



## Staten Island Hebrew Public

### Staten Island Hebrew Public Board Meeting

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#### Date and Time

Monday December 16, 2024 at 7:45 PM EST

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#### Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter
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#### I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance		David Sorkin
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<b>B.</b> Call the Meeting to Order Call to Order & Reminder for Public Comment(s) Sign Up		David Sorkin
<b>C.</b> Adoption of December 2024 Agenda	Vote	David Sorkin
<b>D.</b> Approve November 2024 Meeting Minutes	Approve Minutes	David Sorkin
<b>II. Governance Report</b>		
<b>A.</b> Governance Committee Briefing	FYI	Noemi Zibuts
<b>III. Finance Report</b>		
<b>A.</b> Board Action: Ratification of the 23-24 Audited Financials	Vote	David Sorkin
<b>IV. School Report</b>		
<b>A.</b> Executive Director Report	Discuss	Michael Coppotelli
<b>B.</b> Head of School Report	Discuss	Amanda Ainley
<b>V. Network Report</b>		
<b>A.</b> Hebrew Public Leadership Report	FYI	Elyse Castellano
<b>VI. Public Comments</b>		
<b>A.</b> Public Comments	FYI	David Sorkin
<b>VII. Closing Items</b>		
<b>A.</b> Adjourn Meeting	Vote	David Sorkin

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# Staten Island HEBREW PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

## Staten Island Hebrew Public

### Minutes

#### Staten Island Hebrew Public Board Meeting

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##### **Date and Time**

Thursday November 14, 2024 at 6:30 PM

##### **Location**

829 Father Capodanno Blvd., Staten Island, NY 10305

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##### **Trustees Present**

Angela Olsen, Anna Maftser (remote), David Sorkin, Ernest Paige, Noemi Zibuts (remote), Rachel Amar (remote)

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## Trustees Absent

Bonita Sussman, Sigalit Grego

## Guests Present

Amanda Ainley, Jennice Hyde (remote), Lauren Murphy (remote), Michael Coppotelli, Romina Burger

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## I. Opening Items

### A. Record Attendance

### B. Call the Meeting to Order

Anna Maftser called a meeting of the board of trustees of Staten Island Hebrew Public to order on Thursday Nov 14, 2024 at 6:35 PM.

### C. Adoption of November 2024 Agenda

Rachel Amar made a motion to November 2024 agenda.

Anna Maftser seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

### D. Approve October 2024 Meeting Minutes

Ernest Paige made a motion to approve the minutes from Staten Island Hebrew Public Board Meeting on 10-10-24.

Anna Maftser seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

## II. Board Resolutions

### A. Board Action: Adoption of the Resolution to Decrease Maximum Enrollment

The board engaged in a discussion surrounding the resolution to decrease the maximum enrollment in Staten Island Hebrew Public's charter. It was emphasized this action is prudent for meeting the charter benchmark and remaining in compliance.

Rachel Amar made a motion to adopt the Resolution to Decrease Maximum Enrollment.

Anna Maftser seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

## III. Finance Report

### A. Finance Committee Report

The Finance Committee convened on October 30, 2024, to review the FY24

audited financial statements. The Treasurer signed off on the representation letter.

## IV. School Report

### A. School Presentation

Romina Burger, Staten Island Hebrew Public's Social Worker shared an in-depth PowerPoint presentation with the board which highlighted the social work program at the school. Staten Island Hebrew Public utilizes a multi-tiered system of support programming where mental health services are developed based on a tiered-level approach.

Tier one is individual counseling sessions and the development of FBA & BIPs. A Functional Behavior Assessment (FBA) is a process that identifies the cause of a student's challenging behavior, while a Behavior Intervention Plan (BIP) is a written plan that outlines how to improve or replace that behavior.

Tier two is therapeutic small groups and custom behavioral charts. An example of this tier is the school initiative *Lunch Bunch*. This involves one section per grade with 4-7 students during their lunchtime or recess focusing on their needs.

Tier three is a school-wide push in SEL lessons, self-regulation materials, and building partnerships with families and the community.

Future goals include hosting a "mindful evening" event to educate families on supporting mental health at home.

### B. Head of School Report

Amanda Ainley, Head of School, presented to the board improved school attendance rates, noting growth from 88.9% last year to 91.2% this year, attributed to proactive efforts by the attendance team, bi-weekly meetings, and student incentives like monthly awards for perfect attendance.

Academic topics covered included interim assessments, which mirror state exams to identify proficiency gaps and provide necessary accommodations, and intellectual prep sessions for teachers across grades to align curriculum. The recently launched Mastery Period allows all staff to engage in small-group learning in classrooms on Fridays, enhancing differentiated support for students.

October activities included visits to the SI Zoo, Spirit Week, and family events such as game and movie nights to foster community building. Upcoming events include family-teacher conferences, a staff potluck, a third-grade trip to the Wagner College Planetarium, and curriculum nights to support family engagement in student learning.

### **C. Executive Director Report**

Michael Coppotelli, Executive Director provided a report to the board that covered student enrollment updates, after-school programming and funding, advocacy work with local officials for an upcoming security bill, and planning for building expansion with strong landlord partnerships.

He highlighted that enrollment applications are up 80% from last year to date. 13 families visited the building today for a school tour. Outreach continues to early childhood centers via multiple channels, with plans for a postcard referral initiative.

The school passed the NY State Education Department's National School Lunch Program audit with high marks, ensuring a five-year reprieve from further review.

## **V. Network Report**

### **A. Hebrew Public Leadership Report**

Jennice Hyde, Chief Talent Officer at Hebrew Public shared updates on staff recruitment, student recruitment, finance, and operations at the network and school levels.

## **VI. Other Items**

### **A. Board Recruitment**

David Sorkin shared that he and Michael met for dinner with two prospective board members and Jon Rosenberg, Hebrew Public's CEO spoke with both candidates this week as well. The candidates will be moving forward with their applications to join the board.

## **VII. Public Comments**

### **A. Public Comments**

No public comments were shared during this time.

## **VIII. Executive Session**

### **A. Board Discussion**

Angela Olsen made a motion to enter into executive session at 7:29 pm.  
Anna Maftser seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.  
The board had a discussion around student support.  
Ernest Paige made a motion to exit executive session at 7:32 pm.  
Anna Maftser seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

## IX. Closing Items

### A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Noemi Zibuts

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