

**GBCS** Regular Monthly Meeting Agenda Greater Brunswick Thursday, November 21, 2019 – 5:30 pm Charter School

## I. Call to Order By Board Secretary

## 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.	Joseph Alderman	Board Trustee, expires 2021		
2.	Lynell Burgos	Board Trustee, expires 2021		
3.	Shamara Gatling-Davila	Board Vice Chair, expires 2020		
4.	Indira Grullon	Board Trustee, expires 2021		
5.	Sean Hewitt	Board Trustee, expires 2022		
6.	Susan Jackson	Board Chair, expires 2021		
7.	Anju Thomas	Board Trustee, expires 2020		

#### **Also Present**

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

#### IV. Pledge of Allegiance

#### V. Approve Meeting Agenda

Motion for Greater Brunswick Charter School, Board of Trustees to approve the Agenda for the **November 21, 2019** meeting.

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Joseph Alderman						Indira Grullon					
Lynell Burgos						Susan Jackson					
Shamara Gatling-Davila						Anju Thomas					
Sean Hewitt											

# VI. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes

Motion for Greater Brunswick Charter School, Board of Trustees to accept the minutes from **September 19, 2019 Board Meeting**.

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Joseph Alderman						Indira Grullon					
Lynell Burgos						Susan Jackson					
Shamara Gatling-Davila						Anju Thomas					
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# VII. Public Comment

# VIII. Correspondence

# IX. Reports

- 1. Director's Report
- 2. Board Retreat Follow-up
  - i. Strategic Plan Activity
  - ii. Review Board Self Evaluation
- 3. HIB Report September 20<sup>th</sup> through November 21<sup>st</sup>
- 4. Suspension Report September 20<sup>th</sup> through November 21<sup>st</sup>

Motion to accept Director's Report.

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Joseph Alderman						Indira Grullon					
Lynell Burgos						Susan Jackson					
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## X. Closed Session

#### XI. Adjourn Closed and Open Public Session

#### XII. Motions for Approval

#### 1. Finance

- a. To approve the September & October 2019 Board Secretary Report.
- b. To approve the September & October 2019 Reconciliation Report.
- c. <u>Bills List</u>: Approve Bills List from September 20, 2019 to November 21, 2019.
- d. <u>Payroll</u>: To approve the following payrolls:

185,739.64
184,975.18
189,242.31
190,735.14

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## 2. Contracts

- a. To approve the snow removal contract with **Yager Lawn Maintenance** for the 2019/2020 school year.
- b. To approve the contract with **YMCA** to provide a **basketball program** for Greater Brunswick Charter School for the 2019/2020 school year.
- c. To approve the **YPAR** proposal not to exceed \$4,000.

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#### 3. Buildings & Grounds

a. To approve the following facility use:

Who	When	Room	Participants	Cost
PTO/Ann Norris	12/7/19 9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Gym	300	No Cost
Garden of Healing/Carla Haynes	11/5,/19 11/12/19, 11/19/19 & 11/26/19 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Spanish Room	5-10	No Cost
Garden of Healing/Carla Haynes	12/3/19, 12/10/19, 12/17/19 7-8PM Yoga – 8-8:30 Crystal Healing	Seminar Setup	5-10	No Cost

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#### 4. Personnel

- a. To accept the following retirement:
  - i. Patricia Mollema effective 12/31/2019
- b. To approve the following resignations:
  - i. Heather Cutchin Special Education Teacher effective 12/20/2019
  - ii. Jesse Lewis III 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Teacher effective 12/20/2019
  - iii. Maria Cabrera 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Spanish Teacher effective 11/15/2019
- c. To approve the following new staff:

Name	Title	Salary / Rate	Start Date
Elvin Porrata	Teacher	\$60,773 (Level 1 MA)	11/26/2019
Deloris Coleman	Student Aide	\$18.82/hr	11/19/2019
Yesenia Jimenez-Dominguez	Teacher Assistant	\$33,766 (Level 5)	11/01/2019
Nancy Angelet	Part time Student Aide	\$18.82/hr	11/01/2019

d. To approve the following Professional Development:

Who When Where Topics Registration Cost + Allowed Travel
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MS Staff	through	GBCS (in-House)	Youth Participatory Action Research (YPAR) Design Principles Developed by YPAR in the	up to \$4000		
	Year		Classroom Think Tank Montclair State University			
Amina Chowdhry	10/15/19	Atlantic City, NJ	Charter Community Policies, and an opportunity to attend breakout sessions	TBD		
Martha Goz	12/4/19	New Brunswick	Impact of various types of trauma on school functioning ways schools can respond and build resilience in students and staff	\$129		
Judy Kutin	11/12/19	NJ State Bar Foundation	Per Ms. Carmen	FREE		
James Long	10/5/19 & Long Branch, NJ 10/7/19		To attend the annual conference for Art in NJ	\$285		
Jesse Lewis	10/2/19	Monroe Township, NJ	Attain knowledge on how to make classrooms more racially equitable	\$149		
Sarah Feldman	10/31/19	NJ State Bar Foundation		FREE		
Linda Seidenstein Julie Einstein Eugenia Xarhoulakos Daisy Amador	10/25/19	New Brunswick, NJ	To deepen awareness and knowledge of current literacy research and methodologies	\$165		
Kelly Sadowski	10/16/19	Trenton, NJ	Learn about important program updated and to have the opportunity to collaborate with other school districts			
Ivonne Gallego	10/25/19	Edison, NJ	Recommended by Vanessa Jones. Currently facilitating boys group for middle school	Free		
Robyn Stein	10/28/19	Monroe, NJ	Strategies needed to integrate arts into other subjects (English, Math, Science and Social Studies)	TBD		
Kristina Markel	12/4/19	Bay Head, NJ	Find better ways to support Special Education Students in Math	\$179		
Caitlin Mitchell	1/16/20	New Brunswick, NJ	To learn the role as a member of the school climate committee and to better implement ideas/activities with grade level team	FREE		
George Newton	ideas n 1/30/20 & Atlantic City, NJ Stay		Stay up to date with Education Technology, Network Security.	\$475		
Carmen Rine	11/13/19	Bordentown, NJ	Completion of verification process for USDA Benefits Program	FREE		
Kelly Sadowski	men Rine 11/13/19 Bordentown, NJ		To provide insight into the process of verification as well as guidance for completing Part II of the verification Collection Report required by NJ DOA in SNEARS. This workshop provides an opportunity for hands on, one-on-one assistance.	FREE		
Robyn Stein James Long E.Yvonnet	10/28/19 & 3/2/2020	Monroe, NJ	Developing Impactful Arts Integration	FREE (Grant Covered)		

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# 5. Curriculum/Special Education

a. To approve the following field trips:

Who	When	Where	Cost + Allowed Travel
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade, 46 students plus 5 chaperones	12/31/19	New Brunswick Library	Free
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade, 44 students plus 4-8 chaperones	12/12/19	Liberty Science Center	\$12 per child
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade, 46 students plus 4 chaperones	3/3/20	NJ State Museum	\$3.00 per child

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#### 6. Policy/Miscellaneous

- a. To approve Nicole Rodriquez to collect data ESL Student Data per attached proposal.
- b. To approve the tricky tray fundraising request on 11/16/2019 to fund field trips.

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## 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
К	44	40	44	46	46								81
1	44	41	43	44	44								14
2	44	44	44	44	44								31
3	44	44	44	44	44								37
4	44	43	44	44	44								18
5	44	44	44	44	44								39
6	44	45	48	48	48								20
7	44	43	43	43	43								11
8	44	39	38	37	37								10
Total	396	386*	392*	396*	396*								261

\*2 Student out of district, no funding – Actual Enrollment - 394

## XIV. Committee Reports

- 1. SRC
- 2. Community Outreach
- 3. Development
- 4. Finance and Facilities
- 5. Governance

#### XV. New Business

XVI. Closing Comments

#### XVII. Action Items

- Next Board Meetings: January 16, 2020

## XVIII. Adjournment

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