

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

The Eugenio Maria de Hostos Charter School Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, July 25, 2023. Board Chairman, Mr. Julio Vázquez, called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm. A quorum was not established.

### **Board Members Present:**

Julio Vázquez, Ryan Caster, Dr. Marcia DeJesús-Rueff, and Eugenio Marlin.

### **Board Member Absent:**

Angélica Pérez-Delgado, Miguel Meléndez, Miriam Vázquez, Eugenio Marlin, Nelida Torres, and Robert Frasier Jr.

### **School Staff & Public Present:**

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

### **MISSION MOMENT:**

Mr. Alexander presented the Mission Moment. Various pictures and videos were shared on the high school graduation.

### **PUBLIC INPUT**

No public input.

### **CHAIRMAN REPORT:**

No new report updates.

### **CEO REPORT:**

#### **Attendance:**

- June's attendance was an average of 83%.

#### **Enrollment:**

- June's enrollment was 964 students.
- July's enrolment is 1070 students.

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

- K-8: Fastbridge 3<sup>rd</sup> Diagnostics
- 8-12: NYS June Regents Exam Results
- 9-12: 2018 Accountability (Graduation, NYSSB, NYSSCR)

## **Operations:**

### **Summer Work**

- All Campuses; painting, striping, waxing floors, and moving of classrooms

### **Zimbrich Campus**

- The corridor floors will be completed
- The bathroom renovation will begin in a couple of weeks.
- Playground accessible for summer school

### **Joseph Expansion Project**

- The rectory has been demolished, and cleanup is on its way.
- Construction RFP on track to go out in August
  - Groundbreaking will begin in April 2024

### **Kodak Lease**

- Discussions around CAM increase
- Meeting on 7/25 with Kodak and the Leadership team to discuss the past few months and plans moving forward

### **High School (proactive planning)**

- Possible options for High School relocation
  - 8 Austin Street
  - 1020 Maple Street
  - Goodman Street Armory

### **Property Acquisition**

- 1119 Joseph Avenue
  - Counteroffers are being offered, and negotiations.

## **ELT Updates:**

### **New ELT Leadership Team**

- Program Coordinator: Mrs. Solange George
- Elementary School Site Coordinator: Mr. Luis Rodriguez
- Middle School/High School Site Coordinator: Mr. Terrance Simmons
- Education Liaison: Mrs. Hailey Cox

### **College & Career Readiness**

The college field trips, fairs, and activities were summarized.

### **Partnerships:**

- Wegmans Work Scholarship Program - One student was hired and began working; three were hired pending work.
- Golisano Business Institute - two students recommended pending acceptance
- AMR Ambulance - partnership developed to start a pipeline from graduation to the Paramedic Program.

### **New Members of the Leadership Team**

- Mr. Nicholas Lind – SpEd Coordinator

- Ms. Amy Schiavi – Elementary School Principal
- Frederick Perry – Dean of Student Affairs @ ES
- Solange George – ELT Coordinator

### **CEO Updates:**

The following items were discussed during the CEO Updates:

- HR Updates, Marketing and fundraising, Business Meetings, and Summer School Updates.

### **ACADEMIC COMMITTEE: Data Concern – Items of discussion**

- There were concerns about the data that was shared.
- The school is waiting on the state results.
- Attendance concerns – parents are removing their children early from school to begin summer vacation.
- Staffing concerns

### **Intervention:**

- Are coaches coaching teachers?
- Finding out what strong teachers are doing differently to assist struggling teachers
- Is the learning material aligned with the lesson? Use of videos to assist teacher understanding?
- Hiring teachers and paraprofessionals
- Having teachers understand their job responsibilities and what their expectations are.
- How do we reward teachers beyond the performance evaluation? Is the performance evaluation aligned to measure?

### **CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER REPORT/FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:**

The finance committee met before the board meeting. The Bonadio Group presented the Audit Plan.

The Finance Committee did vote to accept and approve the Audit Plan. The new difference in the Audit Plan is adopting a lease accounting standard.

### **Financial Reports**

Ms. Kersbergen reviewed the financial statements as of June 30, 2023. Please see the attached reports.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

No action items.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **Personnel Committee**

No new information.

### **Building Committee**

The items of discussion were the following:

#### **Future home for the high school**

- Mr. Harris spoke to Jeff Chambers about 1020 Maple Street to set up a conference call to view the property.
- 8 Austin Street is available for viewing.

#### **1119 Joseph Avenue**

- EMHCS' attorney sent over the counteroffer for the property at 1119 Joseph Avenue. They are waiting for a response to the \$325,000 offer.

#### **Old Business**

No old business.

#### **New Business**

No new business.

#### **Executive Session**

No executive session.

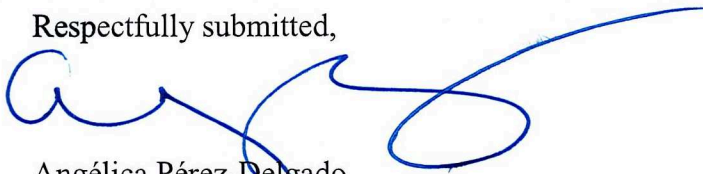
#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

#### **NEXT MEETING:**

The next Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, August 29, 2023; the meeting location will be at the Administrative Office at 977 Joseph Avenue, conference room, Rochester, NY 14621.

Respectfully submitted,



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Board Secretary