

GBCS Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes Greater Brunswick Thursday, September 15, 2022 – 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 Vice Chair, expires 2024	Χ	
2.	Shamara Gatling-Davila	Board Trustee, expires 2023		X
3.	Sean Hewitt	Board Trustee, expires 2025	X	
4.	Susan Jackson	Board Chair, expires 2023	Х	
5.	Jonina Mazzeo	Board Trustee, expires 2023	Χ	
6.	Miriam Santana	Board Trustee, expires 2024	Χ	
7.	Danielle Clement	Board Trustee, expires 2024	Χ	
8.	Kenneth King	Board Trustee, expires 2025	Χ	
9.	Arthur J. Tippin	Board Trustee, expires 2025	Χ	

Also Present

Non-Voting	Role	Present	Absent
Vanessa Jones	Executive Director	Х	
Hector Alvarez	Education Director	Х	
Rosalind Friday	Assistant Education Director	Х	
Michael Falkowski	Acting Board Secretary	Х	
Caitlin Mitchell	Teacher Representative - Alternate		Х
Latoya Branch	Teacher Representative	Х	
Daisy Amador	Teacher Representative - Alternate	Х	

Location: 429 Joyce Kilmer Ave

New Brunswick, NJ 08901

IV. Approve Meeting Agenda

Motion for Greater Brunswick Charter School, Board of Trustees to approve the agenda for the **September 15, 2022** meeting.

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Lynell Burgos	1 st	Χ				Kenneth King		Χ			
Danielle Clement	2 nd	Χ				Jonina Mazzeo		Х			
Shamara Gatling-Davila					Х	Miriam Santana		Х			
Sean Hewitt		Χ				Arthur J. Tippin		Х			
Susan Jackson		Χ									

V. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes

Motion for Greater Brunswick Charter School, Board of Trustees to accept the minutes from **August 18**, **2022** meeting.

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Lynell Burgos	2 nd	Χ				Kenneth King		Χ			
Danielle Clement		Χ				Jonina Mazzeo		Χ			
Shamara Gatling-Davila	1 st				Х	Miriam Santana		Χ			
Sean Hewitt		Χ				Arthur J. Tippin		Χ			
Susan Jackson		Χ									

- VI. Public Comment NONE
- VII. Correspondence
- VIII. Reports
 - 1. Director's Report
 - 2. HIB update
 - 3. Suspension Update

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

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Lynell Burgos		Χ				Kenneth King	1 st	Χ			
Danielle Clement		Χ				Jonina Mazzeo		Х			
Shamara Gatling-Davila					Х	Miriam Santana		Х			
Sean Hewitt		Χ				Arthur J. Tippin	2 nd	Х			
Susan Jackson		Χ									

- IX. Closed Session
- X. Adjourn Closed and Open Public Session
- XI. Motions for Approval
 - 1. Finance
 - a. To approve the July & August 2022 Board Secretary Report.
 - b. To approve the July & August 2022 Reconciliation Report.
 - c. Bills List: Approve Bills List from August 19, 2022 to September 15, 2022.
 - d. <u>Payroll</u>: To approve the following payrolls:

August 30	. 2022		\$77,0169.53
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Shamara Gatling-Davila					Х	Miriam Santana		Х			
Sean Hewitt	2 nd	Χ				Arthur J. Tippin		Х			
Susan Jackson		Χ						•			

2. Contracts

- a. To approve the contract with the NJ Dept of Human Services, Commission for the Blind and Visually impaired at a cost of \$2,200.
- b. To approve the 2022-2023 contract with Carla Haynes dba Garden of Healing Yoga & Wellness to support mind health and mindfulness services using a restorative justice model at a sum of \$50k to be funded by the CRRSA & ARP grants.

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Shamara Gatling-Davila					Х	Miriam Santana		Х			
Sean Hewitt	1 st	Χ				Arthur J. Tippin		Х			
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3. Buildings & Grounds

4. Personnel

- a. To approve the Alejandra Suastegui as a Teacher Assistant effective 10/03/2022 at Step 11, with a yearly salary of \$38,024.00 (prorated).
- b. To approve the following new hires for the 2022-2023 school year:

Name	Position	Level	Months	Start Date	Salary
Jennifer Burke	Speech-Language Specialist	12MA +30	10	09/01/2022	\$64,873
Kristin Lindemann	Teacher	11BA	10	09/01/2022	\$61,423
Anthony Hernandez	Long Term Substitute	1BA	10	09/12/2022	\$54,148
Alexa Estrada-Flores	Receptionist	N/A	12	10/03/2022	\$39,000
Dana Garriga	Long Term Substitute	1BA	10	9/12/2022	\$54,148

- c. To approve the hiring of Emilio Costantino, through the US Medical Staffing Plus agency at a rate of \$39.25/hr up to 650 hours.
- d. To approve After School Academy and Family Learning Nights staff for the 2022-2023 school year per the attached list.
- e. To approve the following hourly staff for the 2022-2023 school year:

Name	Position	Level	Months	Start Date	Salary
Alexa Estrada	Office Support/Floater	N/A	N/A	7-1-2022	\$15/hr
Carlos Banegas	Food Service	N/A	N/A	9-1-2022	\$16/hr
Magali Ventura	Food Service	N/A	N/A	9-1-2022	\$15.50/hr
Faviola Sanchez	Food Service/Custodial	N/A	N/A	9-1-2022	\$15/hr
Florinda Jimenez	Food Service/Custodial	N/A	N/A	9-1-2022	\$15/hr
Eric Checo	Custodial	N/A	N/A	9-1-2022	\$15/hr
Magali Ventura	Custodial	N/A	N/A	9-1-2022	\$15/hr

Teresa Gonzalez-Gonzalez	Custodial	N/A	N/A	9-1-2022	\$15/hr

f. To approve the 12-week maternity leave for Katrina Quaglietta starting on or about October 28, 2022.

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5. Curriculum/Special Education

6. Policy/Miscellaneous

- a. To approve the **HIB report** for August 2022, with zero (0) founded cases.
- b. To approve the Virtual Learning Plan for the 2022/2023 school year.
- c. To approve the revised Safe Re-opening Plan.

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XII. Enrollment Report

Grade	FY23	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Wait List
	ENR	2022	2022	2022	2022	2022	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2022/2023
K	44	41	44										38
1	44	40	44										28
2	44	46	46										40
3	44	45	46										38
4	44	42	44										20
5	44	44	44										27
6	44	41	46										29
7	44	43	44										19
8	42	39	38										21
Total	394	383	396										260

XIII. Committee Reports

- 1. SRC covered Director's Report
- 2. Community Outreach No meeting
- 3. Development No meeting
- 4. Finance and Facilities Meeting held, Mr. Falkowski gave an overview
- 5. Governance covered in Director's Report, retreat is October 22nd

XIV. New Business - NONE

XV. Action Items - Next Board Meetings:

Day	Date	Time	Notes
Thursday	November 17, 2022	5:30 PM	Regular Meeting
Thursday	January 19, 2023	5:30 PM	Regular Meeting
Thursday	March 16, 2023	5:30 PM	Regular Meeting/Budget Approval
Thursday	May 11, 2023	5:30 PM	Regular Meeting/FY23 Staff Renewal
Thursday	June 15, 2023	5:30 PM	Regular Meeting
Thursday	July 20, 2023	5:30 PM	Regular Meeting/Re-Org Meeting

Board Retreat Dates:

- October 22, 2022
- April 22, 2023

XVI. Closing Comments

Mr. Alvarez thanked the students for a good start to the school year, others made comments regarding North Star, finance committee, pictures sent out showing the start of the school year, etc.

XVII. Adjournment – 6:49 pm

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