



Hebrew Language Academy
CHARTER SCHOOL

Board Meeting via Zoom
Tuesday, November 10, 2020
6:00 pm

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Reminder for Public Comments
3. Adoption of November 2020 Agenda
4. Approval of October 2020 Minutes
5. School Leadership Update
6. Network Update
7. Board Action: Charter Amendments for Board Vote
 - a. Resolution re: MLL/ELL
 - b. Resolution re: Enrollment Decrease
 - c. Resolution re: KDE (key design elements)
8. Adjournment



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Board of Trustees Meeting via Zoom

Tuesday, October 13, 2020

6 pm

Minutes

Trustees Present

Elly Rosenthal
Shari Lipner
Ellen Green
Stella Binkevich
Alice Li
Brian Tobin
Mike Tobman

Also Present:

Daniella Steinberg, Interim Head of School, HLA

Jon Rosenberg, CEO, Hebrew Public

Valerie Khaytina, Chief External Officer, Hebrew Public

Lauren Murphy, External Relations Manager, Hebrew Public

2 members of the public

1. Call to Order/Public Comments

Shari Lipner called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm and reminded everyone in attendance to use the “chat” feature to sign up for public comments or to email the board at info@hebrewpublic.org and the comments will be addressed within 48 hours.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Shari Lipner asked for a motion to adopt, Ellen Green made a motion to adopt the October 2020 agenda. Mike Tobman seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes

Shari Lipner asked for a motion to approve. Elly Rosenthal made a motion to approve the September 2020 minutes. Mike Tobman seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of Academic Calendar

Shari Lipner asked for a motion to approve. Ellen Green made a motion to approve the 2020-21 Academic Calendar. Alice Li seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

5. Leadership Update

Jon Rosenberg briefly introduced HLA's new Interim Head of School, Daniella Steinberg, who then informed the board of the following:

- Leadership staffing update
 - Kevin Morris Jr., Assistant Head of School 5-8
 - Lyvette Robles, Assistant Head of School- Operations
 - Maria Rosen, Academic Dean for Literacy
 - Ben Coleman, Academic Dean for Mathematics
 - Kadidiattou Ouedraogo, Dean of Culture K-4
 - John Richardson, Dean of Culture 5-8
 - Olivia Toomey, Special Education Coordinator
- Connection with Families
 - In addition to Around the Mill, classroom newsletters, from every teacher are being sent to families on Fridays
 - Lunch Bunch
 - Partnering with HLA2
 - Lunch groups focusing on developing social and emotional growth
- Partnering with PTO
 - Paint & Sip with Mr. Powell on 10/28, all families are encouraged to participate

- Remote Learning
 - HLA's school building has been temporarily closed for students due to City and State regulations
 - The response to closing was immediate, and based on both in-house research and feedback from families, HLA continues to make adjustments to remote learning
 - Family technology training was previously provided to enable a quick transition to a full remote schedule if/when needed

- The current daily schedule includes live instruction for core subjects as well as a mix of video content that is network-created (read aloud, phonics, novel study), and professional (Great Minds)
- Solidified content expectations for leaders and teachers
 - Intellectual prep and teacher coaching helps to enable high-quality live instruction
- HLA is supporting all learners
 - IEP meetings
 - IEPs shared with families
 - Adapted IEPs to create “Special Education Remote Learning Plans”
 - These were shared with families to ensure that they are able to support the implementation of IEP’s at home
- School Culture
 - Weekly virtual assemblies with school Deans
 - Blend of culture and social-emotional learning
 - Focused on building community and increasing student aptitude for becoming global citizens
 - October Focus: OLAM Values

6. Network Update

Jon Rosenberg shared the following with the board:

- COVID-19 Closures
 - Currently, HLA is in a 2-week “hold” as public health in the area is evaluated
 - Zip-code based closure plan, HLA is in the orange zone
 - The mandated closure had nothing to do with the infection rate in school but in surrounding neighborhoods
 - HLA continues to look to our government (City and State) for guidance on how to reopen as safely as possible
 - HLA will share all plans for a return to school or an extension of remote learning as soon as the school is informed of the local ruling and new guidelines
 - HLA anticipates resuming the Hybrid schedule upon reopening
- Presentation of the proposed resolution for discussion: changing approved maximum enrollment
 - Compliance:
 - According to NY State Charter law, we are required to have a student enrollment no less than 85% of our authorized maximum enrollment
 - Currently, our authorized maximum enrollment is 783 students

