS Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes Greater Brunswick Thursday, September 17, 2015 – 5:30 pm

I. Call to Order By Board Secretary – 5:38 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
Christopher Coulthard	Board Trustee	X	
Susan Jackson	Board Trustee	X	
Molly Larobina	Board Trustee	Х	
David Learn	Board Vice Chair / Trustee		Х
Peter Schaeffing	Board Trustee	Х	
Anna Seewald	Board Trustee	X, 5:55pm	
Anju Thomas	Board Trustee	X, 7:13 pm	
George Waters	Board Chair / Trustee	Х	
Choka Yogalingam	Board Trustee	X, 5:55pm	

Also Present

Non-Voting	Role	Present	Absent
Donna Medea	Education Director	X	
Vanessa Jones	Assist. Education Director	Χ	
Greg Romero	Supervisor of Instruction	X	
Michael Falkowski	SBA/ Board Secretary	Х	
Dianna Hess Schmitt	Teacher Rep	Χ	

IV. Pledge of Allegiance

V. Approve Meeting Agenda

Motion for Greater Brunswick Charter School, Board of Trustees to approve the Agenda for the **September 17, 2015** meeting.

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Christopher Coulthard	2 nd					Anna Seewald					
Susan Jackson						Anju Thomas					
Molly Larobina						George Waters					
David Learn						Choka Yogalingam					
Peter Schaeffing	1 st										

VI. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes

Motion for Greater Brunswick Charter School, Board of Trustees to accept the minutes from **August 20, 2015**.

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Christopher Coulthard	2 nd	Χ				Anna Seewald					Х
Susan Jackson		Х				Anju Thomas					Х
Molly Larobina		Х				George Waters		Х			
David Learn					Х	Choka Yogalingam					Х
Peter Schaeffing	1 st	х									

VII. Public Comment - NONE

VIII. Correspondence

Ms. Medea commented about the maternity leave on the agenda.

Ms. Seewald and Mr. Yogalingam arrived at the meeting at 5:55pm.

IX. Reports

1. Director's Report

Ms. Medea commented on the gym floor construction, and the necessity to approve a change order to seal the floor.

2. HIB Report

Ms. Jones presented the HIB Report.

Motion to accept Director's and HIB Report.

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Christopher Coulthard	2 nd	Х				Anna Seewald		Χ			
Susan Jackson		Х				Anju Thomas					Х
Molly Larobina		Х				George Waters		Х			
David Learn					Х	Choka Yogalingam		Х			
Peter Schaeffing	1 st	Χ									

X. Adjourn Public Session and enter Closed Session – 5:58 pm

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Christopher Coulthard		Χ				Anna Seewald		Χ			
Susan Jackson		Х				Anju Thomas					Х
Molly Larobina		Х				George Waters	1 st	Χ			
David Learn					Х	Choka Yogalingam		Х			
Peter Schaeffing	2 nd	Х									

Student matter discussed.

Location: 429 Joyce Kilmer Ave New Brunswick, NJ 08901 • Personnel matter discussed.

XI. Adjourn Closed Session and enter Public Session – 6:31pm

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Christopher Coulthard	2 nd	Χ				Anna Seewald		Χ			
Susan Jackson		Х				Anju Thomas					Х
Molly Larobina		Х				George Waters		Χ			
David Learn					Х	Choka Yogalingam		Χ			
Peter Schaeffing	1 st	Х									

XII. Motions for Approval

1. Finance

- a. Board Secretary Report: To approve the July 2015 Board Secretary Report
- b. <u>Treasurer Report</u>: To approve the July 2015 Treasurer Report
- c. <u>Bills List</u>: Approve Bills List from August 21, 2015 to September 17, 2015
- d. Payroll: To approve the following payrolls:

August 30, 2015	\$58,790.80
September 15, 2015	\$188,834.14

- e. To approve the 2015-2016 annual contract with Bergen County Special Services School District to provide Inclusion and Mainstreaming service, not to exceed \$15,276.
- f. To approve the resolution for Greater Brunswick Charter School to enter into a cooperative pricing agreement with the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission.

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Christopher Coulthard	2 nd	Χ				Anna Seewald		Χ			
Susan Jackson		Х				Anju Thomas					Х
Molly Larobina		Х				George Waters		Х			
David Learn					Х	Choka Yogalingam		Х			
Peter Schaeffing	1 st	Χ									

2. Buildings & Grounds

a. To approve the change order for Albert Garlatti Const. Co. Inc. to seal the floor due to high moisture levels. - \$22,411.20

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Christopher Coulthard	2 nd	Χ				Anna Seewald		Χ			
Susan Jackson		Х				Anju Thomas					Х
Molly Larobina		Х				George Waters		Х			
David Learn					Х	Choka Yogalingam		Х			
Peter Schaeffing	1 st	Х									

Location:

3. Personnel

a. To approve the following Enterprise Fund staff:

Name	Title	Salary/Rate
Carlos Banegas	Kitchen Staff	\$13.97/hr
Gloria Gonzalez	Kitchen Staff	\$12.93/hr
Magali Ventura	Kitchen Staff	\$12.93/hr
Yesenia Jimenez	After School Sub	\$15.00/hr
Janet Kanakaraj	After School Staff	\$14.23/hr
Francis Peralta	After School Staff	\$12.42/hr
Julio F. Perez-Arrieta	After School Staff	\$14.00/hr
Getsie Rajasekaran	After School Staff	\$15.78/hr
Maria Rivera	After School Sub	\$15.00/hr
Christine Rozycki	After School Success Student HW	\$20.00/hr
Daniela Suastegui	After School Staff	\$12.42/hr
Sarita Taylor	After School Staff	\$14.49/hr

- b. To approve the maternity leave for Marian Figueroa from September 1 to February 1, 2016
- c. To approve the following FY16 stipends:

Name	Title	Salary / Rate
Stephanie Estrella	Yearbook	\$1500
Kelly Sadowski	Website Maintenance	\$3000

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Susan Jackson		Х				Anju Thomas					Х
Molly Larobina		Х				George Waters		Х			
David Learn					Х	Choka Yogalingam		Х			
Peter Schaeffing	1 st	Х									

4. Curriculum/Special Education

a. To approve the following field trips:

Trip	Date	Cost
East Jersey Olde Towne Village	Grade 4 – September 15	No Cost, funded by
	Grade 5 – September 17	a Grant
	Grade 6 – September 18	
	Grade 7 – September 22	
	Grade 8 – September 24	
Medieval Times	Grade 7 – October 23	No Cost to school

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Susan Jackson		Х				Anju Thomas					Х
Molly Larobina		Х				George Waters		Χ			
David Learn					Х	Choka Yogalingam		Χ			
Peter Schaeffing	1 st	Х									

5. Policy/Miscellaneous

- a. To approve the 2014-2015 NJDOE School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act.
- b. To approve Erica Yvonnet & Jo Safranski to attend the Rutgers Annual Conference on Reading and Writing at the Hyatt Regency in New Brunswick, at a \$180/each registration cost.

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Susan Jackson		Х				Anju Thomas					Х
Molly Larobina		Х				George Waters		Χ			
David Learn					Х	Choka Yogalingam		Χ			
Peter Schaeffing	1 st	Х									

XIII. Enrollment Report

	FY16	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Wait
Grade	ENR	15,	15,	15,	15,	15,	15,	15,	15,	15,	15,	15,	15,	List
		2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	2016	
K	44	44	44	44										10
1	44	44	44	44										13
2	44	44	44	44										12
3	44	44	44	44										9
4	42	44	44	44										6
5	42	40	40	40										5
6	44	44	44	44										15
7	44	43	43	43										6
8	42	43	43	43										2
Total	390	390	390	390										84

XIV. Committee Reports

- 1. SRC No Report
- 2. Community and Development

The committee is working on a packet for new parents.

- 3. Finance and Facilities No Report
- 4. Governance

A meeting was held, and information is in the Dropbox. A calendar was set for the year. Retreat dates set - Jan 9, 2015 and June 18, 2015, time 9am to 3pm.

Location: 429 Joyce Kilmer Ave New Brunswick, NJ 08901

XV. New Business

Ms. Jackson - A scholastic book fair will be held this year from Oct 13 to 16, 2015.

Ms. Anju Thomas arrived at 7:13 pm.

Mr. Waters met with the School's NJEA Union President Ms. Lynne McGlue to have a short meeting and develop an open line of communication.

To approve the 2015-2016 contract for the Education Director, Ms. Donna Medea, at a salary of \$120,000.

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Susan Jackson		Х				Anju Thomas		Х			
Molly Larobina		Х				George Waters		Х			
David Learn					Х	Choka Yogalingam		Х			
Peter Schaeffing	1 st	Х									

XVI. Closing Comments

The board and others at the meeting went around the room, commented on a well-run meeting, and thanked Ms. Medea and staff for a job well done.

XVII. Action Items

- 1. Next Board Meeting: Thursday, October 15, 2015
- 2. Help needed for book fair.

XVIII. Adjournment - 7:26 pm

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Christopher Coulthard	2 nd	Χ				Anna Seewald		Χ			
Susan Jackson		Χ				Anju Thomas		Χ			
Molly Larobina		Х				George Waters		Χ			
David Learn					Х	Choka Yogalingam		Х			
Peter Schaeffing	1 st	Х									

XIX. Closed Session (if necessary) - NONE