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St. HOPE Leadership Academy Board of Trustees
Board meeting

MINUTES

October 22, 2015 from 6:30-8:00 pm
222 W. 134th Street

• **Welcome**

Call to Order

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

Also present at the meeting: Constance Bond, Executive Director; Laurel Schwartz, Assistant Principal for Instruction and Teacher Development; Daniel Mejias, Math Coach; Max Hoover, ELA Coach; and Megan Jordan, prospective Board Member

• **Public Comment**

No requests for public comment were received

• **Consent Agenda**

The minutes of the meeting held on September 17, 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 to participate in the NJHS Leadership Conference in Washington, DC
- The Board unanimously approved \$4,000 from surplus funds to support the trip.

• **Nominating Committee**

- Ms. Kono introduced prospective Board member Megan Jordan who discussed her interest in joining the Board.
- Ms. Kono updated the Board on other potential Board members currently under consideration.
- Dr. Bond thanked Board members for completing the Board Disclosure Forms on the NYSED Website and reminded others of the deadline.

• **Accountability Committee**

- Dr. Bond presented the NWEA MAP results and discussed projected pass rates for ELA and math at each grade level. Mr. Mejias presented specifics around math goal setting, Mr. Hoover presented specifics around ELA goal setting, and Ms. Schwartz discussed projected pass rates for the 8th grade Earth Science and US History Regents.
- **Principal Update**
 - Dr. Bond updated the Board on hiring an ELA and a math targeted academic intervention teacher funded through surplus funds. The math candidate has been hired and will start next week. The search for the ELA candidate continues.
 - The Board voted unanimously to permit Dr. Bond to be the sole signatory on the check to pay this month's health insurance for the school, given that the Board chair, Ms. Mirsky, is out of the country.
 - The Board reviewed the Dashboard data, focusing on the September suspension numbers. With the full implementation of restorative justice, the goal is to cut suspensions by at least half each month as compared to the prior year. This goal was reached in September.

The Board entered Executive Session at 7:45 and exited Executive Session at 8:20. The Board voted unanimously to contract with the law firm of Cohen, Schneider & O'Neill LLP to assist the school with a legal matter.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm

I, Steve Colon, 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 *October 22, 2015* at which a quorum was present throughout.

Dated (*October 23, 2015*)