

EMPOWERMENT ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
Thursday, November 9, 2023, 7:30PM
240 Ege Avenue
Jersey City, New Jersey 07304

Minutes

A. Call to Order

B. Welcome

C. Roll Call

Present: L. Sobel, T. D. Kabiawu, M. Zaslower, T. Gallagher
Absent: T. Ogorzalek

D. Approval of October 11 ,2023 Minutes

Motion: D. Kabiawu
Second: L, Sobel

Approve: L. Sobel, D. Kabiawu, M. Zaslower
No: None:
Absent: T. Ogorzalek
Abstain: T. Gallagher

E. Resignation of Board Member

1. **Resolved**, The EA Board of Trustees accepts the resignation of Board Member, Sapreet Saluja.

Motion: T. Gallagher
Second: M. Zaslower

Approve: L. Sobel, D. Kabiawu, M. Zaslower, T. Gallagher
No: None:
Absent: T. Ogorzalek

F. Human Resources

Roll Call Vote for Item 1 - 5

Motion: T. Gallagher
Second: M. Zaslower

Approve: L. Sobel, D. Kabiawu, M. Zaslower, T. Gallagher
No: None:
Absent: T. Ogorzalek

1. **Resolved**, The EA Board of Trustees approves of the following SY24 Change in Positions and Revised Contracts effective from November 1,2023 through June 30,2024 per Appendix A Schedule 1.
2. **Resolved**, The EA Board of Trustees approves of the following SY24 hires effective October 31, 2023, through June 30,2024 per Appendix A Schedule 2.
3. **Resolved**, The EA Board of Trustees approves of the following SY24 Stipends effective October 10,2023 through June 30,2023 per Appendix A, Schedule 3.
4. **Resolved**, The EA Board of Trustees approves of the following Resignations/Termination with the effective dates listed per Appendix A Schedule 4.
5. **Resolved**, The EA Board of Trustees approves the following SY23 Salaries to be paid by CRRSA – ESSER II Funds and be submitted to Grants Management for reimbursement per Appendix A Schedule 5.

G. Business

Roll Call Vote for Item 1 - 8

Motion: T. Gallagher

Second: M. Zaslower

Approve: L. Sobel, D. Kabiawu, M. Zaslower, T. Gallagher

No: None:

Absent: T. Ogorzalek

1. **Resolved**, The EA Board of Trustees approves the Payment of Claims in the amount \$599,165.20 for the period 11/02/23 – 12/01/23.
2. **Resolved**, The EA Board of Trustees authorizes the School Business Administrator to fund the Payrolls of November 15,2023 in the amount of \$770,000 and November 30,2023 in the amount of \$770,000 respectively. Employer Taxes are included in each Payroll.
3. **Resolved**, The EA Board of Trustees approves the Board Secretary Report dated September 30, 2023 and its submission to the NJDOE.
4. **Resolved**, The EA Board of Trustees approves the expenditure of approximately \$9,500 for Staff Gifts before the Winter Break.
5. **Resolved**, The EA Board of Trustees approves of the expenditure up to \$32,000 for grinding and pouring self-leveling cement on the Multi-Purpose Room Floor in the High School.
6. **Resolved**, The EA Board authorizes the School Business Administrator to enter into a 3-year lease agreement with Aries Building Systems LLC for 10 Modular Classrooms on the Our Lady of

Sorrows site. Cost of Classrooms, Total Lease Payments \$828,000.36, Delivery and Dismantling \$242,623 and Site Work \$103,902. Total Project n \$1,174,525.36.

7. **Resolved**, The EA Board of Trustees approves the High School Culture Budget for the amount requested of \$17,900 for the period October,2023 through June,2024

8. **Resolved**, The EA Board of Trustees approves submitting to the NJDOE the CSP Grant Application for \$1,000,000 and its acceptance if awarded.

H. Field Trips

Motion: T. Gallagher

Second: M. Zaslower

Approve: L. Sobel, D. Kabiawu, M. Zaslower, T. Gallagher

No: None:

Absent: T. Ogorzalek

1. **Resolved**, The EA Board of Trustees approve of the following Field Trips:

Date	Grade	Location	Cost
1/22/24	4	SeaQuest Interactive Aquarium & Zoo	\$1,891.24
1/22/24	K	SeaQuest Interactive Aquarium & Zoo	\$1,891.24

Respectfully,
Richard Raschdorf