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St. HOPE Leadership Academy Board of Trustees Board meeting

MINUTES

November 19, 2015 from 6:30-8:00 pm
222 W. 134th Street

- **Welcome**

Call to Order

Steve Colon	Present
Ankur Dalal	Present
Christopher Greeley	Present
Maureen Higgins	Present
Takako Kono	Present
Lauren Mirsky	Present
Rebecca Ostrov	Absent (Excused)
Bryan Winthur	Absent (Excused) Participated by phone
Arun Yang	Present

Also present at the meeting: Constance Bond, Executive Director; Laurel Schwartz, Assistant Principal for Instruction and Teacher Development; Megan Jordan, prospective Board Member; and Gabrielle Apollon, prospective Board member.

- **Public Comment**

No requests for public comment were received

- **Consent Agenda**

The minutes of the meeting held on October 22, 2015 were unanimously approved.

- **Presentation by National Junior Honor Society Scholars**

- Scholar representatives from the National Junior Honor Society made a presentation to the Board requesting funds for their June trip to Colonial Williamsburg.
- The Board unanimously approved \$20,000 from surplus funds to support the trip.

- **Nominating Committee**

- Ms. Kono introduced prospective Board member Gabrielle Apollon who discussed her interest in joining the Board.
- Ms. Kono presented the candidacy of Megan Jordan to the Board. ***Ms. Jordan was unanimously elected to the Board, subject to approval by school's Authorizer.***
- Ms. Kono updated the Board on other potential Board members currently under consideration and areas of expertise that would be most useful.

- **Finance Committee**

- Mr. Dalal presented the September Finance Report. The Board asked questions about current SPED enrollment. Dr. Bond confirmed that it is currently 23%, which is quite high. The Board discussed potential space concerns should this number continue to grow.
 - Mr. Dalal led a discussion around SHLA's surplus funds. The Board will begin to explore solutions for long-term management of these funds that properly balances liquidity, emergency planning, and potential investments.
- **Principal Update**
 - The Board reviewed the Dashboard data, focusing on the October 2015 suspension numbers. Full implementation of restorative justice helped to keep suspensions at 39% of the October 2014 statistic. This is the second month in a row that the goal of cutting suspensions by at least half was achieved.
 - Dr. Bond updated the Board on the National School of Character application, which is due November 30.
 - Dr. Bond updated the Board on the November Parent-Teacher conferences which were again a success with over 75% of families attending. Parents consistently expressed that the conferences were highly informative and useful.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm

I, Steve Colón, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting Secretary of St. HOPE Leadership Academy, a New York education corporation and that the above is a true and complete copy of the Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the said corporation held on *November 19, 2015* at which quorum was present throughout. Dated (*November 20, 2015*)