APPROVED

Paul Robeson Charter School

Minutes

Regular Board Meeting

Date and Time
Tuesday November 19, 2024 at 4:00 PM

Location
Remote only

This meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act and is open to the public. Notices were duly posted and the meeting was advertised in The Trentonian and The Times of Trenton. Formal action will be taken.

Trustees Present
B. Blount (remote), B. Englezos (remote), E. Deprez (remote), K. Somberg (remote), T. Rebar (remote), V. Aggarwal (remote)

Trustees Absent
None

Guests Present
B. Falkowski (remote), C. Freyer (remote), J. Amenda (remote), K. Lamilla (remote), K. Tini (remote), S. Smith (remote), S. Spuhler (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

K. Somberg called a meeting of the board of trustees of Paul Robeson Charter School to order on Tuesday Nov 19, 2024 at 4:02 PM.

B. Record Attendance

II. Discussion

A. Dashboard

John provides the Board with a Dashboard update.

B. Lease Amendment

John discussed the fifth addendum to the lease for next year.

C. Development Committee / Fundraising Update

Ken provided update to the board concerning fundraising.

D. 25-26 Enrollment Decision

John opened the floor for discussion to the board concerning enrollment for next Fall.

E. STEM Week

Freya provided STEM week update to the Board.

F. Facility Update

Shelby Wagner provides progress pictures and facility updates with the Board.

G. Facility Finance Discussion

Tyler Baier from Level Field provided updates to the Board concerning facility financing.

III. Updates

A. Enrollment

John provides enrollment update to the Board. Healthy waitlist for all grades.

B. Emergency Drill Log

John provides emergency drill log.

C. Talent and Certification

Aniyah provides update on talent and certification - hired 2 new positions, zero resignations, 2 teaching openings

D.

Special Education Files Audit Update

John provides update on internal Special Education Compliance.

IV. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes

A. Motion for Paul Robeson Charter School, Board of Trustees to accept the minutes from the October 1, 2024 board meeting.

V. Aggarwal made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Board Meeting on 10-01-24.
T. Rebar seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

V. Motions for Approval

A. Finance

B. Blount made a motion to approve Finance items 1 through 4: 1. To approve the Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports for September & October 2024 as per the attached. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:232.11(a), the Paul Robeson Charter School Board of Trustees acknowledges receipt of the secretary's certification, and after review of the monthly financial report (appropriations section) certifies that, to the best of its knowledge, as of September & October 2024, no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:232.11(b), and that sufficient funds are available to meet the school's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year. 2. To approve the Bills/Check List from October 2, 2024 through November 19, 2024. 3. To approve the following payrolls: 10/15/24 payroll $ 253,949.49 10/30/24 Payroll $ 256,830.43 11/15/24 Payroll $ 246,474.32 4. To approve the submission of the Annual Charter/Renaissance School Fiscal Questionnaire, as attached, to NJDOE.
B. Englezos seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

B. Student Field Trips

K. Somberg made a motion to approve the following Field Trips: 1. To approve the following student field trips: Location: Liberty Science Center Type: Academic Trip, tied to content learned in science class Costs: $1,037 + bus, student pays $5 # of Students Attending: 78 7th graders Date: 1/17/2025 Location: Liberty Science Center Type: Academic Trip, STEM Week, tied to science content curriculum Costs: $1,000 # of Students Attending: 78 8th graders Date: May 2025 Location: Rutgers Science Explorer Type: Academic Trip, STEM Week, STEM week content to support students in science phenomena Costs: $1,500 # of Students Attending: 312 students (5th-8th) Date: 11/8/2024 Location: Franklin Institute Type: Academic Trip, tied to content learned in science class Costs: $435 + bus, student pays $5 # of Students Attending: 78 5th graders Date: TBD.
V. Aggarwal seconded the motion.

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

C. Personnel

B. Englezos made a motion to approve the following Personnel motions: 1. To approve the following new hires: Name: Raazul Barsainyan Title: Building Substitute Start Date: 3 month - November 4, 2024 – January 30, 2025 (Short term hire to cover maternity leave) Salary: $200/day Name: Jennifer Hart Title: Nurse Start Date: December 2, 2024 Salary: $--,--- 2. To approve the following staff travel and PD reimbursements: Name: Aureni Espinal & Alexa Tchuck Cost: $325 Description: NJ Bilingual & TSOL Conference – 1 day each Date: May 20-22 Name: Isabella Pschar Cost: $295 Description: Specific Strategies for Teachers who work with Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders Date: January 15 3. To approve the following staff stipends: Name: Elliott Lopez Position: Wrestling Head Coach Stipend: $3,500 Name: Joshua Saar Position: Assistant Wrestling Coach Stipend: $2,000 Name: Ashanti Waters Position: Boys Basketball Coach Stipend: $3,500 Name: Marissa Jenkins Position: Girls Basketball Coach Stipend: $3,500 Name: Lida Geraci Position: Dance/Cheer Head Coach Stipend: $3,500 Name: Madison Collabella Position: Assistant Dance/Cheer Coach Stipend: $2,000 Name: Marie Helms Position: Score Keeper- work the clock, score board, and keep books for all home basketball games Stipend: $40/hour.
E. Deprez seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

B. Englezos	Aye
T. Rebar	Aye
E. Deprez	Aye
V. Aggarwal	Aye
B. Blount	Aye
K. Somberg	Aye

D. Curriculum & Special Education

V. Aggarwal made a motion to approve the following curriculum purchases: • Lumos Learning- $4,850.27 (Tutoring & Sat School for grades 3-8) • BrainPop- $1,125 (ELL) • EdPuzzle- $2,500 (sci, social studies, online program).
E. Deprez seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

E. Buildings & Grounds

E. Deprez made a motion to approve the following buildings and grounds purchases: • Boiler – not to exceed $8,000.
T. Rebar seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

F.

Policy/Miscellaneous

V. Aggarwal made a motion to approve the first reading of the Disposition of Assets policy, as attached.
B. Englezos seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

VI. Executive Session

A. It is expected that the Board will go into Executive Session.

K. Somberg made a motion to adjourn public session and open executive session - 5:17 pm.
E. Deprez seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.
Discussion - personnel issue

VII. Adjourn Executive Session and Reconvene Regular Session

A. Adjourn Executive Session and Reconvene Regular Session

K. Somberg made a motion to adjourn executive session and open public session - 5:20 pm.
T. Rebar seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

VIII. Closing Items

A. New Business

V. Aggarwal made a motion to approve the deductible of $11,799 for the payment to Greenwich.
E. Deprez seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

B. Public Comment

C. Important Dates

Next Board Meeting Date - January 14, 2025

D. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 5:21 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
S. Spuhler