

# Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes Thursday, March 26, 2020 – 5:30 pm

#### I. Call to Order By Board Secretary – 5:36 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.	Lynell Burgos	Board Trustee, expires 2021	Х	Had to leaving the call around 7:15pm, rejoined call around 8pm
2.	Shamara Gatling-Davila	Board Vice Chair, expires 2020	Х	
3.	Sean Hewitt	Board Trustee, expires 2022	X	
4.	Susan Jackson	Board Chair, expires 2021	X	
5.	Awilda Marte	Board Trustee, expired June 2020		X
6.	Anju Thomas	Board Trustee, expires 2020	X	
7.	Jonina Mazzeo	Board Trustee, expires 2023	X, appointed and sworn in 3/26/20	

#### **Also Present**

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

#### IV. Board Business

1. Interview potential new Board Member

Motion to approve **Jonina Mazzeo** as a Board Trustee for a 3-year term.

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Lynell Burgos	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Χ				Susan Jackson		Χ			
Shamara Gatling-Davila		Χ				Awilda Marte					Х
Sean Hewitt	1 <sup>st</sup>	Χ				Anju Thomas		Х			

# V. Approve Meeting Agenda

Motion for Greater Brunswick Charter School, Board of Trustees to approve the Agenda for the **March 26, 2020** meeting.

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Lynell Burgos		Χ				Susan Jackson		Χ			
Shamara Gatling-Davila	1 <sup>st</sup>	Χ				Awilda Marte					Χ
Sean Hewitt	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Χ				Anju Thomas		Х			
Jonina Mazzeo				Х							

#### VI. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes

Motion for Greater Brunswick Charter School, Board of Trustees to accept the minutes from **January 16**, **2020 Board Meeting**.

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Lynell Burgos	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Χ				Susan Jackson		Χ			
Shamara Gatling-Davila	1 <sup>st</sup>	Χ				Awilda Marte					
Sean Hewitt		Χ				Anju Thomas		Χ		Х	
Jonina Mazzeo				Х							

#### VII. Public Comment

#### VIII. Correspondence

Mr. Hewitt thanked the staff and appreciated everything everyone is doing.

#### IX. Reports

- 1. Director's Report
- 2. HIB Report January 17, 2020 to March 26, 2020
- 3. Suspension Report January 17, 2020 to March 26, 2020
- 4. Bus Drill Report

Motion to accept Director's Report, HIB Report, Suspension Report and Bus Drill Report:

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Lynell Burgos					Х	Susan Jackson					
Shamara Gatling-Davila	1 <sup>st</sup>	Χ				Awilda Marte					
Sean Hewitt	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Χ				Anju Thomas					
Jonina Mazzeo					Х	•					

#### X. Closed Session - NONE

# XI. Adjourn Closed and Open Public Session

#### XII. Motions for Approval

#### 1. Finance

- a. To approve the January & February 2020 Board Secretary Report.
- b. To approve the January & February 2020 Reconciliation Report.
- c. Bills List: Approve Bills List from January 17, 2020 to March 26, 2020.
- d. <u>Payroll</u>: To approve the following payrolls:

January 15, 2020	187,611.23
January 30, 2020	186,965.76
February 15, 2020	184,258.76
February 28, 2020	184,464.16
March 15, 2020	183,168.53
March 30, 2020	182,224.00

e. To approve the FY21 Budget for submittal to the NJDOE.

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Lynell Burgos					Х	Susan Jackson		Χ			
Shamara Gatling-Davila	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Χ				Awilda Marte					Χ
Sean Hewitt	1 <sup>st</sup>	Χ				Anju Thomas		Χ			
Jonina Mazzeo				Х							

#### 2. Contracts

a. To approve the contract with Compass for Landscaping services.

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Lynell Burgos					Χ	Susan Jackson		Χ			
Shamara Gatling-Davila	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Χ				Awilda Marte					Х
Sean Hewitt	1 <sup>st</sup>	Χ				Anju Thomas		Χ			
Jonina Mazzeo				Χ							

# 3. Buildings & Grounds

a. To approve the following facility usage:

Who	When	What	Room	Attending
Institute for Family	11/6/20 & 11/7/20, 8am to	Liberation Based	Greater Brunswick Charter	150-200 Attendees
Services	5pm	Healing Conference	School – Gym	\$1200/day

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Shamara Gatling-Davila	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Χ				Awilda Marte					Х
Sean Hewitt	1 <sup>st</sup>	Χ				Anju Thomas		Χ			
Jonina Mazzeo				Х							

#### 4. Personnel

- a. To approve the following resignations:
  - i. Dori Toth effective January 31, 2020
- b. To approve the following Professional Development:

Who	When	Where	Topics	Registration Cost + Allowed Travel
Kristine Johnson	3/4/20	Radisson Hotel – Freehold	HR Law	\$149.00
Kristine Johnson	5/19/20	Holiday Inn – Cherry Hill	The Administrative Asst. Conference	\$199.00 Registration Cost \$7.00 Total Expenses Meals
Lirizell Johnson	3/12/20	•	Supporting Teachers and Students Behind the Locked Doors	\$150.00

Amina Chowdhry 3/16/20		Ramapo College	Council for Exceptional Children – Annual Spring Conference	\$125
Ivette Sassone	3/12/20 Busch Student Center, Piscataway, NJ		Engagement by Design – Creative Learning Environments	\$0.00
Lirizell Johnson Alyssa Pazmino Martha Goz Vanessa Jones Caitlin Michell Maria Rivera	6/2/20	Rutgers	4 <sup>th</sup> Annual Challenging Racial Disparities Conference: A Call to Action	\$99.00/each
Kristine Johnson	4/28/20 4/29/20	Branchburg, NJ	Absence Cert – AESOP	\$695
Kelly Sadowski	3/30/20	NJ DOE Learning Resource Center, Trenton NJ	FY20 Semi Spring Regional Meeting – Morning Session	\$0.00
Ivone Gallego	3/23/20	NJ ASSW – Iselin, NJ	Addressing Critical Social Stresses In Schools	\$135.00
Kristine Johnson Alejandra Suastegui	6/19/20	4 Points Sheraton Allentown, PA.	Microsoft Excel Class	\$149.00
Robin Stein James Long Erica Yvonnnet	3/2/20	Foundation for Educational Administration	Developing Impactful Arts Integration	\$0.00

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Shamara Gatling-Davila		Χ				Awilda Marte					Χ
Sean Hewitt	1 <sup>st</sup>	Χ				Anju Thomas		Х			
Jonina Mazzeo				Х							

# 5. Curriculum/Special Education

a. To approve the following field trips:

Who	When	Where	Cost + Allowed Travel
Amie Fitzgerald	5/20/20	Six Flags - Jackson NJ - 8 <sup>™</sup> Grade Trip	\$2320 for 38 Students and
			6 Teachers
Amina Chowdhry (5 <sup>th</sup>	6/5/20	Zimmerli Art – 71 Hamilton Street, New Brunswick, NJ -	44 Students
Grade) 44 Students		Social Studies – Art Purpose - American, European,	5 Teachers
		Russian	5 Chaperones \$0.00
James Long	6/4/20	MET – New York, NY - Studying and making Signet Rings.	44 Students, 5 Chaperones.
		Studying American History. Review of art to be seen	Cost of bus only

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Shamara Gatling-Davila	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Χ				Awilda Marte					Χ
Sean Hewitt	1 <sup>st</sup>	Χ				Anju Thomas		Χ			
Jonina Mazzeo				Х							

# 6. Policy/Miscellaneous

- a. To accept the HIB Report from January 17 to March 26, 2020.
- b. To approve the following fundraiser request:

Who	When	What	Funds to Serve	Goal		
Amie Fitzgerald	3/20/20		Raise money for upcoming 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Trips (May & June)	\$200 (Goal to raise)		
Amie Fitzgerald		,	Raise money for upcoming 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Trips (May & June)	As much as possible		

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Shamara Gatling-Davila	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Χ				Awilda Marte					Χ
Sean Hewitt	1 <sup>st</sup>	Χ				Anju Thomas		Χ			
Jonina Mazzeo				Χ							

#### XIII. Enrollment Report

	FY20	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,	List
		2019	2019	2019	2019	2019	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2019/2020
K	44	40	44	46	46	46	45	46	46				82
1	44	41	43	44	44	44	44	44	44				22
2	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44				36
3	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44				37
4	44	43	44	44	44	44	44	44	44				18
5	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44				41
6	44	45	48	48	48	48	48	48	48				25
7	44	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	43				14
8	44	39	38	37	37	37	37	37	37				12
Total	396	386*	392*	396*	396*	396*	395*	396*	396*				287

<sup>\*2</sup> Student out of district, no funding - Actual Enrollment - 394

### XIV. Committee Reports

- 1. SRC given during Director's Report
- 2. Community Outreach events postponed or cancelled
- 3. Development looking to grow development committee
- 4. Finance and Facilities met to discuss budget, discussed gym funding incident
- 5. Governance discussed recruitment strategies, Board Retreat cancelled

# XV. New Business

**XVI.** Closing Comments – Hector welcomed Jonina to the Board and thanked the whole GBCS staff for their hard work during this crisis. Many thanks by Zoe, Vanessa, Shamara, Susan, etc. for hard work during the distance learning.

#### XVII. Action Items

 Next Board Meetings: Thursday, May 14, 2019 5:30 PM - Regular Meeting/FY20 Staff Renewal Thursday, June 18, 2020 5:30 PM - Regular Meeting Thursday, July 16, 2020 5:30 PM - Regular Meeting

# XVIII. Adjournment – 8:02 pm

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Lynell Burgos		Χ				Susan Jackson		Χ			
Shamara Gatling-Davila	1 <sup>st</sup>	Χ				Awilda Marte					Х
Sean Hewitt	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Х				Anju Thomas		Х			
Jonina Mazzeo		Χ									

Location: 429 Joyce Kilmer Ave