



**Social Justice Public Charter School
Board of Trustees Meeting
October 30, 2024 (held via Zoom)**

Board Members Present: Neils Ribeiro-Yemofio (NRY), Joel Smith Goering (JSG), Caitlin Campbell-Hahn (CCH), Shannon Hodge (SH), Yinnie Tse (YT)

Board Members Absent: Tiffany Gillis Brown (TGB), Dionne McDonald (DM), Aaron Stallworth (AS), Eric Goldstein (EG)

Staff Members Present: Myron Long (ML), Executive Director, Brandon Johnson (BJ), Managing Director of School

Guests Present: Marcus Dantley (MD), Susan Kay (SK), Jake Cinti (JC)

A. Meeting Opening: Roll Call; Establishment of Quorum; Call to Order

NRY called the meeting to order at 6:09pm and established quorum with 5 board members and 1 staff member present.

ML shared the mission moment: SJS completed its “Guaranteed, Together” pilot and heard from families and students about the impact of the guaranteed income on their families. Student data is limited but we are looking at the impact on attendance and MAP scores. Positive family stories include seeing an increase in credit score, being able to purchase a washer/dryer, and being able to afford their first vacation since they became parents.

ML introduced Introduced Marcus Dantley, a prospective board member and parent of two SJS students. MD shared that he is excited to get more involved and help the SJS community.

NRY noted that there would be adjustment to the agenda to allow for a presentation on the lease.

B. Approval of Lease

ML, JC and SK gave an overview of the proposed lease agreement, noting that the terms are very favorable. The board asked clarifying and probing questions about the lease terms.

YT made a motion to authorize the co-treasurers to sign and approve the lease agreement on the board’s behalf following final negotiations. SH seconded. The motion carried unanimously with no abstentions.

C. Approval of August 2024 Minutes

YT moved to approve the August 2024 board meeting minutes. CCH seconded. The motion carried unanimously with no abstentions.

D. Executive Director Updates

ML shared updates on the GWCF Health Equity Fund grant, CTE grant, adjustments to the FY25 budget, and safe passage walkers for the school.

E. Committee Reports

Finance, Audit and Facilities: JSG shared an overview of SJS's finances, noting adjustments due to our budget shortfall. This year SJS had a clean audit, including its first federal audit, which was a big lift.

Governance Committee: SH shared updates on the committee's prior two meetings and noted that we plan to bring proposed by-law changes to the next meeting.

School Performance: CCH encouraged board members to review and share any feedback on the new draft dashboard for school performance metrics. She shared the SY24-25 school goals and noted that the SPC hoped to make it an annual practice to review and adopt the goals.

YT made a motion to approve the SY24-25 academic and operational goals. SH seconded. The motion carried unanimously with no abstentions.

F. Executive Session

NRY asked for a motion to move to executive session to discuss the performance review of the Executive Director. SH moved to go into executive session and JSG seconded. The board moved into executive session at 7:20pm "to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, performance evaluation, compensation, discipline, demotion, removal, or resignation of government appointees, employees, or officials, or of public charter school personnel, where the public body is the board of trustees of a public charter school" pursuant to DC Code § 2-575(b)(10).

While in executive session, JSG made a motion to approve the Executive Director's SY23-24 performance review. YT seconded. The motion carried unanimously with no abstentions.

G. Closing

The board returned from executive session at 7:32pm. NRY called for a motion to adjourn. SH moved to adjourn and YT seconded. The motion carried with all in favor and no abstentions. The meeting was adjourned at 7:33pm.