



## **Board of Trustees Meeting Agenda**

February 16, 2023, 6:30 pm

1. Call to Order & Public Comment Reminder
2. Adoption of the February 2023 Agenda
3. Approval of the January 2023 Minutes
4. School Leadership Report
5. Public Comments
6. Executive Session
7. Adjournment

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**Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes**

January 19, 2023, 6:30 pm

**Trustees Present**

David H. Sorkin
Rachel Amar, <i>Prospective Board Member</i>
Noemi Zibuts
Angela Mirizzi-Olsen
Sigalit Grego
Veronica Bakhrakh
Bonita Sussman
Ernest Paige

**Others Present:**

Misty Awan, Head of School, Staten Island Hebrew Public  
Valerie Khaytina, Chief External Officer, Hebrew Public  
Emily Fernandez, Chief Schools Officer, Hebrew Public  
Lauren Murphy, Senior External Relations Manager, Hebrew Public

**1. Call to Order**

David H. Sorkin asked for a motion to open the meeting at 6:33 pm. Ernest Paige made the motion and the meeting was called to order.

**2. Adoption of the January 2023 Meeting Agenda**

David H. Sorkin asked for a motion to adopt, Angela Mirizzi-Olsen made a motion to adopt the January 2023 agenda, Ernest Paige seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

**3. Approval of the December 2022 Meeting Minutes**

David H. Sorkin asked for a motion to approve, Sigalit Grego made a motion to approve the December 2022 meeting minutes, Angela Mirizzi-Olsen seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

**4. Resolution and Vote to elect Rachel Amar to the Staten Island Hebrew Public Board of Trustees pending approval by NYSED**

David H. Sorkin made a motion to elect *Rachel Amar* to the Staten Island Hebrew Public Board of Trustees pending approval by NYSED, Ernest Paige seconded the motion. The motion went to a vote, and with no abstentions and no objections, the motion was approved unanimously. As such, the board adopted the following resolution:

*The Staten Island Hebrew Public Charter School Board of Trustees, having conducted a thorough criminal history record check via fingerprinting which is deemed acceptable by NYSED, and having discovered no State or federal criminal history, or having provided information regarding such history to NYSED, if found, and having verified that any academic and/or professional credential or qualification presented by the proposed member is genuine, and having reviewed the application in its entirety, has voted to select **Rachel Amar** as a member to its Board of Trustees, with a term expiring on June 30, 2024, pending approval by NYSED. The resolution approving **Rachel Amar** is adopted upon NYSED's approval.*

## 5. School Leadership Report

Misty Awan shared a presentation and the following updates with the board:

- Enrollment Update
  - 84 students
  - More applications received than where we were this time last year
  - 2nd postcard mailer has not been sent out yet
  - 26 new families applied for 1st grade
  - 16 new families applied for 2nd grade
  - Students already enrolled do not have to reapply
  - 160 students projected for 23-24 School Year
    - Doubling our size!
- Assessments
  - MAP Testing
    - Math & Reading
    - Based on the test taken in the fall
      - Data is analyzed to review the level students are on and to improve their growth throughout the year
    - Adaptive, not a pass-fail test
      - The algorithm is tailored toward the individual student
    - Results will be shared next month
- School Highlights
  - Draw Me A City Winner– network-wide art competition

- 1st place winner in K
- Classroom Updates
  - Kindergarten is learning about measurements
  - PE Project
    - Staying fit and healthy!
    - “Active Dan” and “Healthy Dan” similar to “Flat Stanley”
      - All staff and students have the dolphin (school mascot) on a stick and whenever they are doing something active or eating healthy, they take a picture and share it with the physical education teacher
    - Taking what he is teaching in the classroom and making it real life for students and families to participate in
- Upcoming Events- All board members are invited to attend!
  - 1st-grade publishing party
    - Learned about endangered animals
    - Will be presenting to families and community members
  - FestiShir
    - Hebrew song festival
    - 1/25 & 1/26
  - Scholastic Book Fair
    - 1/24-1/27
  - Tu B’shvat
    - Celebrated in Israel as an ecological awareness day, and trees are planted in celebration
    - SI HP will be hosting the event on Sunday, 2/12
    - Families will be planting seeds
  - Picture Day for students on 2/14

## 6. Student Discipline Report

Emily Fernandez, Hebrew Public’s Chief Schools Officer shared the following information with the board in partnership with Misty:

- SI HP’s Code of Conduct
  - Safety is the baseline of success
    - Imperative our students feel safe to be in school, to learn, and take risks
  - Big picture- students succeed in their academics and social and emotional development
    - SI HP is educating the whole child
  - Responsive Classroom
    - Student-centered, social, and emotional learning approach to teaching and discipline
    - Focused on community and working together
    - How to handle community disruptions
    - All situations are unique!
  - Nearly identical to Hebrew Public’s code of conduct

- Closely related to DOE's code of conduct
- Restorative Practice Driven
  - Building healthy communities, increasing socialization, repairing harm, and restoring relationships
  - Keeping to a routine and procedures
  - Morning meetings
- Proactive Support
  - Individual student goals
- BCT (Behavior Consultant Team. Social Worker, Dean of Students, Head Of School)
  - Finding trends in behavior and non-academics that are happening in classrooms that can impede learning
  - SpEd Services
    - Supporting behaviorally
    - Counseling
  - Small groups
  - Responsive classroom and training
  - Lunch buddies
    - What it looks like to interact with peers
- Reactive Support
  - Things happen throughout the day and what do we do in those moments
  - Teacher classroom support
  - Consequences based on child context
    - Looking at behavior and precedent, what caused the problem behavior and determine logical consequences
    - Every child is different, and behavior is different
    - Very individualized
  - Restorative Conversations
  - Calming Corner
  - Meta Moments, reflection
- BCT & Interventions (Behavior Consultant Team. Social Worker, Dean of Students, Head Of School)
  - Students who need more support throughout the day
  - Individual student plans
  - Modified schedule for certain students
  - Family input and feedback
- An unsafe behavior chart and significant unsafe behavior chart were shared which included those behaviors, interventions taken, and logical consequences

## **7. Public Comments**

No public comments were made during this time.

## **8. Adjournment**

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David H. Sorkin asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Angela Mirizzi-Olsen made the motion to adjourn at 7:31 pm, Veronica Bakhrakh seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously. The board will meet next on February 16th, 2023.