



Board Meeting Agenda

July 19, 2022, 6 pm

Location: Zoom

1. Call to Order & Reminder for Public Comment(s) Sign Up
2. Adoption of the July 2022 Agenda
3. Approval of the June 2022 Meeting Minutes
4. School Leadership Update
5. Public Comments
6. Adjournment



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Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

June 22, 2022, 6 pm

Location: Zoom

Trustees Present

Will Mack
Mike Tobman
Alice Li
Adam Miller

Also Present:

Ashley Furan, Head of School, HLA2

Katie Passley, Assistant Head of School, HLA2

Brandon Parker, Director of Operations, HLA2

Jonathan Werle, Chief Operating Officer, Hebrew Public

Elly Rosenthal, Chief Financial Officer, Hebrew Public

Lauren Murphy, External Relations Manager, Hebrew Public

1. Call to Order

Adam Miller called the meeting to order at 6:14 pm and reminded everyone in attendance in order to sign up to make a public comment before the board meeting, email boardhla2@hebrewpublic.org. Members of the public who missed the public notices were given a chance to sign up during the meeting using the chat function. Members of the board and staff do not typically respond to public comments at the time they are made. However, unanswered questions will be responded to within a few business days.

2. Adoption of June 2022 Meeting Agenda

Adam Miller asked for a motion to adopt the June 2022 meeting agenda, Mike Tobman made a motion to adopt the meeting agenda. Will Mack seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

3. Approval of May 2022 Minutes

Adam Miller asked for a motion to approve the May 2022 meeting minutes, Will Mack made a motion to approve, Mike Tobman seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

4. Approval of the 2022/23 Board Meeting Dates

Adam Miller asked for a motion to approve the 2022/23 board meeting dates, Mike Tobman made the motion, and Will Mack seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

5. Review of 2022/23 Committee Meeting Dates

Board members reviewed the dates and times of the Finance Committee meetings and Education & Accountability Committee dates for the 2022-23 years.

6. Approval of 2022/23 School Calendar

Adam Miller asked for a motion to approve the 2022/23 school calendar. Mike Tobman made the motion, Alice Li seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

7. Review and Approve Board officer roles for 2022/23

- a. Adam Miller - Chair
- b. Mike Tobman - Vice-Chair
- c. Sue Fox - Treasurer
- d. Alice Li - Secretary

After a brief review and discussion, Adam Miller asked for a motion to approve the aforementioned slate of officers for the 2022-23 school year. Will Mack made the motion to approve the 2022-23 board officer slate, Mike Tobman seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

8. Review and Approve Board Member Term Renewals through 2025

- a. Mike Tobman
- b. Ella Zalkind

Adam Miller asked for a motion to approve the aforementioned board member term renewals. Alice Li made the motion, Will Mack seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

9. Review and Approval of 2022/23 Budget

Elly Rosenthal, Hebrew Public's CFO reviewed the budget highlights with the board. HLA2's Finance Committee met before this meeting to review and discuss the budget.

The areas of key focus were:

- Student Enrollment
 - Enrollment is the basis for the budget, and it is hard to predict, based on historical trends, how many offers end up in seats



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- NYC is amid an enrollment decline that began before the pandemic and has accelerated since the start. Across the country enrollment in many charter and district schools are down, with accompanying strains on school budgets
- HLA2's budget for enrollment is based on historical trends + how many offers typically turn into students in seats
- The projected number of enrollments for this fall K-5 is 300
 - The school will also serve up to 18 pre-k students, but the program is budgeted separately and not part of this breakdown
- Revenue Streams
 - Per-pupil funding is the primary source of public funding
 - Almost a 5% increase
 - Special Education is a major funding source based on the number of students receiving the services for a substantial portion of the day
 - Facilities Aid
 - HLA2 receives facilities aid for all grades at an amount per student equal to 30% of the per-pupil funding level
 - ESSERS funding
 - COVID-related \$ that will phase out over the next 2 years
 - ERC (Employee Retention Credit)
 - Funding for entities who did not reduce their staff due to COVID (not a credit, it will be received via wire or check)
 - Hebrew Public applied for this funding for all schools + the network
 - It is a form of short-term budget support
 - The funding will be paid out on a quarterly basis
- Expenses
 - Staff Compensation
 - This represents the largest expense area in the budget
 - It reflects HLA2 serving 12 sections of students in grades K-5
 - It also reflects cost-of-living increases for staff given the extremely high levels of inflation we have seen over the past year
 - Building Rent
 - The rent budgeted for 22-23 is 12 months for Stillwell (current location) if the space changes, projections will be amended

Adam Miller asked for a motion to approve the 2022-23 school budget. Mike Tobman made the motion, Alice Li seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

10. Review and Approval of 2022/23 Vendor List

Ellen Rosenthal's CFO presented the vendor list to the board for approval, after meeting with the finance committee. After a brief review of the vendors, Adam Miller asked for a motion to approve the 2022/23 vendor list. Mike Tobman made the motion, Will Mack seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

11. Preview 2022/23 School Safety Plans



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The Board all received a copy of the school safety plan for the 2022/23 year. As per Section 155.17 of the Commissioner of Education's Regulations, charter schools do have to draft, publicly notice, and adopt a safety plan with a 30-day public comment period. That period will begin on July 1, the safety plan will be posted on the school's website.

12. Leadership Update

Ashley Furan, HLA2's Head of School updated the board on the following:

- Final Update with Ashley, she is leaving HLA2 at the end of June and Katie Passley will become HOS
- Ashley shared pictures from the following events
 - 6/8 Field Day
 - 6/10 HLA2's Annual Art Show
 - 6/13 End-of-year MAP testing
 - 6/14 Annual Israel Day Celebration
 - HLA2 was decked out in decoration
 - 6/14 Visit from NYC Councilman Ari Kagan & Erik Joerss, Director of Government Affairs at NYC Charter School Center
 - 6/15 Senior Trip to Six Flags
 - 6/21 5th Grade Graduation
- Attendance
 - Year to date average is 89%
- Fall Enrollment
 - Total enrollment is 282 students
 - Pre-K, 18 seats for next year (*all seats filled*)
 - 95 new students expected
 - As of now, there is no concern for the projected enrollment numbers
 - Reimagining the current school space for next year to accommodate all grades and class sections
- Ashley shared her heartfelt thanks to all the board members and HLA2 families

On behalf of the board, Adam Miller thanked Ashley for all her hard work and dedication from starting HLA2 to leading the school through the pandemic, the board is eternally grateful!!!!

13. Public Comments

No members of the public were present.

14. Adjournment

On behalf of Hebrew Public, Jonathan Werle thanked Ashley for her commitment and leadership over the years and wished her luck in all future endeavors.



Adam Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 pm, Alice Li seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously. The next meeting will be on July 19th at 6 pm.