

I. Call to Order By Board Secretary – 5:44 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
Claudia Avarado	Board Trustee	X	
Christopher Coulthard	Board Trustee	X	
Evan Gentry	Board Trustee	X	
Sean Hewitt	Board Trustee		X
Susan Jackson	Board Chair	X	
Molly Larobina	Board Vice-Chair	X, 5:50 pm	
Mariu Reynoso	Board Trustee		X
Anna Seewald	Board Trustee	X	
Anju Thomas	Board Trustee	X	
Choka Yogalingam	Board Trustee	X, 5:54 pm	

Also Present

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

IV. Pledge of Allegiance
V. Approve Meeting Agenda

Motion for Greater Brunswick Charter School, Board of Trustees to approve the Agenda for the **April 20, 2017** meeting.

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Claudia Avarado		X				Molly Larobina					X
Christopher Coulthard	1 st	X				Mariu Reynoso					X
Evan Gentry	2 nd	X				Anna Seewald		X			

Sean Hewitt					X	Anju Thomas		X			
Susan Jackson		X				Choka Yogalingam					X

VI. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes

Motion for Greater Brunswick Charter School, Board of Trustees to accept the minutes from **March 16, 2017**.

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Claudia Avarado				X		Molly Larobina					X
Christopher Coulthard	1 st	X				Mariu Reynoso					X
Evan Gentry	2 nd	X				Anna Seewald		X			
Sean Hewitt					X	Anju Thomas		X			
Susan Jackson		X				Choka Yogalingam					X

VII. Public Comment

Anne Norris – Candidate for Board was introduced to the Board by Ms. Susan Jackson.

VIII. Correspondence – NONE

IX. Reports

1. Presentation - Daniela Garray presentation of teaching experience in Thailand
2. Director’s Report
3. HIB Report

Motion to accept Director’s and HIB Report.

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Claudia Avarado		X				Molly Larobina		X			
Christopher Coulthard	1 st	X				Mariu Reynoso					X
Evan Gentry	2 nd	X				Anna Seewald		X			
Sean Hewitt					X	Anju Thomas		X			
Susan Jackson		X				Choka Yogalingam		X			

X. Closed Session – 6:10 pm

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Claudia Avarado		X				Molly Larobina		X			
Christopher Coulthard	1 st	X				Mariu Reynoso					X
Evan Gentry	2 nd	X				Anna Seewald		X			
Sean Hewitt					X	Anju Thomas		X			
Susan Jackson		X				Choka Yogalingam		X			

Topics:

- Student Matter
- Employee Matter

Adjourn Closed Session and return to Public Session – 6:24 pm

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Claudia Avarado		X				Molly Larobina		X			
Christopher Coulthard	1 st	X				Mariu Reynoso					X
Evan Gentry	2 nd	X				Anna Seewald		X			
Sean Hewitt					X	Anju Thomas		X			
Susan Jackson		X				Choka Yogalingam		X			

XI. Motions for Approval

1. Finance

- a. To approve the March 2017 Board Secretary Report.
- b. To approve the March 2017 Treasurer Report.
- c. To approve transfers through the month March 2017.
- d. Bills List: Approve Bills List from March 17, 2017 to April 20, 2017.
- e. Payroll: To approve the following payrolls:

March 15, 2017	\$193,248.82
March 30, 2017	\$198,067.65
April 7, 2017	\$181,497.00

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Christopher Coulthard	1 st	X				Mariu Reynoso					X
Evan Gentry	2 nd	X				Anna Seewald		X			
Sean Hewitt					X	Anju Thomas		X			
Susan Jackson		X				Choka Yogalingam		X			

2. Buildings & Grounds – NONE

3. Personnel

- a. To approve the following Professional Development:

Who	When	Where	Topic	Cost
Vanessa Jones & Hector Alvarez	July 17 – 20, 2017	Columbia University	Reimagining Education-Teaching and Learning in Racially Diverse School	\$675 conf fee each, plus allowable travel expenses
Vanessa Jones * 3 Others	5/10/2017	FEAC, Monroe, NJ	The Role of Social and Emotional Learning in Building a Positive School Climate for Students and Adults	\$75/each plus allowable travel expenses
Kelly Sadowski	4/27/2017	NJPISA, Monroe, NJ	School Law for Administrative Assistants	\$100 plus allowable travel expenses
Cherie Schulek & Erica Katz	6/1/2017	NJTESOL/NJBE, Inc., New Brunswick, NJ	2017 NJTESOL/NJBE Spring Conf.	\$275 each, plus allowable travel expenses
Peter Creekmore	3/24 – 26, 2017	Organization of Kodaly Educators, Philadelphia, PA	Organization of Kodaly Educators National Conference	Not to Exceed \$300

- b. To approve **Amie Fitzgerald** as the director of the Summer Academy at a stipend of \$5300.

Mr. Coulthard commented that he feels the school should not spend as much money on professional development because of the budget crisis. Ms. Jones went through each one of these items and clarified why the PD is important and a justified expense.

Ms. Jones provided to the Board the details of the Summer Academy. There was a Board discussion regarding the value of the program vs. allocating funds toward maintaining staff.

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Evan Gentry	2 nd	X				Anna Seewald		X			
Sean Hewitt					X	Anju Thomas		X			
Susan Jackson		X				Choka Yogalingam		X			

4. Curriculum/Special Education - NONE

5. Policy/Miscellaneous

- a. To approve the Harassment, Intimidation & Bullying (HIB) report presented to the Board of Trustees at the March 16, 2017 regular board meeting.
- b. To approve the following fundraiser event:

Person	Name of Event	Date(s)	Who will be involved in fundraising activities	What purpose will funds serve	What is the financial goal of the fundraising activity	How much money do you expect raise
Larissa	4th Annual Garage Sale and Clothing Drive	May 20, 2017 Rain date May 21, 2017	PTO	Activities	1000.00	700.00

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Evan Gentry	2 nd	X				Anna Seewald		X			
Sean Hewitt					X	Anju Thomas		X			
Susan Jackson		X				Choka Yogalingam		X			

XII. Enrollment Report

Grade	FY17 ENR	Jul 15, 2016	Aug 15, 2016	Sep 15, 2016	Oct 15, 2016	Nov 15, 2016	Dec 15, 2016	Jan 15, 2017	Feb 15, 2017	Mar 15, 2017	Apr 15, 2017	May 15, 2017	Jun 15, 2017	Wait List 2016/2017
K	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44			21
1	44	44	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	43			14
2	44	44	44	43	44	44	44	44	44	44	44			7
3	44	44	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	43			18
4	44	44	44	44	43	44	44	44	44	44	44			4
5	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44			9
6	44	44	45	46	45	46	46	46	46	46	46			8
7	44	44	44	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	43			1
8	42	42	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	43			1
Total	394	394	394	393	392	394	394	394	394	394	394			83

XIII. Committee Reports

1. School Review – Ms. Jones presented the report to the Board.
2. Community Outreach – Ms. Jackson updated the Board on events held.
3. Development – Ms. Seewald provided updates on the Walk-a-Thon and the 1st Annual GBCS Spring Fundraiser.
4. Finance & Facilities – Mr. Gentry updated the Board of the budget meeting held.
5. Governance – Ms. Larobina commented the election was held and it was very successful. Ms. Jones thanked Ms. Larobina and Ms. Jackson for a job well done.

XIV. New Business – NONE

XV. Closing Comments

Comments on the successful election, dinner, PD, thanks to the Board, and the negotiations committee.

XVI. Action Items

- Next Board Meetings: **2017** - 5/11, 6/15

XVII. Adjournment – 7:41 pm

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Evan Gentry	2 nd	X				Anna Seewald		X			
Sean Hewitt					X	Anju Thomas		X			
Susan Jackson		X				Choka Yogalingam		X			