

Hatikvah International Academy Charter School

7 Lexington Avenue
East Brunswick, NJ
MEETING Minutes
October 18, 2018

7:00 P.M. Meeting

Meeting called to order by Daniel Gresack at 7:32 PM.

Sunshine Law Notice: The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the rights of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of the public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this act, the Hatikvah International Academy Charter School has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time, and place thereof posted in the Home News Tribune and the East Brunswick Sentinel.

Name	Title	Voting/Non-Voting	Present	Absent
Mr. Daniel Gresack	President	Voting	x	
Mr. Harish Hathiramani	Vice President	Voting	x-by phone	
Mrs. Pamela Mullin	Trustee; Chair of Education Committee	Voting		x
Mr. Eli Schaap	Trustee; Chair of Finance Committee; Nominating Committee	Voting	x	
Mr. Marc Herman	Trustee	Voting	x	
Dr. Marcia Grayson	Director; Ex Officio	Non-voting	x	
Mrs. Kathy Mone	SBA; Ex Officio	Non-voting		x
Ms. Claudia Fiel	Teacher Representative;	Non-voting	x	
Mrs. Nicole Disporto	Alternate Board Teacher Representative	Non-voting	x	

Pledge of Allegiance: I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United State of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Public Discussion: A 15-minute period of time is provided for the public to ask questions on agenda items or to make statements to the Board of Trustees. If there are many speakers, the chair will ask for a 3-minute speaking limit per speaker. The board may extend the public comment portion if necessary.

One member of public (faculty member) present.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMITTEES

Education Committee: NJ revises State testing; revised assessment map sent to parents.

Chairperson: Ms Pamela Mullin
Administrative Liaison: Dr. Marcia Grayson
Committee Members: Mrs. Hindie Weissman

Financial Committee: no report.

Chairperson: Mr. Eli Schaap
Administrative Liaison: Dr. Marcia Grayson
Committee Member: Mr. Daniel Gresack

Nominating Committee: no report.

Chairperson: Mr. Eli Schaap
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Director's Report: I have hosted 3 visitors in the past two weeks including the new Interim Superintendent of Middlesex County, Kyle Anderson; I have also raised \$22,666.00 so far towards the \$30,000.00 we need for 50 new laptops.

SBA: Mrs. Kathy Mone

Acknowledgement of Correspondence: Letter from the East Brunswick Police Department thanking us for bringing lunch and dessert to the Department.

PRESENTATION: Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and Auditor's Management Report (AMR) for FY 2017-2018.

ITEM 1: Motion to approve the minutes from the September 20, 2018 Board meeting.

Motion: Marc

Second: Eli

Board Member	Voting	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Daniel Gresack	Trustee	x			
Eli Schaap	Trustee	x			
Pam Mullin	Trustee				x
Marc Herman	Trustee	x			
Harish Hathiramani	Trustee	x			

Passed 4-0; 1 absent; no abstentions.

ITEM 2: Motion to approve the bills list dated 10/17/2018 in the amount of \$180,774.86 with the exception of ITEM 6301 in the amount of \$53,833.33; and to approve the secretary's report dated 10/17/2018.

Motion: Marc

Second: Dan

Board Member	Voting	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Daniel Gresack	Trustee	x			
Eli Schaap	Trustee	x			
Pam Mullin	Trustee				x
Marc Herman	Trustee	x			
Harish Hathiramani	Trustee	x			

Passed 4-0; 1 absent; no abstentions.

ITEM: 3: Motion to approve ITEM 6301 in the amount of \$53,833.33 on the bill's list dated 10/17/2018.

Motion: Harish

Second: Marc

Board Member	Voting	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Daniel Gresack	Trustee	x			
Eli Schaap	Trustee			x	
Pam Mullin	Trustee				x
Marc Herman	Trustee	x			
Harish Hathiramani	Trustee	x			

Passed 3-0; 1 absent; 1 abstention.

ITEM 4: Motion to approve the following personnel items:

Certificated Staff:

Dr. Marjory Palius (starting date October 3 - training as paraprofessional; November 5- Substitute Teacher) at a salary of \$58,000.00.

Non-certificated Staff: Extension of paraprofessional contract for Raphael Dishy through December 21, 2018 at the same salary.

Change in Status:

Increase Joshua Johannsen's Title I contract by \$1,000.00 retroactive to September 1, 2018.

Stipends/Payments during Prep. Periods:

Ian Schock payment for 5 hours of ELL testing at a rate of \$27.55 an hour (total \$137.75).

Motion: Marc

Second: Dan

Board Member	Voting	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Daniel Gresack	Trustee	x			
Eli Schaap	Trustee	x			
Pam Mullin	Trustee				x
Marc Herman	Trustee	x			
Harish Hathiramani	Trustee	x			

Passed 4-0; 1 absent; no abstentions.

ITEM 5: Motion to accept the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and Auditor's Management Report (AMR) for FY 2017-2018 with provision of corrections which were noted.

Motion: Marc

Second: Dan

Board Member	Voting	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Daniel Gresack	Trustee	x			
Eli Schaap	Trustee	x			
Pam Mullin	Trustee				x
Marc Herman	Trustee	x			

Harish Hathiramani	Trustee	x			
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Passed 4-0; 1 absent; no abstentions.

ITEM 6: Motion to approve the following policies:

Policy 5519: Dating Violence at School

Revision of Policy 5131.01: HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION, AND BULLYING

Motion: Dan

Second: Marc

Board Member	Voting	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Daniel Gresack	Trustee	x			
Eli Schaap	Trustee	x			
Pam Mullin	Trustee				x
Marc Herman	Trustee	x			
Harish Hathiramani	Trustee	x			

Passed 4-0; 1 absent; no abstentions.

ITEM 7: Motion to move into Closed Session at 7:43 PM to discuss a special needs student matter and a litigation matter.

Motion: Eli

Second: Marc

Board Member	Voting	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Daniel Gresack	Trustee	x			
Eli Schaap	Trustee	x			
Pam Mullin	Trustee				x

Marc Herman	Trustee	x			
Harish Hathiramani	Trustee	x			

Passed 4-0; 1 absent; no abstentions.

ITEM 8: Motion to move back into Open Public Session at 7:57 PM.

Motion: Marc

Second: Dan

Board Member	Voting	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Daniel Gresack	Trustee	x			
Eli Schaap	Trustee	x			
Pam Mullin	Trustee				x
Marc Herman	Trustee	x			
Harish Hathiramani	Trustee	x			

Passed 4-0; 1 absent; no abstentions.

ITEM 12: Motion to adjourn at 8:38 PM.

Motion: Eli

Second: Marc

Board Member	Voting	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Daniel Gresack	Trustee	x			
Eli Schaap	Trustee	x			
Pam Mullin	Trustee				x
Marc Herman	Trustee	x			
Harish Hathiramani	Trustee	x			

Passed 4-0; 1 absent; no abstentions.