

- I. Call to Order By Board Secretary 542 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, arrived after roll call	
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	
Mariu Reynoso	Board Trustee	X, arrived after roll call	
Anna Seewald	Board Trustee		X
Anju Thomas	Board Trustee		X
Choka Yogalingam	Board Trustee	X	

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 **June 15, 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		X				Anna Seewald					X
Sean Hewitt	2 nd	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 **May 11, 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		X				Anna Seewald					X
Sean Hewitt	2 nd	X				Anju Thomas					X
Susan Jackson		X				Choka Yogalingam		X			

VII. Public Comment

Lynne McGlue – Read a prepared statement to the Board regarding negotiations.

Jennifer Banks – Read a prepared statement to the Board of her experience with Greater Brunswick Charter School and why she chose to work at the school.

March Gaas – Read a prepared statement to the Board regarding negotiations.

Zoe Coleman – Read a prepared statement to the Board regarding negotiations.

Erica Vanette – Informed the Board of her credentials, stated she could not afford higher cost of insurance on her salary.

Lynne Hoo – Informed the Board of a personal health care experience and that without the health care she would either be bankrupt or dead.

Lilia Fabila-Reyes – Read a prepared statement to the Board regarding negotiations.

Rohna Hales (TA) – Informed the Board she loved the school, asked the Board to consider what they would want their family to have and that they should want the same for the staff.

Peter Creekmore – Read a prepared statement to the Board regarding negotiations.

Lynne McGlue – Read a prepared statement from other employees who could not be at the meeting. Commented about the health benefits and negotiations.

VIII. Correspondence

IX. Reports

1. Director's Report

- Ms. Jones presented the Director's report to the Board.
- Mr. Alvarez presented the GBCS bilingual plan.

2. HIB Report – no HIB reports for the month of June, only 4 for the year, of which only 1 was proven

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

Motion to approve the GBCS bilingual plan.

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

X. Closed Session – 6:34pm

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

Topics:

- Negotiations
- Student/Staff matters
- Staff evaluation

Adjourn Closed Session and Open Public Session – 8:29pm

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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			

XI. Motions for Approval

1. Finance

- a. To approve the April & May 2017 Board Secretary Report.
- b. To approve the April & May 2017 Treasurer Report.
- c. To approve transfers through the month May 2017.
- d. Bills List: Approve Bills List from May 12, 2017 to June 15, 2017.
- e. Payroll: To approve the following payrolls:

May 15, 2017	\$190,266.48
May 30, 2017	\$194,911.50

June 15, 2017

\$190,126.33

- f. RESOLVED, The Greater Brunswick Board of Trustees hereby approves the submission of grant application for the 2017 Safety Grant Program through the New Jersey Schools Insurance Group's "NJEIF or ERIC North" Subfund for the purposes described in the application, in the amount of \$2500 for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.
- g. To approve the contract with School Business Office for the 2017-2018 school year to provide School Business Administrator services at \$7,200/month, frozen at 2014-2015 rate.
- h. To approve the contract with Johnston Law Firm LLC for the 2016-2017 school year to provide legal services at the following rates: Principals & Counsel - \$275/hr; Associated - \$235/hr; Paralegals and Law Students - \$115/hr

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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/ratify the hiring of the following afterschool substitutes:
 - Alejandro Suastegui - \$15/hr start May 8, 2017
 - Monica Gonzalez - \$15/hr start May 8, 2017
- b. To approve hiring the following Summer Academy staff:

Teacher	Grade	Salary	Start Date
Chad Schubert	Pre-K	\$2747 stipend	July 5, 2017
Christine Rozycki	Kindergarten	\$2747 stipend	July 5, 2017
Lilia Fabila-Reyes	Kindergarten	\$1648 stipend	July 5, 2017
Joelle Mah	1 st Grade	\$2747 stipend	July 5, 2017
Lyubov Dubinina	2 nd Grade	\$2747 stipend	July 5, 2017
Gail Lewis	2 nd Grade	\$1648 stipend	July 5, 2017
Stephani Estrella	3 rd Grade	\$2747 stipend	July 5, 2017
Caitlin Mitchell	3 rd Grade	\$2747 stipend	July 5, 2017
Daniela Garay	4 th / 5 th Grade	\$2747 stipend	July 5, 2017
Kristina Markel	4 th / 5 th Grade	\$2747 stipend	July 5, 2017
Nathan Burr	6 th / 7 th Grade	\$2747 stipend	July 5, 2017
Erica Yvonnet	6 th / 7 th Grade	\$2747 stipend	July 5, 2017
Lisa Poricelli	LLI	\$2747 stipend	July 5, 2017
Rona Hales	Reading Program / Middle School required / fill-in sub	\$1648 stipend	July 5, 2017
		Total (2017):	\$35,161
		Total (2016):	\$37,258
		Savings:	\$2,097

- c. To approve the rehire of the following staff members for the 2017-2018 school year, frozen at 2016-2017 salaries:

Name	Position	Salary
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Kristine Johnson	Asst. to the SBA	\$53,560.00
Kelly Sadowski	Administrative Assistant	\$50,000.00
	Website Maintenance Stipend	\$3,000
TBD	Family Coordinator	\$ TBD
Carmen Rine	Dean of Students	\$70,000.00
Alejandra Suastegui	Receptionist	\$30,294.36
Linda Seidenstien	Literacy Coach	\$55,837.29
Alex Benanti	Treasurer	\$6,000.00
George Newton	Technology Specialist	\$82,400.00
Victor Calderon	Head Custodian	\$50,000.00
Yaniris Flores	Custodian	\$36,365.60
Francisca Rodriguez	Custodian	\$32,526.58

- d. To approve the resignation of Ms. Ana Perez effective August 7, 2017.
- e. To approve the following new hires:
 - i. Chad Schubert, Teacher, Step 5BA - \$50,036, start date: 9-1-2017
 - ii. Daniel Cyckowski, MS Social Studies Teacher, 1BA - \$48,670, start date: 9-1-2017

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

4. Curriculum/Special Education

5. Policy/Miscellaneous

- a. To approve the Harassment, Intimidation & Bullying (HIB) report presented to the Board of Trustees at the May 11, 2017 regular board meeting.
- b. To approve the 2017-2018 School Calendar.
- c. To approve Charter Agreement with the State of NJ.
- d. To approve the July 2017 Regular Board Meeting date of Thursday, July 20, 2017 at 5:30pm.

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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			

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	44	44	28
1	44	44	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	18
2	44	44	44	43	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	10
3	44	44	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	21
4	44	44	44	44	43	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	7
5	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	11

6	44	44	45	46	45	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	8
7	44	44	44	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	42	42	3
8	42	42	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	2
Total	394	394	394	393	392	394	394	394	394	394	394	393	393	108

XIII. Committee Reports

1. School Review – Multiple meetings held since last meeting, working on school wide plan – report provided to Board
2. Community Outreach – Met to work on goals.
3. Development – Ms. Jackson congratulated Ms. Seewald and Ms. Thomas on the 1st Annual Fund Raising Dinner
4. Finance & Facilities – No updates.
5. Governance – Ms. Jackson commented on the Board Retreat held last weekend.

XIV. New Business - NONE

XV. Closing Comments – Ms. Jackson commented that this will be Mr. Yogalingam’s last Board meeting. The Board went around the table and thanked him for his service to the school. Mr. Reynoso thanked Mr. Hewitt for his presentation on Saturday. Mr. Creekmore commented on the 8th Grade class trip and negotiations.

XVI. Action Items

- Next Board Meetings: **2017** – July 20, 2017

XVII. Adjournment – 9:01 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			

XVIII. Closed Session (if necessary)