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Young Scholars Charter School

Minutes

Regular Board Meeting

Date and Time
Tuesday September 14, 2021 at 4:00 PM

Location
This will be held virtually via Zoom video conference. The conference URL is listed below.

This meeting is being held in compliance with Open Meeting requirements of the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act and is open to the public. Notices were duly posted and the meeting was advertised in The Philadelphia Daily News. Formal action will be taken.

Trustees Present
A. Hay (remote), B. Young (remote), D. Dwirantwi (remote), E. Ashe (remote), I. Brind (remote), L. Pressman (remote), S. Midha (remote), T. Rebar (remote), V. Hanraty (remote), V. Schwartz (remote), W. Churchill (remote), W. Weisman (remote)

Trustees Absent
B. Stambaugh, E. Kaplin, G. Singer

Guests Present
B. Chazin (remote), Charles Freyer, Ed Diasio, Esq., Ellyn Saft, J. Amenda (remote), K. Lamilla (remote), Kevin Corcoran, Kristen Tini (remote)

I. Opening Items

A.

Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

W. Weisman called a meeting of the board of trustees of Young Scholars Charter School to order on Tuesday Sep 14, 2021 at 4:00 PM.
Following roll call, the board watched a welcome video from Co-Principals, Beth Birnkrant and Shakira Smith. Teachers are passionate and committed as we navigate the opening under unprecedented conditions but do so with care and joy. Priorities include making instruction more relevant and project-based (partnering with Next Generation Learning Challenges), stabilizing enrollment and strengthening attendance, helping students acclimate to in-person learning, continuing COVID mitigation efforts. Staff relaunched sports and the school is partnering with the Phield House again for athletics and phys ed.

RESOLVED, that on the occasion of Renee' Rosenbluth's resignation and James Egan's conclusion of service, this Board extends its sincere thanks and appreciation to Renee' and James for their years of dedicated service and many contributions of time, wisdom and resources to Young Scholars Charter School, this Board and its committees. Renee' and James will always be welcome at YSCS, and the members of this Board look forward to their visits to observe the continued progress of the school.

II. Board Discussion Topics

A. Instructional Time Template and Instructional Delivery Models for Approval

Mr. Amenda discussed different models of learning (full in-person/asynchronous/hybrid/virtual) and about the school's plans to prepare for all models based on public health conditions. The Pennsylvania Department of Education is allowing School Boards to adopt resolutions that affirm that instruction can be delivered in multiple models should public health conditions require anything but full in person learning.

B. Policy Reorganization Preview and Discussion of Policy Revision Processes

Last year, the Board provided feedback that members would like a better understanding of all policies. Additionally, the school is going to use Board on Track to better knowledge manage our policies. Ed Diasio, an attorney at Wisler Pearlstein, joined the meeting and discussed policy-related matters and general guidance for programming. He is currently working on an audit of the school's policies and getting all policy language in a consistent format.

C. Board Retreat Follow-up; Confirmation of Committee Chairs; Establishment of Next Steps Related to Committee Goal-setting and Recurring Series of Committee Meeting Times and Associated Responsibilities of Trustees and School Management

Next steps following the Board retreat were discussed at this time. YSCS staff member will take minutes at each committee call, help with agendas, set annual goals and schedule all meetings.
Mr. Churchill confirmed the committee members and chairs and discussed the Board's role in preparing for the school's next renewal in a year.
W. Churchill made a motion to Accordingly, the following motions were made, seconded and adopted unanimously: RESOLVED, (i) all committees and committee chairs are confirmed; and (ii) an ad hoc committee for the school renewal will be established with Mr. Churchill as Committee Chair and Wayne Weisman as a committee member.
W. Weisman seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

D. Dwirantwi	Aye
B. Young	Aye
S. Midha	Aye
W. Weisman	Aye
V. Hanraty	Aye
A. Hay	Aye
I. Brind	Aye
E. Kaplin	Absent
B. Stambaugh	Absent
W. Churchill	Aye
E. Ashe	Aye
L. Pressman	Aye
V. Schwartz	Aye
G. Singer	Absent
T. Rebar	Aye

D. Financial Summary and Statements

Mr. Corcoran gave an update on financial statements and the financial summary. The school started the fiscal year in a strong financial position. A draft report of the audit will be ready in late October.

E. 2021-2022 Annual Campaign

Mr. Churchill shared information about the 2021-2022 Annual Campaign and asked Trustees for annual contributions to support the mission of YSCS. He also talked about engaging corporations and/or foundations that could accelerate the school's building project fundraising efforts.

III. Approval of Minutes

A. Motion to approve the minutes from the Board meeting on 06-08-2021

Motion to approve the minutes from the Board meeting on 06-08-2021.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

W. Weisman	Aye
L. Pressman	Aye
S. Midha	Aye
W. Churchill	Aye
T. Rebar	Aye
I. Brind	Aye
A. Hay	Aye
V. Hanraty	Aye
D. Dwirantwi	Aye
V. Schwartz	Aye
B. Stambaugh	Absent
B. Young	Aye
G. Singer	Absent
E. Kaplin	Absent
E. Ashe	Aye

IV. Motions for Approval

A. 2021-22 HR Handbook

Motion to Approve the 2021-2022 HR Handbook.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

B. Stambaugh	Absent
E. Ashe	Aye
I. Brind	Aye
S. Midha	Aye
V. Hanraty	Aye
V. Schwartz	Aye
A. Hay	Aye
T. Rebar	Aye
D. Dwirantwi	Aye
E. Kaplin	Absent
W. Weisman	Aye
G. Singer	Absent
B. Young	Aye
L. Pressman	Aye
W. Churchill	Aye

B. 2021-22 Student and Family Handbook

Motion to Approve the 2021-22 Student and Family Handbook.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

E. Ashe	Aye
T. Rebar	Aye
A. Hay	Aye
W. Weisman	Aye
G. Singer	Absent
B. Stambaugh	Absent
S. Midha	Aye
B. Young	Aye
I. Brind	Aye
E. Kaplin	Absent
W. Churchill	Aye
V. Schwartz	Aye
V. Hanraty	Aye
L. Pressman	Aye
D. Dwirantwi	Aye

C. Dissolution of Young Scholars Educational Opportunities Foundation

Motion to Approve the Dissolution of Young Scholars Educational Opportunities Foundation.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

E. Kaplin	Absent
S. Midha	Aye
G. Singer	Absent
B. Stambaugh	Absent
I. Brind	Aye
V. Schwartz	Aye
A. Hay	Aye
E. Ashe	Aye
W. Weisman	Aye
B. Young	Aye
D. Dwirantwi	Aye
T. Rebar	Aye
L. Pressman	Aye
W. Churchill	Aye
V. Hanraty	Aye

D. Conclusion of Service of James Egan as Board of Trustee Member, effective March 25, 2021

Motion to Approve Conclusion of Service of James Egan as Board of Trustee Member, effective March 25, 2021.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

I. Brind	Aye
E. Kaplin	Absent
E. Ashe	Aye
W. Weisman	Aye
W. Churchill	Aye
B. Young	Aye
T. Rebar	Aye
V. Hanraty	Aye
S. Midha	Aye
B. Stambaugh	Absent
L. Pressman	Aye
G. Singer	Absent
A. Hay	Aye
D. Dwirantwi	Aye
V. Schwartz	Aye

E. Confirmation of Wayne Weisman as Board Secretary to replace Charles Freyer

Motion to Approve the confirmation of Wayne Weisman as Board Secretary to replace Charles Freyer.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

S. Midha	Aye
E. Kaplin	Absent
W. Churchill	Aye
B. Stambaugh	Absent
D. Dwirantwi	Aye
G. Singer	Absent
W. Weisman	Aye
T. Rebar	Aye
A. Hay	Aye
L. Pressman	Aye
I. Brind	Aye
V. Hanraty	Aye
B. Young	Aye
E. Ashe	Aye
V. Schwartz	Aye

F. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby expresses its support and approval of the administration adopting a mandatory COVID-19 vaccination policy for employees and the addition of such policy to the 2021-2022 Health and Safety Plan

G. Instructional Time Template Resolution

Motion to Approve the Instructional Time Template Resolution.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call	
E. Ashe	Aye
V. Schwartz	Aye
T. Rebar	Aye
B. Young	Aye
V. Hanraty	Aye
L. Pressman	Aye
E. Kaplin	Absent
D. Dwirantwi	Aye
G. Singer	Absent
I. Brind	Aye
A. Hay	Aye
B. Stambaugh	Absent
W. Weisman	Aye
W. Churchill	Aye
S. Midha	Aye

V. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
K. Lamilla