



marion p thomas
CHARTER SCHOOL

Board of Trustees Meeting
October 28, 2019 at 6:00 PM
125 Sussex Ave Newark NJ 07103

Meeting Opens :

1) President Rouse CALL TO ORDER – Open Public Meetings Act

a) The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act (“Act”) was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of, and to attend 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 Marion P Thomas Charter School Board of Trustees has caused notice of this meeting to be advertised by having the date, time, and place thereof posted on the MPTCS website, in the office of the Clerk of the City of Newark, and was published in the Star-Ledger.

2) C Zielinski ROLL CALL

a) The following individuals are voting members of the Board:

Board Member	Present	Absent	Board Member	Present	Absent
Nichelle Bowes	x		Tia Morris	x	
Lincoln Farquharson	x		Reginald Petty		x
Briana Gilchrist	x				
Michelle Jones	x		Pastor Vincent Rouse	x	
Tyisha Kidd		x	Khaatim Sherrer El		x
Rev. Ronald Slaughter		x	Joi Dean-Taylor		x

Non-Voting Board Members Present	
Chaleeta Hines	Dominique Lee
Carrieann Zielinski	Bernice Jalloh
Robert Gregory	

3) C Zielinski BOARD MINUTES

a) Approval of Board Meeting Minutes from September 23, 2019 Board Meeting.

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Nichelle Bowes		x				Tia Morris	x	x			
Lincoln Farquharson		x				Reginald Petty					x
Briana Gilchrist		x									
Michelle Jones	2	x				Pastor Vincent Rouse		x			
Tyisha Kidd					x	Khaatim Sherrer El					x
Rev. Ronald Slaughter					x	Joi Dean-Taylor					x

4) C Zielinski Approve the Board Agenda

Marion P Thomas Charter School Board Meeting Agenda – September 23, 2019 at 6:00 PM
Location: 125 Sussex Ave Newark NJ 07103

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a) Approval of the Board Agenda for October 28, 2019 Board Meeting.

Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Voting Members	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Nichelle Bowes	2	x				Tia Morris	x	x			
Lincoln Farquharson		x				Reginald Petty					x
Briana Gilchrist		x									
Michelle Jones		x				Pastor Vincent Rouse		x			
Tyisha Kidd					x	Khaatim Sherrer El					x
Rev. Ronald Slaughter					x	Joi Dean-Taylor					x

5) PUBLIC COMMENT

a) Members of the public wishing to address the Board of Trustees (“Board”) must state their name and are requested to limit their comments to three minutes. Please be aware that all charter school employees retain the right of privacy and shall retain all rights against defamation and slander according to the laws of New Jersey. The Board shall not be held liable for comments made by members of the public. Each member of the public will be given one opportunity to address the Board.

Yvette Barr- Parent PAC

- Communication for Parents and Teachers
- Website STEAM academy has trips approved but PAC doesn't
- Tutoring: What is it going to be comprised of?
- No boy scouts or cub scouts
- Summer packets
 - Were they graded?
- Curriculum is very rigorous how will you fill the gaps?
 - Modify

Robert Gregory Addressed

- Kickboard
 - Communications is not happening
 - Chaleeta and Robert will follow through on Friday.
 - PAC has Literacy Night and Math Night
 - Field Trips
 - Money allocated
 - Every school has a min of 2 outside of Newark per grade level
 - Tutoring
 - will be in presentation tonight
 - Assessment every 2 weeks
 - Will follow up with summer packets

Margarete Owens Nelson

- Same issue
- She removed students out of High School (juniors)
- Nephew was being bullied. Jumped
 - Didn't get any answers.

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- VP was supposed to look on the camera because she wanted to press charges
- She sent an email for Robert Gregory
 - She wants to know who jumped her grandson
 - Still has not heard anything. Feels like they don't care about her children m
 - Why are they still in the school?

Robert Gregory Addressed :

- Will follow up with her. He was not aware.

Rouse :

- Report back to the board who these children are. They have to go.

Lincoln:

- School is not communicating well. How many parents feel this way? We are not addressing the underlying issue.
- Even internally we are not communicating.

Aileen Dempsy

- Two students in PAC. Wants to remove them
- Security Officer was arrested right in front of school. External company.
 - Domestic dispute
- Science teacher who left and the parents weren't aware.
- Step forward 20 steps back
- No longer a proud parent of Marion P Thomas. Will not recommend.
- Good teachers leaving. Not supported.
- Kids are the ones suffering.
- Not a seamless transition.
- Wants to see curriculum.
 - The teacher gave him a B- when the student was not in her class and won't let her makeup the work.

Nichelle

- What are the top 5 priorities to turn it around?

Response:

Communicative

Operations

Culture: Having people here who understand culture. We need boots on the ground.

Parent Investment - Not including parents

Security- huge issue the security guards loved the kids. Only one came back.

Programs - Nothing for the boys only for the girls

6) Administrative Update: Robert Gregory

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7) COMMITTEE & School UPDATES

School Update: Enrollment : 1536

a) Finance Committee

C.Zielinski

1. The Finance Committee reviewed the attached Treasurer of School Monies Report for the month of September 2019 and the attached Board Secretary Report for the month of September 2019 and recommends for approval.
2. The Finance Committee reviewed the attached Bills and Claims Report for the month of September for 2,914,713.32 and recommends for approval
3. We received notification from NJDOE about a CAFR audit that was completed. At the last board meeting, the resolution was approved to write a check to the state. We were called after the board meeting by the NJDOE. They informed us that it was their error and we did not have to pay back \$18,925. They returned our check and the money was deposited back in our account.
4. Due to a decrease in our enrollment. We have been preparing budget transfers within our operating procedures and every day operations. We will be submitting a formal transfer request to the Board at the next Board Meeting.
5. City National Bank is working on opening our 1,000,000 line of credit.
6. The finance team had another meeting with Operations to ensure a smoother procurement process. All went well and new procedures and protocols are in place.

b) Personnel Committee

M. Weidman

c) Academic Committee

M. Jones

d) Legal Updates

T. Jalloh

The security fine update. Went to court today and received a fine.

e) Alumni Committee

B. Gilchrist

Working with Michelle Griffin on a Alumni track3r

f) Parent Report

T. Kidd

8) Chairman Update : V Rouse

9) MOTION TO ADJOURN REGULAR SESSION AND ENTER CLOSED SESSION

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Nichelle Bowes	x	x				Tia Morris	2	x			
Lincoln Farquharson		x				Reginald Petty					x
Briana Gilchrist		x									
Michelle Jones		x				Pastor Vincent Rouse		x			
Tyisha Kidd					x	Khaatim Sherrer El					x
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Michelle Jones					x	Pastor Vincent Rouse	x				
Tyisha Kidd					x	Khaatim Sherrer El					x
Rev. Ronald Slaughter					x	Joi Dean-Taylor					x

11) MOTIONS FOR APPROVAL/RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions :

Personnel Committee : Resolution 10-19-1 through 3

M. Weidman

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Lincoln Farquharson		x				Reginald Petty					x
Briana Gilchrist		x									
Michelle Jones		x				Pastor Vincent Rouse	x				
Tyisha Kidd					x	Khaatim Sherrer El					x
Rev Ronald Slaughter					x	Joi Dean Taylor					x

Finance Committee : Resolution 10-19- 4 through 6

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Lincoln Farquharson				x		Reginald Petty					x
Briana Gilchrist		x									
Michelle Jones		x				Pastor Vincent Rouse		x			
Tyisha Kidd					x	Khaatim Sherrer El					x
Rev Ronald Slaughter					x	Joi Dean Taylor					x

a) Academic Committee : Resolution 10-19-7

M. Jones

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Lincoln Farquharson		x				Reginald Petty					x
Briana Gilchrist		x									
Michelle Jones		x				Pastor Vincent Rouse		x			
Tyisha Kidd					x	Khaatim Sherrer El					x
Rev Ronald Slaughter					x	Joi Dean Taylor					x

** Other Resolutions

The Board of Trustees of Marion P Thomas Charter School approves the following field trips for PAC & STEAM Academy:

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The Board of Trustee at MPTCS approves the HIB Assessment Report

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Lincoln Farquharson		x				Reginald Petty					x
Briana Gilchrist		x									
Michelle Jones	x	x				Pastor Vincent Rouse		x			
Tyisha Kidd					x	Khaatim Sherrer El					x
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The Board of Trustees of MPTCS approves the DWC Enterprise Snow Removal Contract

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Lincoln Farquharson	2	x				Reginald Petty					x
Briana Gilchrist		x									
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The Board of Trustees of MPTCS approves the ESL Essex Regional Services Commission services

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Lincoln Farquharson		x				Reginald Petty					x
Briana Gilchrist		x									
Michelle Jones	2	x				Pastor Vincent Rouse	x				
Tyisha Kidd					x	Khaatim Sherrer El					x
Rev Ronald Slaughter					x	Joi Dean Taylor					x

The Board of Trustees of MPTCS approves the contract between the School Physician M. Calhoun Thomas

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Tyisha Kidd					x	Khaatim Sherrer El					x
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The Board of Trustees of MPTCS approves the updates to the Updated Aftercare Policy for the 2019-2020 School Year.

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Lincoln Farquharson		x				Reginald Petty					x
Briana Gilchrist		x									
Michelle Jones		x				Pastor Vincent Rouse	x	x			
Tyisha Kidd					x	Khaatim Sherrer El					x
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12) MOTION TO ADJOURN

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Lincoln Farquharson		x				Reginald Petty					x
Briana Gilchrist		x									
Michelle Jones		x				Pastor Vincent Rouse	x	x			
Tyisha Kidd					x	Khaatim Sherrer El					x
Rev Ronald Slaughter					x	Joi Dean Taylor					x

Respectfully submitted at: November 2019

Submitted by: Carrieann Zielinski