



Wednesday, June 12th
6:30 PM

147 Saint Nicholas Avenue

Annual Board Meeting

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order and Reminder to Sign Up for Public Comments**
- 2. Adoption of June 2019 Agenda**
- 3. Approval of May 2019 Minutes**
- 4. Leadership Update (including June 2019 dashboard)**
- 5. Action Items:**
 - a. Approval of 2019-2020 Instructional Calendar**
 - b. Approval of 2019-2020 Board Calendar**
 - c. Approval of Renewed Board Terms for Linda Aristondo, Sara Bloom and William Allen**
 - d. Election of Vanessa Goldberg-Drossman as a Board Trustee**
 - e. Election of Recommended 2019-2020 Board Officer Slate:**
 - Linda Aristondo, Chair**
 - Sara Bloom, Vice Chair**
 - Vanessa Goldberg-Drossman, Treasurer**
 - William Allen, Secretary**
 - f. Approval to Authorize the CMO to Offer Emily Lynn Carson the Head of School for Instruction Position for the 2019-2020 School year**
 - g. Approval to Authorize the CMO to Offer Jason Epting the Head of School for Community and Operations Position for the 2019-2020 School year**
 - h. Approval to Amend the Bylaws to Reserve a Board Seat for a Parent/Guardian Member Ex-officio Only When a Parent/Guardian is Not Already Serving as a Board Member**
- 6. PTO Report**
- 7. Public Comments**

8. Staff Comments

9. Executive Session (if needed)

10. Adjournment



Board of Trustees Meeting

May 8, 2019

630 PM

147 Saint Nicholas Avenue

New York, NY 10026

Minutes

Trustees Present

William Allen
Linda Aristondo
Sara Bloom
Vanessa Goldberg-Drossman
Linda Tarry-Chard
Scott Wickham

Also Present:

Meghan Barrios, Interim Head of School

Jon Rosenberg, Hebrew Public

Mark Fink, Hebrew Public

Ursula Vericain, Director of Operations

Michelle Galeotti, Hebrew Public

Sarah Guthartz, Community Relations Coordinator

I. Call to Order

William Allen called the meeting to order at 6:38 pm and reminded everyone in attendance to sign up for public comments if they wished to speak.

2. Adoption of Agenda(s)

Sara Bloom made a motion to adopt the April and May 2019 agendas, respectively. Linda Tarry-Chard seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes

Scott Wickham made a motion to approve the March and April 2019 minutes, respectively. Vanessa Goldberg-Drossman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

4. Leadership Update:

The board was updated to the following:

- A school wide art show would take place next Friday, May 17th featuring the works of students across the entire school. The MPR will showcase the works for parents/guardians to view.
- Enrollment events have been ongoing with intake being done by volunteers, parents/guardians, operations personnel and teachers. The events have been successful in registering new students. Events will continue through the end of the school year.
- Staff Appreciation Week is scheduled for next week as not to coincide with state testing. Parents/Guardians and members of the Hebrew Public network will be at the school to help show their gratitude to all of the teachers.
- June 18th will be Israel Day at Harlem Hebrew.
- Veteran Hebrew teacher, Zionah Bar has taken over the school's music program.
- On May 15th offer letters to current teachers will be sent out. The school hopes to have all positions filled by June 30th.
- Feedback from parents/guardians and teachers on SEL training has been positive.
- *We are in attendance* has been successful with improved attendance rates. Repeat student absences and lateness are followed up with phone calls to parents/guardians.
- Math state testing has been concluded. There have been very few opt outs by students. Science testing for 4th grade will take place later in the month.
- Harlem Hebrew was selected by the state to participate in 5th grade ELA field testing.
- Harlem Hebrew has been approved to begin a Pre-K program in the fall. All 18 spots have been filled with a wait list for the remaining 19 applicants.
- *Pearls of Wisdom*, a program that links community members with schools to share their life experiences has begun with great fanfare. A Harlem resident named Rebecca has come into the school to share her story with students. The feedback has been universally positive with the school looking to expand the program.
- STAMP testing for Hebrew proficiency for any students in the school 3 years or longer is being administered by Hebrew instructors.

**HARLEM HEBREW LANGUAGE
ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL**

**RESOLUTION OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Harlem Hebrew Parent/Guardian Board Trustee Ex-officio Condition Precedent

June 12, 2019

The resolutions hereinafter set forth as the action of the Board of Trustees of HARLEM HEBREW LANGUAGE ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL (the "School") have been duly adopted at a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the School (the "Board") duly called and held for such purpose, and do hereby direct that these Resolutions be filed in the minute book of the School:

WHEREAS, Harlem Hebrew Language Academy Charter School (the "School") was granted a charter by the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York (the "Authorizer") on June 19, 2012 to operate pursuant to its charter application (the "Application") which was incorporated by reference into the Charter Agreement (the "Agreement") signed by and between the Authorizer and the School on July 16, 2012; and was renewed for another term by and between the Authorizer and the School on or about January 23, 2018 to operate pursuant to its Renewal Charter Application ("Renewal Application") which was incorporated by reference into the Charter Renewal Agreement ("Renewal Agreement") signed by and between the Authorizer and the School on or about January 23, 2018:

WHEREAS, the Application and the Agreement state that the School will have a board of trustees not less than five (5) but no more than fifteen (15).

WHEREAS, the Application and Agreement state that the Board shall fix the exact number of trustees within these limits by board resolution or amendment of the By-Laws.

WHEREAS, the Board has fixed the number of trustees at eleven (11) by resolution at the board of trustees meeting on July 24, 2012.

WHEREAS, the Board sees further value in having parent representation on the board.

WHEREAS, the Board has determined to reserve one (1) seat for a parent/guardian from the student body to serve as a trustee of the board of directors, ex officio.

Said parent/guardian board member must have a child(ren) currently enrolled in the school during their term of service. Should those child or children depart the school during their term of service, the parent board member must resign their position.

WHEREAS, the board has further determined that the parent/guardian board member ex-officio shall only serve if NONE of the other sitting board members are not the parents/guardians of child(ren) currently enrolled in the school.

THEREFORE, the bylaws are amended accordingly to allow for a parent/guardian board member ex-officio if and only if no other sitting board member has child(ren) currently enrolled in the school.

Be it RESOLVED, that the aforementioned condition precedent for a parent/guardian board member ex-officio position will be amended to this order in the school's Bylaws and Charter.

- National Culture Week will take place from May 13 - 17th. Students will participate in activities that promote positive school culture and invited to dress up as their role model on Friday.
- A school dance for the upper grades will take place in June.
- Israel Independence day is being celebrated on May 9th.

5. PTO Report

None.

6. Public Comments

None.

7. Staff Comments

None.

8. Executive Session

Scott Wickham made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel matters. Vanessa Goldberg-Drossman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Scott Wickham made a motion to exit executive session. Linda Aristondo seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

No votes or actions were taken during this time.

9. Adjournment

Linda Aristondo made a motion adjourn. Linda Tarry-Chard seconded and the motion carried unanimously.