

# **Board of Trustees Meeting Agenda**

March 14, 2024, 6:30 pm

- I. Call to Order & Public Comment Reminder
- 2. Adoption of March 2024 Agenda
- 3. Approval of February 2024 Minutes
- 4. School Report
- 5. HOS Search Update
- 6. Student Recruitment Update
- 7. Public Comments
- 8. Adjournment



# **Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes**

February 8, 2024, 6:30 pm

#### **Trustees Present**

David H. Sorkin
Bonita Sussman
Ernest Paige
Noemi Zibuts

#### **Others Present:**

Emily Fernandez, Chief Schools Officer, Hebrew Public Valerie Khaytina, Chief External Officer, Hebrew Public Lauren Murphy, Associate Chief of Staff, Hebrew Public

#### I. Call to Order

David Sorkin asked for a motion to open the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

# 2. Adoption of the February 2024 Meeting Agenda

David Sorkin asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. Bonita Sussman made a motion to adopt the February 2024 agenda, Ernest Paige seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

### 3. Approval of the January 2024 Meeting Minutes

David Sorkin asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Noemi Zibuts made a motion to approve the January 2024 meeting minutes, Ernest Paige seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

#### 4. Review and Approval 2024/25 School Calendar

David Sorkin asked for a motion to approve the 2024/25 school calendar. Ernest Paige made the motion to approve the school calendar, Bonita Sussman seconded and the motion went to a vote and was approved unanimously with no abstentions or objections.

## 5. School Report

Emily Fernandez, Hebrew Public's Chief Schools Officer and Interim Head of School for Staten Island Hebrew Public provided a report to the board that covered updates from the previous month that included field trips, Black History Month learning, 100th day of school celebrations, Lunar New Year, and Paint party to celebrate OLAM values. The final day of the quarter is Friday, February 9th, and report card and family conferences will take place at the end of the



month. Families have an option to come in person, Zoom in, or have a phone call with the teacher.

# 6. Head of School Search Update

Lauren Murphy provided a brief report on the Head of School search, which included sharing an update on the search firm's progress: they have engaged 25 candidates, some of whom have expressed interest, and others were found through a targeted recruitment search. The strong candidates are being identified and moving forward in the process. If the board has any questions, they are encouraged to reach out to the Hebrew Public Talent Team.

# 7. Student Recruitment Report

Valerie Khaytina, Chief External Officer, provided another in-depth recruitment report to the board, which highlighted the latest application report with numbers for FY25 reviewed. Since last month, SIHP held a Tu B'shvat event which is a celebration of the new year of trees; all families and community members were invited to attend. The External Team has been reviewing the recruitment strategies and has been meeting with Staten Island-based marketing companies to see if they are the right fit to support us.

A meaningful board member discussion took place following the report.

#### 8. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

## 9. Adjournment

David Sorkin asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ernest Paige made the motion to adjourn at 7:18 p.m., Noemi Zibuts seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously. The board will meet next on March 14, 2024.