

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes Thursday, January 21, 2021 – 5:30 pm

I. Call to Order By Board Secretary – 5:35 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	X	
2.	Shamara Gatling-Davila	Board Vice Chair, expires 2023	X	
3.	Sean Hewitt	Board Trustee, expires 2022	X, 5:45pm	Left, 6:52pm
4.	Susan Jackson	Board Chair, expires 2021	X	
5.	Awilda Marte	Board Trustee, expires June 2022	X, 6:00pm	
6.	Jonina Mazzeo	Board Trustee, expires 2023	Х	

Also Present

Non-Voting	Role	Present	Absent
Vanessa Jones	Education Director	Χ	
Hector Alvarez	Assistant Education Director	Χ	
Michael Falkowski	SBA / Board Secretary	Х	
Caitlin Mitchell	Teacher Representative		Х
Latoya Branch	Teacher Representative	Х	
Daisy Amador	Teacher Representative - Alternate		Х

IV. Approve Meeting Agenda

Motion for Greater Brunswick Charter School, Board of Trustees to approve the Agenda for the **January 21, 2021** meeting.

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

V. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes

Motion for Greater Brunswick Charter School, Board of Trustees to accept the minutes from **November 19, 2020 Board Meeting**.

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

VI. Public Comment - NONE

VII. Correspondence

VIII. Reports

- 1. Director's Report
- 2. HIB update Months of November & December 2020 0 cases
- 3. Suspension Update 0 cases

Motion to accept the Director's Report, HIB Report, and Suspension.

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Lynell Burgos	1 st	Χ				Jonina Mazzeo		Χ			
Shamara Gatling-Davila		Χ				Susan Jackson		Χ			
Sean Hewitt	2 nd	Χ				Awilda Marte		Χ			

IX. Closed Session – 6:04 pm

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Lynell Burgos	1 st	Χ				Jonina Mazzeo		Χ			
Shamara Gatling-Davila		Χ				Susan Jackson		Χ			
Sean Hewitt	2 nd	Χ				Awilda Marte		Χ			

Board adjourns to closed session to discuss a personnel matter, a student matter and negotiations with the teaching staff.

X. Adjourn Closed and Open Public Session – 6:47 pm

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Lynell Burgos	1 st	Χ				Jonina Mazzeo		Χ			
Shamara Gatling-Davila		Χ				Susan Jackson		Х			
Sean Hewitt	2 nd	Χ				Awilda Marte		Х			

XI. Motions for Approval

1. Finance

- a. To approve the November & December 2020 Board Secretary Report.
- b. To approve the November & December 2020 Reconciliation Report.
- c. <u>Bills List</u>: Approve Bills List from November 20, 2020 to January 21, 2021.
- d. Payroll: To approve the following payrolls:

November 30, 2020	195,655.82
December 15, 2020	187,330.79
December 23, 2020	190,459.83
January 15, 2021	184,632.20

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Shamara Gatling-Davila	2 nd	Χ				Susan Jackson		Χ			
Sean Hewitt	1 st	Χ				Awilda Marte		Χ			

2. Contracts

- a. To approve the contract with State of NJ, Department of Human Services, **Commission For The Blind** and **Visually Impaired** at Education Level 1 Service at a cost of \$2,100.
- b. To approve the contract with **CORE BTS NOC** to provide network services and support at a monthly rate of \$1,425 for 12-months.
- c. To approve the **Speech Therapy Consultants** Contract to provide speech-language Pathology supervision services at a rate of \$70/hr not to exceed 48-hours for the 2020-21 school year.
- d. To approve the contract with **Back To Work Solutions, LLC** to provide COVID Testing services.
- e. To approve the GBCS middle school science program to collaborate with Rutgers University with their research in: FOSTERING DEEP LEARNING, IDENTITY, AND AGENCY: MINORITIZED STUDENTS LEARNING BIOLOGY IN PERSONAL AND COMMUNITY-RELEVANT CONTEXTS.

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Sean Hewitt	1 st	Χ				Awilda Marte		Χ			

3. Buildings & Grounds

4. Personnel

a. To approve the following new staff for FY21:

Name	Title	Salary / Rate	Start Date
Cynthia Bankowski	Maternity Leave	\$29,949	12/8/2020 to
	Replacement	(Level 10 MA \$59,898 – Prorated)	5/7/2021
Maria Rivera	Long Term Substitute	\$5,322.30/Month	01/01/2021
	Teacher	(Level 3 BA \$53,223.00/10)	
Nancy Angelet	Teacher Assistant Leave	\$32,747	01/01/2021
	Replacement	(Level I TA Prorated)	
Shirley Palacios	Teacher	\$55,698 (Level 7BA)	1/15/2021 to
Romero			6/30/2021

- b. To approve **Shirley Palacios** to go from a PT to Full Time Bi-Lingual Special Education Teacher at Level 7BA at a rate of \$55,698, effective January 18, 2021.
- c. To approve an unpaid extended leave for **Zoe Coleman** effective on the date school starts Hybrid learning.
- d. To approve the following graduate coursework:

Name	School	Course	Tuition
Usman, Atif	New Jersey City University	Prin. Of Supervision and HR	Up to max per
		Mgmt.	contract
Usman, Atif	New Jersey City University	Innovations in Curriculum and Ed.	Up to max per
		Leadership	contract

Long, James	Rutgers	Maker Mindset, Maker Safety Lab	Up to max per
			contract

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Shamara Gatling-Davila		A,B,D	С			Susan Jackson		A,B,D	С		
Sean Hewitt	2 nd	A,B,D	С			Awilda Marte		A,B,D	С		

5. Curriculum/Special Education

6. Policy/Miscellaneous

- a. To approve the HIB report for September & October 2020, with zero (0) founded cases.
- b. To approve the 2nd and final reading of the following **policies**:
 - 2431 Athletic Competition Policy (M)
 - 2431.1 Emergency Procedures for Athletic Practices and Competitions Regulation (M)
 - 2464 Gifted and Talented Students Policy (M)
 - 5330.05 Seizure Action Plan Policy & Regulation (M) (NEW)
 - 6440 Cooperative Purchasing Policy (M)
 - 6470.01 Electronic Funds Transfer and Claimant Certification Policy & Regulation (M) (NEW)
 - 7440 School District Security Policy & Regulation (M)
 - 7450 Property Inventory Policy (M)
 - 7510 Use of School Facilities Policy & Regulation (M)
 - 8420 Emergency and Crisis Situations Policy (M)
 - 8561 Procurement Procedures for School Nutrition Programs (M)
- c. To approve the **re-entry school plan** as follows: The school will re-assess local and state safety conditions by March 1, 2021 to determine when it's appropriate to re-enter school and follow our Re-Entry Plan.

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XII. Enrollment Report

	FY21	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
		2020	2020	2020	2020	2020	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2020/2021
K	44	46	43	44	44	44	44						72
1	44	44	46	46	46	46	46						30
2	44	44	44	44	44	44	44						27
3	44	44	43	44	44	44	44						26
4	44	44	44	44	44	44	43						21
5	44	44	43	44	44	44	44						17
6	44	44	43	44	44	44	44						29
7	44	45	44	43	43	43	43						13
8	42	43	43	43	43	43	43						6
Total	394	398	395	398	398	398	397						241

Location: 429 Joyce Kilmer Ave New Brunswick, NJ 08901

XIII. Committee Reports

- 1. SRC in Director's Report
- 2. Community Outreach Mr. Alvarez update the Board on current programs.
- 3. Development No meetings
- 4. Finance and Facilities Budget due at the end of March, new water fountains, social distance paintings on sidewalk, new sign is installed, etc.
- 5. Governance
- XIV. New Business NONE
- **XV.** Closing Comments Thanks to Susan Jackson for her support of SRC, Happy New Year, thanks to teachers and Board, thanks for postponing re-entry plan, etc.
- XVI. Action Items Next Board Meetings: March 18, 2021 5:30 pm
- XVII. Adjournment 7:14pm

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