

# BERGEN ARTS AND SCIENCE CHARTER SCHOOL

## JANUARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015

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: **6:22 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 by Board Secretary, Recep Ornek**

BOARD MEMBERS	P/A
Emin Bahadir (Board President)	P
Eileen Fuentes (Vice President)	P
Ozgur Dogru (Board Member)	A
Arzu Kaya-Uranli (Board Member)	P
Sancar Avcioglu (Board Member)	P
Murat Teke (Board Member)	A
Jordania Gonzales (Board Member)	P
Lori Manning (Board Member)	A
Nihat Guvercin (CEO/Lead Person)-Nonvoting member	P
Recep Ornek (SBA/Board Secretary)- Nonvoting member	P
Yasin Demirbas (School Director-High School)- Nonvoting m.	A
Yunus Kuloglu (School Director-Middle School)- Nonvoting m.	A
Durim Memedi (School Director-El. School)- Nonvoting m.	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.*

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**VI. Presentations / Recognitions:**

**VII. Lead Person's Report: *Mr. Nihat Guvercin***

- PARRC Practice Test
- Parent Activities: Muffins with Moms, Donut with Dads
- Quality in Education Summit, January 27, 2015. All trustees are invited.
- Upcoming Events: Math Contest, Science Olympiad, Graduation Ceremony
- NJASCS Educational Management Organization briefing

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

Motion to approve December, 2014 board meeting minutes.

MOTIONED BY:	E BAHADIR		SECONDED BY:		E FUENTES		PASSED : UNANIMOUSLY		
ROLL CALL	Emin Bahadir	Eileen Fuentes	Ozgur Dogru	Arzu Kaya U.	Sancar Avcioglu	Murat Teke	Jordania Gonzales	Lori Manning	
AYE	X	X		X	X		X		
NAY									
ABSTAIN									
ABSENT			X			X		X	

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

**Approval of Bills:** Motion to approve the List of the Bills. (*enclosure*)

**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 December, 2014;

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

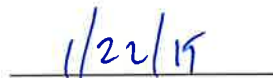
**Transfers:** Motion to approve the list of Transfer of Funds resolution for the period ending December, 2014.

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 2014-15 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 December, 2014, no major budgetary line item account expenditure exceeds the amount appropriated by the charter Board of Trustees.

  
Mr. Recep Ornek - Board Secretary

  
Date

**b. Board Certification of Accounts**

RESOLVED, that after review of the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports for December, 2014 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.

MOTIONED BY:	J GONZALES		SECONDED BY:		E BAHADIR		PASSED: UNANIMOUSLY		
ROLL CALL	Emin Bahadir	Eileen Fuentes	Ozgur Dogru	Arzu Kaya U.	Sancar Avcioglu	Murat Teke	Jordania Gonzales	Lori Manning	
AYE	X	X		X	X		X		
NAY									
ABSTAIN									
ABSENT			X			X		X	

**X. Regular Agenda Action Items**

1. Motion to approve the submission of a waiver for the SEMI requirements as follows:

Whereas, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.3 provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district's participation in the Special Education Medicare Initiative (SEMI) Program for 2015-2016 , and

Whereas, the Bergen Arts and Science Charter School Board of Trustees desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that it projects having fewer than 40 Medicaid eligible classified students.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Bergen Arts & Science Charter School Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Lead Person to submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Bergen an appropriate waiver of the requirements of NJAC 6A:23A-5.3 for the 2015-2016 school year.

State projections estimate Bergen Arts & Science Charter School to have a total of 11 Medicaid Eligible students for FY16.

2. Motion to approve E-Rate Submission.
3. Motion to approve HIB Cases attached.
4. Motion to approve the field trip activity requests listed below. (*enclosure*)

Program Name	Date	Grades/Attendees	Event Cost	Explanations
Kidz Village	2/25/2015	Kindergarten (80)	\$12/student – 626.10/bus	Ms. Mioli
NJIT	1/15/2015	Middle School Students (20)	\$614.75/bus	Mr. Edipov
Bergen Community College	2/7/2015	Middle School Students(20)	\$582.39/bus	Mr. Demirors
Montclair State University	1/24/2015	Middle School Students(20)	\$582.39/bus	Mr. Demirors
Body Worlds: Pulse Exhibit	2/25/2015	Middle School Students(67)	\$20/student- \$388.26/bus	Ms. Ahmad
Cornell and MIT, Science Olympiad Team	1/23/2015	High School	\$517.68/bus	Ms. Tozan

5. Motion to approve the attendance to and costs of the following workshops/conferences/programs as requested by the following faculty members:

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	Employees/Board members	Event Cost	Travel & Other Costs
Understanding the PARCC in Grades K-2	Jan 29, 2015	Emily Zimmerman, Christine Yu	\$350	
Succeeding on the PARCC	Jan 22, 2015	Ashley Natiello	\$175	

**6. PERSONNEL/HR**

a. Motion to approve the new hires, re assignment, resignations listed below.

Name	Position	Full time/Part Time	Hire Date	Salary	After School	Funding Source	Explanation	Board Approval Date	Completed
Selden, Cherly	ELA Teacher			\$43,400		10	Reassigned		
Kohler, Gloria	Title I Teacher					20	Reassigned		
Martinez, Gimena	1st Grade Teacher			\$43,200		10	Reassigned		

b. Motion to approve the stipend payments and assigned positions listed below.

Robotics Head Coach      \$1500  
 Asst. Head Coach         \$750

\*Please see the attachment for the position job descriptions. (Enclosure)

c. Motion to approve Saturday school program with appointments listed and contracts attached. (Enclosure)

Kacy VanSickle                      ELA  
 Tugba Aydin-Torun                  Math  
 Marina Pejovski                        Math

**Motion to Approve the Agenda Action Items:**

RESOLVED that the Bergen Arts and Science Charter School accepts above-identified consent agenda item(s) numbered 1-6c.

MOTIONED BY:	S AVCIOGLU		SECONDED BY:		E BAHADIR		PASSED : UNANIMOUSLY		
ROLL CALL	Emin Bahadir	Eileen Fuentes	Ozgur Dogru	Arzu Kaya U.	Sancar Avcioglu	Murat Teke	Jordania Gonzales	Lori Manning	
AYE	X	X		X	X		X		
NAY									
ABSTAIN									
ABSENT			X			X		X	

**XI. 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: 7:04 PM**

MOTIONED BY:	E FUENTES		SECONDED BY:		A KAYA URANLI		PASSED: UNANIMOUSLY		
ROLL CALL	Emin Bahadir	Eileen Fuentes	Ozgur Dogru	Arzu Kaya U.	Sancar Avcioglu	Murat Teke	Jordania Gonzales	Lori Manning	
YES	X	X		X	X		X		
NO									
ABSTAIN									
ABSENT			X			X		X	

**Motion to return to Public Session:**

**TIME: 7:05 PM**

MOTIONED BY:	E BAHADIR		E FEUNTES				PASSED : UNANIMOUSLY		
ROLL CALL	Emin Bahadir	Eileen Fuentes	Ozgur Dogru	Arzu Kaya U.	Sancar Avcioglu	Murat Teke	Jordania Gonzales	Lori Manning	
YES	X	X		X	X		X		
NO									
ABSTAIN									
ABSENT			X			X		X	

**XII. Other Items:**

**XIII. Adjournment**

**Time: : 7:07 PM**

MOTIONED BY:	E FUENTES		SECONDED BY:		E BAHADIR		PASSED : UNANIMOUSLY		
ROLL CALL	Emin Bahadir	Eileen Fuentes	Ozgur Dogru	Arzu Kaya U.	Sancar Avcioglu	Murat Teke	Jordania Gonzales	Lori Manning	
AYE	X	X		X	X		X		
NAY									
STAIN									
ABSENT			X			X		X	