



Board Meeting Via Zoom

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

6 pm

**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order & Reminder for Public Comments
2. Adoption of May 2021 Agenda
3. Approval of April 2021 Minutes
4. School Leadership Update
5. Network Update
6. Public Comments
7. Adjournment



Board of Trustees Meeting via Zoom

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**Minutes**

**Trustees Present**

Alice Li
Sue Fox
Mike Tobman
Will Mack
Stella Binkevich
Ella Zalkind

**Also Present:**

Ashley Furan, Head of School, HLA2

Jon Rosenberg, CEO, Hebrew Public

Emily Fernandez, Chief Schools Officer, Hebrew Public

Lauren Murphy, External Relations Manager, Hebrew Public

**I. Call to Order & Reminder for Public Comments**

Mike Tobman called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm and reminded everyone in attendance to use the “chat” feature to sign up for public comments or to email the board at [boardhla2@hebrewpublic.org](mailto:boardhla2@hebrewpublic.org) and the comments will be addressed within 48 hours. Jon Rosenberg stated there will be a solution for members of the public to ask questions and share comments audibly by the May meeting.



## **2. Adoption of April 2021 Agenda**

Mike Tobman asked for a motion to adopt, Will Mack made a motion to adopt the April 2021 agenda. Alice Li seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

## **3. Approval of March 2021 Minutes**

Mike Tobman asked for a motion to approve, Sue Fox made a motion to approve the March 2021 minutes. Will Mack seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

## **4. School Leadership Update**

Ashley Furan, Head of School informed the board of the following:

- General School Updates
  - Back to school last Monday, April 12th
  - Final option to switch to remote or hybrid
  - State Exams started today, HLA2's first year of testing
  - Outside nature walks began for all grades
    - State testing 3rd and 4th-grade students enjoyed a double block of lunch and recess
- Hebrew Public DEI Committee: Safe Spaces
  - Bringing together staffs of all backgrounds to connect with colleagues across the network on identity and race
- School Culture
  - Attendance at almost 91%
  - Spirit Days
    - Earth Day
    - Chinese Language Day
    - Israel Independence Day celebrations
  - Making sure all students are connected virtual and hybrid
- Enrollment
  - Hitting enrollment target
  - Continuing to plan for next year



## **5. Network Update**

Jon Rosenberg, CEO of Hebrew Public, shared the following with the board and members of the public:

- Budget Planning for Next Year
  - Will be brought to the board in June public meeting
- Hopes for the future
  - In person for all students, 5 days a week
  - Further modified CDC guidelines (social distancing standards)
  - Providing a remote option for students is currently unknown
  - Joined peer organizations working with a consulting firm to tackle Fall 2021 challenges
- Recap of Summer Support Programs with Hebrew language component
  - Camp at Shorefront Y
  - Small group tutoring
  - Mental health counseling
- Fourth-year of HLA2's Existence
  - Second to last year of the first charter term
  - Charter renewal application due July 31st
  - Site visit in May with NYSED
  - NY Board of Regents decide on length of the schools next charter term
  - Will need community support and input

## **6. Executive Session**

No votes or motions were taken during this time.

## **7. Adjournment**

Will Mack motioned to adjourn the meeting, Mike Tobman seconded, the motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 pm.