

Philadelphia Hebrew Public (PHPCS) Board of Trustees Meeting

May 18, 2023

5 PM

Virtually via Zoom

Minutes

Trustees Present

Trustees Not Present

Klissa Thomas	Fernando Treviño-Martínez
Jon Rosenberg	Hedra Packman
Daniel Bell	
Max Weisman	

Also Present

Soren Barnett, Operations Coordinator, Philadelphia Hebrew Public (PHPCS)

Kendra Childs, Special Education Teacher, Philadelphia Hebrew Public (PHPCS)

Ameena Al-Amin, Parent, Philadelphia Hebrew Public (PHPCS)

I. Call to Order & Adoption of Agenda.

Klissa Thomas called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm. Daniel Bell moved to approve the meeting agenda. Jon Rosenberg seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

II. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes – April 13, 2023

Daniel Bell made a motion to approve the prior meeting minutes. Jon Rosenberg seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

III. Leadership Reports

- I. Emily Hurst, Executive Director, presented PHP Updates
 - a. PSSA & PSSA Recap
 - i. Achieved goal of student attendance and completion of tests
 - b. SY23 Attendance
 - i. Observed attendance dips on half-days and district closure days
 - ii. Goal is 95% daily attendance for 95% of students; average is 91%

- iii. Redesigning calendar and after-school options for SY24 to address attendance
 - c. SY24 Strategic Planning
 - i. Increased emotional support programming
 - ii. Expansion of low incidence special-education programming
 - iii. Enhancement of joy and aligned culture systems
 - I. 5-year plan with scaffolding around PBIS positive behavior interventions and supports with simultaneous investment in Responsive Classroom practices
 - iv. Creative and sustainable scheduling
 - v. Negotiating and transforming space
 - I. Negotiating affordable additional space as a 2-year expansion
 - d. Preliminary Annual Charter Evaluation
 - i. Strong compliance record
 - ii. Submitted feedback in few areas, including the composition of Similar Schools Groups and standards around academic compliance.
 - e. Charter Renewal Timeline
 - i. Overview of year-long process and work already underway

IV. Board Reports

- I. Emily Hurst, Executive Director, presented the Financial Report on behalf of Hedra Packman
 - a. Benchmarks are strong
 - b. Will end SY23 with a surplus
 - c. Spending down ESSER funds strategically given per pupil cut for this year
 - d. 90 days of cash on hand
 - e. Enrollment is remaining steady currently

V. Board Actions

- 1. Review & Approval of Finance Report (Schedule B)
 - a. Daniel Bell made a motion to approve the Finance Report (Schedule B). Klissa Thomas seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- 2. Approval of SDP Policy 252 (Schedule C)
 - a. The board decided to postpone the vote on this policy until the next board meeting on June 22, 2023.
- 3. Approval of SY24 Enrollment Policy (Schedule D)
 - a. Daniel Bell made a motion to approve the SY24 Enrollment Policy (Schedule D). Klissa Thomas seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

VI. Public Comment

None.

VII. Executive Session

None.

VIII. Closing and Adjournment

Daniel Bell moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:01 pm. Klissa Thomas seconded.