Philadelphia Hebrew Public (PHPCS) Board of Trustees Meeting

August 17, 2026
5:30 pm
Location: Zoom

Minutes

Trustees Present	**Trustees Not Present**
Klissa Thomas	
Beth Dyson	
Hedra Packman	
Keli McLoyd	
Katy Tipson, *ex officio*	

Also Present

Elyssa Yuen, PHPCS, Head of School
Jon Rosenberg, CEO, Hebrew Public
Emily Fernandez, Chief Schools Officer, Hebrew Public
Emily Hurst, Chief Strategy & Talent Officer, Hebrew Public
Lauren Murphy, Director of External Relations, Hebrew Public
Jeremy Abarno, Education Consultant

I. Welcome and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes (Schedule A)

- Hedra Packman called the meeting to order at 5:34 pm. Hedra Packman made a motion to approve the agenda for today's meeting. Keli McLoyd seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
- Keli McLoyd made a motion to approve the June 22, 2026, meeting minutes. Hedra Packman seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

II. Leadership & Board Reports (in presentation)

- Board Dashboard: Enrollment is projected to be 667 and looks stable. Applications for next school year continue to trend positively. The school team is continuing targeted outreach efforts for next year.

- SY27 Staff Institutes & Plan and Priorities: Emily Fernandez and Elyssa Yuen reviewed the school's priorities for the coming year, including strengthening accountability for student outcomes, improving academic proficiency, sustaining progress in school culture, and building consistent and sustainable systems as the school enters its next phase of development. A discussion followed.
- School Evaluation and Strategic Recommendations: Jeremy Abarno presented findings from an external evaluation of the school, highlighting strengths in school leadership, programming, and culture, as well as opportunities to strengthen organizational capacity and systems to better support academic and operational priorities. He reviewed strategic recommendations focused on protecting leadership capacity, strengthening school-wide systems, establishing clear accountability for the school and network, and improving coordination and support between the two teams. The recommendations will inform a multi-year strategic improvement effort. A discussion followed.
- Facilities Update: Jon Rosenberg provided an update on the potential expansion into additional space within the school building. The additional space could support physical education, specialized student programming, community gatherings, and after-school programming. The school and network will continue to evaluate the space and associated costs in the context of other emerging budget needs before bringing a recommendation to the Board.

III. Board Reports & Actions

- Approval of Credit-Bearing Classes for 8th graders
    - Emily Fernandez and Elyssa Yuen presented a proposal to add Algebra I and Fishtank as credit-bearing courses to the course catalog, effective for the 2026-2027 school year. Hedra Packman made the motion; Keli McLoyd seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
- Approval of the Revised ESL Policy (Schedule B)
    - Keli McLoyd made the motion to approve the Revised ESL Policy (Schedule B); Hedra Packman seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
- Approval of SY27 Employee Handbook (Schedule C)
    - Keli McLoyd made a motion to approve the revised SY27 Employee Handbook (Schedule C), subject to clarification that the restriction on

tutoring current students applies to tutoring for pay. Beth Dyson seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

- Approval of SY27 Staff Contracts (Schedule D)
    - Hedra Packman made the motion to approve the SY27 Staff Contracts (Schedule D), Keli McLoyd seconded, and it passed unanimously.
- Approval of SY27 Student Admissions/Enrollment Policy (Schedule E)
    - Keli McLoyd made a motion to approve the SY27 Student Admissions/Enrollment Policy (Schedule E), Beth Dyson seconded, and it passed unanimously.
- Approval of SY27-28 Registration Packet (Schedule F)
    - Keli McLoyd made a motion to approve the SY27-28 Registration Packet (Schedule F), Hedra Packman seconded, and it passed unanimously.
- Approval of SY27-28 Parent and Family Engagement Policy (Schedule G)
    - Hedra Packman made a motion to approve the SY27-28 Parent and Family Engagement Policy (Schedule G), Keli McLoyd seconded, and it passed unanimously.
- Approval of SY27 Safety Plan (Schedule H)
    - Keli McLoyd made a motion to approve the SY27 Safety Plan (Schedule H), and Beth Dyson seconded; it passed unanimously.
- Consent Agenda: Approval of Contracts (Schedule I)
    - SY27 MACCS Contract (10-month)
    - SY27 Nutritional Development Services Contract
    - SY27 MedX Temp Agency Contract
    - SY27 Stepping Stones Contract
    - SY27 School of the Deaf Outreach Services Contract
    - SY27 Creative Minds (Speech) Contract
    - SY27 Creative Minds Telehealth Contract
    - SY27 K12 IT Contract
    - SY27 Nyman Contract (Related Services)
    - SY27 Kokua Education Contract
    - SY27 Amendment to (High Road) Specialized Education of Pennsylvania, Inc. Contract
    - LOI: Iron Stone Real Estate Partners

    - PIMS Reporting and SIS Data - School Management Services (School Frontiers)
    - Federal Programs and School Compliance Services (School Frontiers)

Emily Hurst provided context on the aforementioned contracts. Keli McLoyd moved to approve the Consent Agenda: Approval of Contracts (Schedule I); Beth Dyson seconded, and it passed unanimously.

- Approval of New Board Member (Parent Rep) (Schedule J)
    - Keli McLoyd moved to approve the appointment of the new parent representative, Margaret Flowers. Hedra Packman seconded, and it passed unanimously.

IV. Public Comment

None.

V. Closing and Adjournment

Klissa Thomas made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 pm.