

**MINUTES OF THE
HELLENIC CLASSICAL CHARTER – STATEN ISLAND
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
HELD ON JANUARY 23, 2020 AT 10:00 a.m.
AT
646 5TH AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, 11215**

MEMBERS AND STAFF

PRESENT

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| Joy Petrakos | Chief of Operations |
| Natasha Caban | Principal HCCS-PS |
| Anastasia Etimos | Guidance Counselor |
| Christina Portelos | Director of Finance & Operations |
| Stacy Kokkoros | Business Administrative Assistant |

VIA SKYPE CONFERENCE

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| Cathy Kakleas | Principal HCCS-SI |
| Charles Capetanakis | Chairman |
| Harvey Newman | Secretary |
| Nikolaos Leonardos | Treasurer |
| Effie Lekas | Member |
| Grazia Svokos | Member |
| Dean Angelakos | Member/Excused |

ABSENT

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| Christina Tettonis | Superintendent |
| Dr. Liana Theodoratou | Member/Excused |
| Nik Mathews | Member/Excused |

Mr. Capetanakis chaired the meeting. Joy Petrakos acted as recorder. There were six Board members present at the Board meeting, as such having quorum.

The first item on the agenda is the approval of the minutes of the meeting on December 16, 2019. On a motion made by Mr. Newman and seconded by Mrs. Svokos, the minutes were unanimously approved.

CHIEF OF OPERATIONS REPORT

Mrs. Petrakos reported to the Board that the merger for our schools was successfully submitted to the DOE. She thanked the State Education Department for giving us an extension to submit. The application was submitted on January 17th, 2020. Additionally, the DOE received the required Letter of Intent to merge on the same day. We have since scheduled a DOE public hearing which will be held on February 12th, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at HCCS-PS to inform the public that HCCS-PS will be merging authorizers with HCCS-SI.

Mrs. Petrakos reported that the merger will most likely be submitted for Board of Regents approval in March or April. She continued to inform the Board that once she receives the notice she will update the Board. Once approved, it will be effective July 1, 2020. HCCS-SI will then submit the CSP Grant application which entitle us to be eligible to potentially receive \$800,000.00 - \$1,200,000.00 in funding.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mrs. Kakleas reported that HCCS-SI has had two successful Open Houses. Overall we were in receipt of 41 Kindergarten applications and one Second grade application. She continued to report that HCCS-SI had three new students register for first grade for the current school year. There are now a total of 75 students enrolled in HCCS-SI.

Mrs. Petrakos reported that Mrs. Capetanakis along with the P.T.A. have been continuing with the outreach within the community. They have visited many pre-schools and local business. The new HCCS-SI P.T.A. is amazing, she stated. They wear our school hoodies and promote our school and show school spirit. Mr. Capetanakis asked if we can ask the alumni to help go to the local nursery and pre-schools to promote the school.

Mrs. Kakleas reported that HCCS-SI has been receiving many calls about the UPK program. The UPK application was successfully submitted for HCCS-SI. We had a site visit from the UPK department at the school in January.

Mr. Capetanakis stated that we are negotiating a long term lease after the general assembly. Also, Jennifer Gerakaris submitted a construction budget for the parking lot which is also being negotiated.

Mrs. Petrakos requested that the Board members think about who they can recruit onto the board. The new board member would preferably be a resident of Staten Island. Mr. Newman believes that the synergy of the Board is very important. The Board will be pursuing this further.

Mr. Capetanakis stated that Albany announced the budget and charter schools should be receiving an increase in the pupil allocation for school year 2020-2021.

Mr. Capetanakis called for an executive session. Mr. Newman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimous.

Mr. Capetanakis moved to come out of executive session. During executive session there were no votes taken.

There being no unfinished business, Mr. Capetanakis asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Lekas. Mr. Newman seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

The next Board meeting will be held at HCCS-PS at 9:30 a.m. on February 27, 2020.

Harvey Newman, Secretary