

BERGEN ARTS AND SCIENCE CHARTER SCHOOL

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 17th, 2016

6:00 PM

I. Call To Order

This Regular Meeting of the Bergen Arts and Science Charter School Board of Trustees is called to order.
Time: **6:29 PM**

II. Meeting Notice Announcement

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure the rights of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this act, the Board of Trustees of Bergen Arts and Science Charter School has caused notice of this regular meeting to be published by having the date, time, and place thereof posted in 'The Star-Ledger', 'Bergen County Superintendent's Office', 'Hackensack City Clerk's Office', 'Garfield City Clerk's Office' and 'Lodi Borough Clerk's Office'. The Board reserves the right to act on any and all agenda items.

III. Flag Salute

IV. Roll Call

BOARD MEMBERS	PIA
Murat Teke (President)-Voting Member	P
Jordania Gonzales (Vice President)-Voting Member	P
Lori Manning (Vice President)-Voting Member	P
Ozgur Dogru (Board Member)-Voting Member	P
Sancar Avcioglu (Board Member)-Voting Member	P
Emin Bahadir(Board Member)-Voting Member	A
Beatriz Rodriguez (Board Member)-Voting Member	A
Arabellys Then (Board Member)-Voting Member	A
Nihat Guvercin (CEO/Lead Person)-Nonvoting Member	A
Recep Ornek (SBA/Board Secretary)-Nonvoting Member	P
Christopher Lessard (Treasurer)-Nonvoting Member	A
Ufuk Zini (School Director-High School)-Nonvoting Member	A
Yunus Kuloglu (School Director-Middle School)-Nonvoting Member	P
Sheila Goodstein (School Director-El. School)-Nonvoting Member	A

V. Public Comment

Board President or designee opens the public comment session on any topic. Each person is limited to speak for a period of three (3) minutes and will be asked to give their full name, spell their last name and provide their address. Speakers in the first session of the public comment may address the agenda items only. Board President or designee closes the public comment session on any topic.

VI. **Presentations / Recognitions:**

VII. **CEO/Lead Person's & Administrator's Reports:** *Mr. Nihat Guvercin, Mr. Ufuk Zini, Mr. Yunus Kulagozo, & Mrs. Sheila Goodstein*

<u>Grades</u>	<u>Enrollment Max Seat</u>	<u>Occupied</u>
K-3	320	319
4-8	400	399
9-12	260	252

VIII. **Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes:**

201603-01 Motion to approve February,2016 board meeting minutes.

MOTIONED BY	L. Manning		SECONDED BY	M. Teke			PASSED	Unanimously
ROLL CALL	Murat Teke	Jordania Gonzalez	Lori Manning	Ozgur Dogru	Sancar Avcioglu	Arabellys Then	Emin Bahadir	Beatriz Rodriguez
YES	X	X	X	X	X			
NO								
ABSTAIN								
ABSENT						X	X	X

IX. **Financial Section:** *Mr. Recep Ornek, Board Secretary*

201603-02 **Approval of Bills:** Motion to approve the List of the Bills. (Enclosure)

201603-03 **Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports:** Motion to approve the Board Secretary's and Treasurer Reports. (Enclosure)

WHEREAS, both the Report of the Secretary and the Report of the Treasurer of School Moneys are in agreement with the cash balance in the Governmental Funds as of January, 2016;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Report of the Secretary and the Report of the Treasurer of School Moneys be accepted.

201603-04 **Transfers:** Motion to approve the list of Transfer of Funds resolution for the period ending January, 2016;

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of Bergen Arts and Science Charter School that the attached inter-appropriation transfer made on the financial records of the Board affecting 2015-16 budget be affirmed and approved.

Certification of accounts:

a. **Board Secretary's Cert of Accounts:** Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11, I certify that as of January, 2016, no major budgetary line item account expenditure exceeds the amount appropriated by the charter Board of Trustees.

b. **Board Certification of Accounts**

RESOLVED, that after review of the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports for January, 2016 and based upon consultation with and representations of the appropriate officials (Secretary, Treasurer, Business Administrator and Lead Person), the Board of Trustees of Bergen Arts and Science Charter School has ascertained, to the best of our knowledge and ability, with the information provided, that no major account (Current Expense, Capital Outlay, Debt Service) has been over-expended and that sufficient funds are available to meet the charter's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year, and hereby certifies the charter's financial plan (the budget) as approved is being followed as revealed in the financial reports.

Mr. Recep Ornek - Board Secretary

Date

3/17/16

Motion to Approve the Financial Section:

RESOLVED that the Bergen Arts and Science Charter School accepts above-identified consent agenda item(s) numbered 201503-02 through 201603-04.

MOTIONED BY	M. Teke		SECONDED BY	J. Gonzalez			PASSED	Unanimously
ROLL CALL	Murat Teke	Jordania Gonzalez	Lori Manning	Ozgur Dogru	Sancar Avcioglu	Arabellys Then	Emin Bahadir	Beatriz Rodriguez
YES	X	X	X	X	X			
NO								
ABSTAIN								
ABSENT						X	X	X

X. Regular Agenda Action Items

- XI. 201603-05 Motion to approve the new budget 2016/2017 Fiscal Year. (Enclosure)
- 201603-06 Motion to approve the renewal charter agreement attached by and between the NJ Commissioner of Education and the NJ Department of Education, as the Commissioner's Designee and the Bergen Arts and Science Charter School. (Enclosure)
- 201603-07 Motion to approve HIB report. (No Submission)
- 201603-08 Motion to approve the field trip activity requests listed below.

Program Name/Place	Date	Grades/Attendees	Event Cost for School	Explanations
Fosterfields Living History Farm, Morristown, NJ	4/14/16	5 th Graders (A-D) & 8 Chaperones	\$1000 for Venue & Bus	Social Studies
Spring Math Camp, Port Murray, NJ YMCA	4/08-4/10/16	Grades 7-9 th & Chaperones	\$2900 Approx. for bus	Math
World of Wings, Teaneck, NJ	4/26/16	Kindergarteners & Chaperones	\$600 Approx. for bus	Science
Steve Trash, Englewood, NJ	4/17/16	2 nd Graders & Chaperones	\$500 Approx. for bus	Science
Liberty Science Center, Jersey City, NJ	5/25/16	3 rd Graders & Chaperones	\$720 Approx. for bus	Science
New York Aquarium, NY	5/19/16	2 nd Graders & Chaperones	\$720 Approx. for bus	Science
Turtle Back Zoo	5/16/16	1 st Graders & Chaperones	\$600 Approx. for bus	Science
Canada	5/26-5/30/16	Various Students, Staff, & Chaperones	\$1500.00 Approx. for bus	Community
CCP Cornell and Upstate College Visits	3/29,30,31/16	Selected 9-11 Graders & Chaperones	\$4,000 Approx. for bus, hotel, & food	CCP Program
Univ. of Illinois, Chicago Math Contest	4-23-4/24	Selected 5-9 th Graders	\$2,331 for hotel & food	National Math Competition

PERSONNEL/HR

- 201603-09 Motion to approve the new hires, re-assignment, leaves, and resignations. (Enclosures)
- 201603-10 Motion to approve the stipend payments and assigned positions listed. (No Submission)

201603-11 Motion to approve the attendance to and costs of the following workshops/conferences/programs as requested by the following faculty members listed below.

WHEREAS, the **Faculty and Board Members listed below** will be attending workshops; and
 WHEREAS, the attendance at stated functions are accepted as work related and within the scope of the work responsibilities of the attendee; and
 WHEREAS, the attendance at the functions are accepted as promoting delivery of instruction, furthering efficient operation of the school district; and fiscally prudent, and
 WHEREAS, the travel and related expenses particular to attendance at these functions are expected to exceed the state travel guidelines established by the Department of Treasury in NJOMB circular letter; be it
 RESOLVED, that the board finds the cost of attendance, including all registration fees, and statutorily authorized travel and related expense and the excess expenses particular to attendance at this functions as unavoidable, be it
 RESOLVED, that the excess is justified and therefore reimbursable.

Program Name/Place	Date(s)	Employees/Board members	Event Cost	Travel & Other Costs
				\$0.31/mile, tolls & parking if applicable

Motion to Approve the Agenda Action Items:

RESOLVED that the Bergen Arts and Science Charter School accepts above-identified consent agenda item(s) numbered 201603-05 through 201603-11.

MOTIONED BY	J. Gonzalez		SECONDED BY	L. Manning			PASSED	Unanimously
ROLL CALL	Murat Teke	Jordania Gonzalez	Lori Manning	Ozgur Dogru	Sancar Avcioglu	Arabellys Then	Emin Bahadir	Beatriz Rodriguez
YES	X	X	X	X	X			
NO								
ABSTAIN								
ABSENT						X	X	X

XII. Executive Session

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b), the Board of Education may exclude the public from that portion of a public meeting at which the Board discusses any of the matters described at N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(1)-(9);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education shall forthwith enter into closed session to discuss the following matter(s) concerning:

- Matters rendered confidential by state or federal law
- Personnel
- Appointment of a public official
- Matters covered by the attorney-client privilege
- Pending or anticipated litigation
- Pending or anticipated contract negotiations
- Protection of the safety or property of the public
- Matters which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy
- Matters in which the release of information would impair a right to receive Funds from the United States Government
- Matters concerning collective negotiations and/or the negotiation of terms and Conditions of employment of employees of the Board of Education
- Possible imposition of a civil penalty or suspension

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said discussion may be disclosed to the public when the reasons for discussing and acting upon it in closed session no longer exist.

Motion to enter into Executive Session:

TIME:

MOTIONED BY			SECONDED BY				PASSED	
ROLL CALL	Murat Teke	Jordania Gonzalez	Lori Manning	Ozgur Dogru	Sancar Avcioglu	Arabellys Then	Emin Bahadir	Beatriz Rodriguez
YES								
NO								
ABSTAIN								
ABSENT								

Motion to return to Public Session:

TIME:

MOTIONED BY			SECONDED BY				PASSED	
ROLL CALL	Murat Teke	Jordania Gonzalez	Lori Manning	Ozgur Dogru	Sancar Avcioglu	Arabellys Then	Emin Bahadir	Beatriz Rodriguez
YES								
NO								
ABSTAIN								
ABSENT								

XIII. Other Items:

XIV. Adjournment

TIME: 7:10 PM

MOTIONED BY	L. Manning		SECONDED BY	S. Avcioglu			PASSED	Unanimously
ROLL CALL	Murat Teke	Jordania Gonzalez	Lori Manning	Ozgur Dogru	Sancar Avcioglu	Arabellys Then	Emin Bahadir	Beatriz Rodriguez
YES	X	X	X	X	X			
NO								
ABSTAIN								
ABSENT						X	X	X