

EMPOWERMENT ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
Thursday, December 14, 2023, 7:30PM
240 Ege Avenue
Jersey City, New Jersey 07304

Minutes

A. Call to Order

B. Welcome

C. Roll Call

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

Absent: T. Ogorzalek

In Attendance:

Bret Schundler – Acting Head Dean

Angela Thomas – Director of Curriculum

Richard Raschdorf- School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Bobby Seetaram – Director of Operations

D. Approval of November 9,2023 Minutes

Motion: D. Kabiawu

Second: L, Sobel

Approve: M. Zaslower, President, L. Sobel, Vice-President, T. Gallagher, Treasurer, D. Kabiawu

No: None:

Absent: T. Ogorzalek

E. Human Resources

Roll Call Vote for Item 1 - 4

Motion: T. Gallagher

Second: D. Kabiawu

Approve: M. Zaslower, President, L. Sobel, Vice-President, T. Gallagher, Treasurer, D. Kabiawu

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 December 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 December 11, 2023, through June 30,2024 per Appendix A Schedule 2.
3. **Resolved**, The EA Board of Trustees approves of the following SY24 Stipends effective November 1,2023 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.

F. Business

Roll Call Vote for Item 1 - 8

Motion: T. Gallagher

Second: D. Kabiawu

Approve: M. Zaslower, President, L. Sobel, Vice-President, T. Gallagher, Treasurer, D. Kabiawu

No: None:

Absent: T. Ogorzalek

1. **Resolved**, The EA Board of Trustees approves the Payment of Claims in the amount \$950,280.90 for the period 12/02/23 – 1/01/24.
2. **Resolved**, The EA Board of Trustees authorizes the School Business Administrator to fund the Payrolls of December 15,2023 in the amount of \$770,000 and December,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 October 2023 and its submission to the NJDOE.
4. **Resolved**, The EA Board of Trustees approves the expenditure of approximately \$3,000 for Staff Holiday Party
5. **Resolved**, The EA Board of Trustees pursuant to N.J.S.A 18A:18A-3(a)and N.J.34-5.4, establishes and sets the bid threshold amount of \$44,000 for the Board of trustees, and further authorizes Richard Raschdorf, SBA/Bd. Secy., the Qualified Purchasing Agent, to award contracts, in full accordance with N.J.S.A 9(a) for those purchases that do not exceed in the aggregate of the newly established bid threshold amount.
6. **Resolved**, The EA Board of trustees approves of entering into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with Educational Services Commission of Morris County per N.J.S.A. 40A:44-11(5) for the purchase of work, materials, services and supplies.

7. **Resolved**, The EA Board of Trustees approves entering into a Licensing and Maintenance Agreement with ED-Data Services to maintain and coordinate the district’s supply requirements and inclusion in the New Jersey Cooperative Pricing System #26EDCP. The cost for the remainder of SY24 is \$2,225. Cost thereafter is \$4,450.
8. **Resolved**, The EA Board of Trustees approves of entering into an agreement with Educational Data Services Inc to enroll in the Cooperative’s Time & Material Program covering skilled trades, maintenance services, athletic reconditioning, compliance services and ancillary school-based services. Cost through March 31,2024 is \$700. The annual cost thereafter is \$2,100.

G. Field Trips

Roll Call Vote for Item 1

Motion: T. Gallagher

Second: D. Kabiawu

Approve: M. Zaslower, President, L. Sobel, Vice-President, T. Gallagher, Treasurer, D. Kabiawu

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	K	SeaQuest Interactive Aquarium & Zoo	\$1,259
1/22/24	1	SeaQuest Interactive Aquarium & Zoo	\$1,149
1/22/24	2	Museum of Natural History	\$1,530
1/22/24	3	The Sportsplex	\$2,360
1/22/24	4	Branch brook Park Skating	\$1,875
1/23/24	5	SeaQuest Interactive Aquarium & Zoo	\$1,874
1/23/24	6	Bowlero Bowling	\$2,300
1/23/24	7	Brank brook Parking Skating	\$2,070
1/23/24	8	New York Aquarium	\$1,320
1/24/24	9	Urban Air	\$3,655