

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The Eugenio Maria de Hostos Charter School Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, November 28, 2023. Board Chairman Julio Vázquez called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m. A quorum was established.

Board Members Present:

Julio Vázquez, Dr. Marcia DeJesús-Rueff, Dr. Miriam Vázquez, Ryan Caster, Gloria Soldevila, and Rosemary Johnson.

Board Member Absent:

Eugenio Marlin, Angélica Pérez-Delgado, and Miguel Meléndez.

School Staff & Others Present:

Sandra Chevalier-Blackman, Nikki Kersbergen, Wanda Serrano, Leslie Rivera, John Harris, Morgan Krolak, Tara Ramirez, Vincent Alexander, and Amy Schiavi.

MISSION MOMENT:

The mission moment was shared by the Elementary Principal, Ms. Schiavi. She shared how the elementary is optimizing learning spaces to seek innovative ways to maximize learning.

PUBLIC INPUT:

No public input.

CHAIRMAN REPORT:

Ms. Serrano will coordinate the next board retreat for December.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT:

Attendance:

- October's attendance was an average of 87%, and November's was 86%.

Enrollment:

- Enrollment for October is 1039 student
- Enrollment for November is 1029 students

The Data Dashboard that was presented during the meeting included the following:

- K-12: Special Education Data
- 2020 Cohort Accountability

Operations:

Kodak Campus

- Official notification from Kodak that we are out of default as of November 11, 2023.

- Lease renewal conversation will be held in December

Zimbrich Campus

- The restrooms on the first floor will be completed by Christmas
- Snacks will begin being offered at the elementary in December

1119 Joseph Avenue

- EMHCS closed on the property on November 9, 2023
- Met with the existing tenant on November 16, 2023
- Next steps:
 - EMHCS Faculty will tour the building
 - Conversations about future/long-term goals for the new space will begin shortly.

Capital Project

- All three contractors are preparing proposals to be submitted by December 15, 2023.
 - Hamilton Stern
 - LeChase
 - The Nichols Team
- Walkthroughs of the construction site has been completed
- SWBR is making amendments to bridging documents

COVID-19

- 27 total cases reported since the beginning of the school year

ELT Updates:

Before School:

- Before school at the Zimbrich Campus, 84 students are enrolled, with 96% attendance

After School

- After School at the Zimbrich Campus, 75 students enrolled with 91% attendance
- After School at the Joseph Campus, 22 students enrolled with 73% attendance

PTO

- PTO was on Tuesday, November 21, 2023, and the topic was Chemical Dependency and Mental Health

CEO Updates:

The following items were discussed during the CEO updates:

- State of the Union – Staff Meeting November 7, 2023
- Renewal Process – SUNY Mock Visit – November 17, 2023
- Consultant Work – Fundraiser
- Student & Recruitment & Marketing
- Community Outreach
- EMHCS raised \$600.00 during Breast Cancer Awareness Month

ACADEMIC COMMITTEE REPORT:

Test Scores

- A comparison of test scores will be made in January to show where students currently stand.

SUNY Mock Visit

- The SUNY mock visit was a success. There were many great highlights and positives.
- Several board members shared their experiences at the campuses they visited.

FINANCE MANAGER REPORT/FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

The Finance Committee met before the board meeting.

Financial Reports

Ms. Kersbergen reviewed the financial statements for September and October 2023. Please see the attached report.

ACTION ITEMS:

October's board meeting minutes were presented for approval. Dr. DeJesús-Rueff moved the motion, and Dr. Vázquez seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

September's financials were presented for approval. Dr. Vázquez moved the motion, and Dr. DeJesús-Rueff seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

October's financials were presented for approval. Dr. DeJesús-Rueff moved the motion, and Dr. Vázquez seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Personnel Committee:

No current updates.

Building Committee:

No current updates.

Governance Committee:

The Governance Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees of the EMHCS appoint Mr. Miguel Meléndez to a three-year term from 2023 to 2026. Dr. Vázquez moved the motion, and Dr. DeJesús-Rueff seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Old Business

No old business.

New Business

No new business.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Vázquez requested a motion to adjourn the meeting with no other business to discuss. Dr. DeJesús-Rueff moved the motion, and Dr. Vázquez seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

NEXT MEETING:

The next Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, January 30, 2024; the meeting location will be at the Administrative Office at 977 Joseph Avenue, conference room, Rochester, NY 14621.

Respectfully submitted,

Angélica Pérez-Delgado
Board Secretary