



## BOARD MEETING

January 30, 2017

**Time:** 6:55pm – 8:28pm  
**Location:** 117 N. Franklin Avenue, Hempstead, NY 11550  
**Facilitator:** Bishop Barrington Goldson, Chairman of the Board of Trustees  
**Board Secretary:** Felicia Barracks

**Trustees in Attendance:** Hazelin Williams, Robert Stewart, Roderick Roberts, Stephen Rowley, Sandra O’Neil and Sheila Dancy-Wilkins

**Others Present:** Wayne Haughton (Executive Director), Dermoth Mattison ( MS Principal), Travis Holloway (HS Principal), Donna Douglas (Director of Operations), Washburn Martin (Business Manager), Hope Chin (Business Manager), Nicholas Stapleton (Chief Academic Officer)

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Board Chairman Goldson opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and thanking them for their service to the Academy. He looks forward to another successful year. Chairman Goldson called for the Chief Academic Officer’s Report.

**Report:** Chief Academic Officer’s Report  
**Person Responsible:** Nicholas Stapleton

### Discussion

- ❖ NYS Regents Exams 2016 Pass Rate Comparative Data
- ❖ Growth Report

### Action Items:

### Deadlines:

Chairman Goldson requests to see data regarding students that are on the cusp of the next tier.

### Conclusion:

Dr. Stapleton provided the Board with his report. He began with his presentation of the NYS Regents Exams 2016 Pass Rate Comparative Data. Nassau County did comparatively well in regards to NYS. There was controversy surrounding last year’s rate due to the speculations of a watered-down exam; which caused an exceptional number of students to pass. Our goal is to exceed the state’s average. He explained that Living Environment, US History and ELA scores were not required for the results we are looking for, therefore not shown. Regarding the Student Growth Percentile, it is reported every year. The Growth Percentile makes up 20% of a teacher’s overall score. The first tests were given in September. Results shown for grades K-2 indicated low Math scores. This was due to material being tested that hasn’t been taught. Chairman Goldson raised a question concerning the big variance in the scores within a grade. Chairman Goldson highlighted that in one second grade class, both ELA and Math scores are high, reflecting a possible correlation that other teacher(s) may be weak in a certain subject area. Dr.

Stapleton assured this will be worked on in the near future. The Interim Assessment Data was presented by Mr. Phillips. He stated that these tests are given every year at this time. Chairman Goldson asked, "Why is there not an increase in scores all across the board?" Mr. Phillips says that it is due to the changes within students as they grow. After a brief discussion, a prevailing issue is that students know this is not a "real" test. Chairman Goldson admonished to push and reinforce that every test given is a "real" test. Chairman Goldson thanked Dr. Stapleton for his report.

Board Chairman Goldson requested a motion to accept the Chief Academic Officer's Report. Motioned by Trustee Rowley, seconded by Trustee Stewart.

Board Chairman Goldson called for the Middle School Principal's Report.

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**Report:** Middle School Principal's Report

**Person Responsible:** Dermoth Mattison

**Discussion**

- ❖ Middle School Culture Update
- ❖ Middle School January Events
- ❖ Middle School Instructional Updates
- ❖ Middle School Updates
- ❖ The Academy Chronicle

**Action Items:**

**Deadlines:**

**Conclusion:**

Mr. Mattison provided the Board with his report. He informed that last Saturday there was a great turnout for Saturday school. All progress reports have been mailed out. Mr. Mattison reported that the Middle School had six suspensions in the months of December and January. Board Chairman Goldson inquired of the nature of the suspensions. It was determined that cyber bullying was the main cause and it involved multiple students. Mr. Mattison also explained that because we are not allowed to make any judgement on what is serious and what is not, all things are reported. The other causes for suspensions are due to conflicts between students. As Mr. Mattison has recently had a baby, Board Chairman Goldson offered his congratulations.

Board Chairman Goldson requested a motion to accept the Middle School Principal's Report. Motioned by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Roberts.

Board Chairman Goldson called for the High School Principal's Report.

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**Report/Reporter:** High School Principal's Report

**Person Responsible:** Travis Holloway

**Discussion**

- ❖ Instructional/Academic Updates
- ❖ School Culture Update
- ❖ High School Student Recruitment Update

- ❖ Service Learning Update
- ❖ Student Service Learning Dashboard Report 2016-2017

**Action Items:**

None

**Deadlines:**

None

**Conclusion:**

Mr. Holloway provided the Board with his report. He reports that as tests have just been administered, he will provide the scores at the next Board meeting. Currently, there is still an opening for a Spanish teacher. An adjustment has been made to the curriculum whereby scholars have been given an Art course in lieu of Spanish. On January 21, 2017, the High School met with parents of 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade scholars. The two major topics of concerns were the communications being sent home with students regarding Saturday Academy and information regarding the High School. Parents were assured that more information regarding the High School building would be forthcoming. Additionally, as a school, we are working to make written communication accessible to parents electronically. On February 9, 2017 there will be a High School presentation at Roosevelt Children Academy Charter School for recruitment purposes. This presentation will be geared towards eighth grade parents. For the service learning update, MLK Service Day was held at Morningside Park on January 14, 2017. Forty-two High School scholars participated. This opportunity was provided by the Student Conservation Association. The scholars received seven hours of service learning credit. Chairman Goldson thanked Mr. Holloway for his report.

Board Chairman Goldson requested a motion to accept the High School Principal's Report. Motioned by Trustee Roberts, seconded by Trustee Rowley.

Board Chairman Goldson called for the Board to accept the Executive Director's Report, Director of Operations, PTO's Report and Business Manager's Report. Motioned by Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Williams.

**Report/Reporter:** Business Manager's Report

**Person Responsible:** Washburn Martin

**Discussion**

- ❖ Financial Analysis
- ❖ Profit & Loss
- ❖ Balance Sheet
- ❖ Statement of Cash Flows
- ❖ Capital Expenditure

**Action Items:**

None

**Deadlines:**

None

**Conclusion:**

Mr. Martin provided financial information for November and December along with the resolution for approval. This was read by Trustee Rowley.

| Board Chairman Goldson requested a motion to accept the resolution. Motioned by  
| Trustee Stewart, seconded by Trustee Roberts.

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In closing, Trustee Roberts raised a safety concern regarding cameras in the elevators. There was a brief discussion held. This issue will be addressed in the near future for all schools.

Board Chairman Goldson stated that action items are to be discussed prior to the start of the next meeting.

Board Chairman Goldson thanked everyone for attending. With no further questions or discussions, the meeting came to an adjournment at 8:28 PM.

| Motioned by Trustee Rowley, seconded by Trustee Stewart.