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MIDDLESEX COUNTY STEM CHARTER SCHOOL

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FEBRUARY 1, 2022

RESCHEDULED FROM JANUARY 28, 2022

THE MEETING NOTICE HAS BEEN ADVERTISED IN COURIER NEWS AND HOME NEWS
TRIBUNE ON JANUARY 27, 2022.

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Date: February 1, 2022, 6:30 PM

Place: 613 Carlock Avenue, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT

In accordance with the “Open Public Meetings Act” P.L. 1975, c. 231 (Sunshine Law), the schedule and notification of this meeting have been published on Courier News and Home News Tribune on January 27, 2022.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Middlesex County STEM Charter School is to provide rigorous science, technology, engineering, and math curricula in a diverse and nurturing environment to spark students’ interest at early ages in STEM careers.

AGENDA

I. Roll Call

The Regular Meeting of the Middlesex County STEM Charter School is called to order at 6:40 PM. The Board reserves the right to act on any or all agenda items.

Moved by Mrs. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Vitali to approve the motion.

Roll call: **#220201.01 adopted**

Against: None Abstained: None Absent: None

Roll Call by Dr. Namik Sercan:

Trustee	Position	Term Expires	Attendance
Mrs. Jackie Lewis	President	June 30, 2024	Present
Mr. Anthony Attanasio	Vice President	June 30, 2023	Present
Mr. John Cascarano	Member	June 30, 2023	Present
Mr. David Vitali	Member	June 30, 2024	Present
Mrs. Nancy Roache	Member	June 30, 2022	Present

Also Present:

Member	Position	Attendance
Dr. Namik Sercan	Chief Education Officer	Present
Mr. John Kayalar	Business Administrator/ Board Secretary	Present

II. Acceptance of Agenda & Minutes

- i. Moved to accept the agenda for February 1, 2022, Board Meeting,

Moved by Mrs. Lewis, seconded by Mrs. Roache to approve the motion.

Roll call: **#220201.02 adopted**

Against: None Abstained: None Absent: None

- ii. **BE IT RESOLVED**, Middlesex County STEM Charter School Board of Trustees approves the following reports and documents.

- ❖ [Regular Meeting Minutes for December 14, 2021](#)
- ❖ [Special Called Meeting Minutes for December 28, 2021](#)
- ❖ [Bill list from December 13 to January 28, 2021](#)
- ❖ [Board Secretary Report of December 2021](#)

Moved by Mr. Attanasio, seconded by Mr. Vitali to approve the motion.

Roll call: **#220201.03 adopted**

Against: None Abstained: None Absent: None

III. Board Matters

IV. Public Comments

The Board President or designee opens the public comment session on any topic. Each person is limited to speaking for a period of three (3) minutes and will be asked to give their full name, spell their last name and provide their address. The Board President or designee closes the public comment session on any topic.

- *No public comment*

V. Chief Education Officer's Report

- NJDOE decision on MCSCS Renewal/Expansion petition
- Updated DOE guidelines on COVID cases.
 - Shortened quarantining period
- Start Strong Assessment results
- Student applications and enrollment process for the school year 2022-23

VI. Policy Adoptions

VII. Designations, Discussion, and Action Items

- i. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that The Board hereby approves the amended budget for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022. [Appendix A](#)

Moved by Mr. Cascarano, seconded by Mrs. Roache to approve the motion.

Roll call: **#220201.04 adopted**

Against: None Abstained: None Absent: None

- ii. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that The Board hereby approves the ARP Safe Reopening Plan as presented in [Appendix B](#).

Moved by Mr. Vitali, seconded by Mr. Attanasio to approve the motion.

Roll call: **#220201.05 adopted**

Against: None Abstained: None Absent: None

VIII. Human Resources

- i. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board, upon recommendation by the CEO, approves the hiring of new employees, adjustments in professional responsibilities, pertinent salary allocations, and additional stipends for the school year of 2021 - 2022 as detailed in the exhibit attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. [Appendix C](#)

Moved by Mrs. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Vitali to approve the motion.

Roll call: **#220201.06 adopted**

Against: None Abstained: None Absent: None

IX. Executive Session

Middlesex County STEM Charter School is **called to order by Mrs. Lewis for an executive session** at 7:02 PM. in accordance with the Sunshine Law, Chapter 321, P.L. 1975.

Moved by Mrs. Roache, seconded by Mr. Vitali to start the executive session.

Roll call: **#220201.07 adopted**

Against: None Abstained: None Absent: None

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act authorizes Boards of Trustees to meet in executive session under certain circumstances

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act requires the Board to adopt a resolution at a public meeting to go into the private session; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Middlesex County STEM Charter School Board of Trustees, that it is necessary to meet in executive session to discuss certain items involving such as personnel matters, attorney-client privilege matters, pending litigation, HIB monthly reports, negotiations and other such related matters pursuant to law N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any discussion held by the Board which need not remain confidential will be made public as soon as feasible. The minutes of the executive session will not be disclosed until the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

- HIB Report Presented
- A settlement offer was discussed regarding the employee 543.

Moved by Mr. Vitali, seconded by Ms. Lewis to close the executive session and return to public session.

Roll call: **#220201.08 adopted**

Against: None Abstained: None Absent: None

Moved by Mr. Attanasio, seconded by Mr. Vitali to approve the HIB report as presented in the executive session.

Roll call: **#220201.09 adopted**

Against: None Abstained: None Absent: None

Moved by Mr. Cascarano, seconded by Mr. Lewis to approve the settlement agreement regarding the employee 543 as discussed in the executive session.

Roll call: **#220201.10 adopted**

Against: Attanasio Abstained: None Absent: None

X. Adjournment

Moved by Mrs. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Attanasio to **adjourn the meeting** at 7:48 PM.

Roll call: **#220201.11 adopted**

Against: None Abstained: None Absent: None