

HARAMBEE INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND  
TECHNOLOGY CHARTER SCHOOL  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

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**May 27th 2020**  
**Zoom Public Board Meeting**  
**5:00-6:30 P.M.**

The meeting of the Board of Trustees Public Meeting was held on Wednesday May 27, 2020 via Zoom

**Meeting Called to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

**Introduction of Visitors and Others Present**

Visitors were introduced and stated their names and purpose

Aliya Bland- Parent, introduced herself and stated her name for the record  
Carmen Smith- Parent, introduced herself and stated her name for the record

**Board Members Present:**

Maurice Baynard  
Charis Jackson  
Lakiesha Creighton  
Renee Whitby  
C. Wade Mosely  
Donna Holmes Lockett  
Joseph Foster

**Board Members Absent:**

Marirose Roach  
Larry Bell

**Others Present:**

Gregory Shannon            Chief Executive Officer  
Michelle Thornton        Chief Financial Officer

Ericka Washington      Assistant Principal of School Operations  
Sara Ferguson          Assistant Principal of Instruction  
Angela Dennis          Assistant Principal of Specialized Services

Dr. Maurice Baynard, Board Chairman welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for attending. He indicated that there would be four items that the Board would be voting on tonight. He informed everyone that the floor would be open for any questions from the Board and any questions members of the public might have. Dr. Baynard began with opening the floor for a motion to vote on the budget that has already been reviewed by the Board.

### **Voting- 2020-2021 Budget**

A motion was made by Board member Joseph Foster to adopt the 2020-2021 Budget. The motion was seconded by Board member C. Wade Mosely and Charis Jackson. All agreed, none opposed.

**Motion:** to approve 2020-2021 Budget

**Approval**   AYE: 7      Nays: 0      Abstentions: 0      Absent: 3

### **Voting- Health Examination Policy**

Dr. Baynard opened the floor for discussion of the Health Examination Policy. A motion was made by Board member C. Wade Mosely and seconded by Board member Kiesha Creighton. All agreed, none opposed.

**Motion:** to approve the Health Examination Policy

**Approval**   AYE: 7      Nays: 0      Abstentions: 0      Absent: 3

### **Voting- Immunization and Communicable Diseases Policy**

Dr. Baynard opened the floor for discussion of the Immunization and Communicable Diseases Policy. A motion was made by Board member C. Wade Mosely and seconded by two Board members. All agreed, none opposed.

**Motion:** to approve the Immunization and Communicable Diseases Policy

**Approval** AYE: 7      Nays: 0      Abstentions: 0      Absent: 3

The Chairman turned the meeting over to Mr. Shannon, Chief Executive Officer. He opened the floor for comments on all three policies and asked members of the Board and community to adhere to a three-minute comment.

### **Public Comment**

Dr. Baynard acknowledged the parents and community and gave them an opportunity to comment and / or ask questions regarding all of the above items that were being discussed.

Kiesha Creighton, Parent and Board member stated her name and posed the first question.

She asked if children and teachers with asthma and other respiratory problems had been considered in the use of certain aerosol and other cleaning products that are being used to sanitize the building.

Ericka Washington, Assistant Principal of Operations assured her that the products had all been taken into consideration.

Aliya Bland - Parent

Ms. Bland had questions regarding her daughter's personal belongings. She asked how she could arrange for her daughter to retrieve her eyeglasses that were left in her desk. She also inquired about whether the school had been cleaned.

Ericka Washington, Assistant Principal of Operations responded that the school has followed Philadelphia Department of Health guidelines in terms of cleaning. Assistant Principal Washington also answered that she is currently working on a plan for all students to retrieve their belongings. Once the plan is in place all parents and students will be notified.

Announcements

Dr. Baynard asked Mr. Shannon, Chief Executive Officer, to discuss updates and announcements. Mr. Shannon noted that Harambe has been given a thorough cleaning in alignment with the Philadelphia Department of Health's guidelines, on a number of occasions since closing in March. Harambe is awaiting additional guidance from the Office of the Governor and the Department of Education, to ensure that the school's protocols are aligned with all of the guidance from Harrisburg.

Mr. Shannon also stated that with respect to plans for the next school year, they have been planning diligently for months and have developed four (4) scenarios for what the next school year might look like. The administrative team is currently awaiting additional guidance from the Office of the Governor and the Pennsylvania Department of Education to ensure that their protocols align with the guidance that has been given from Harrisburg. Mr. Shannon noted that once received, they plan to hold a virtual Town Hall Meeting for parents to discuss what next year will look like.

Mr. Shannon announced that on Monday June 8, 2020, Harambee will hold virtual closing ceremonies for the eighth-grade class and the Board will receive a virtual invitation. Harambee students will receive a lawn sign and tee shirt. In addition, Mr. Shannon noted that on Friday June 12, 2020 Harambee will hold its 2020 Virtual Celebration of Excellence, where staff will be acknowledged and receive awards. The awards include: Teacher of the Year; Keeper of the Culture, Supper Supporter and the Rising Star awards. In addition, Mama Robin will be honored for retirement.

**Motion:** Dr. Baynard entertained a motion to dismiss the Board meeting. The motion was seconded and all agreed. The meeting was dismissed.

### **Adjourn Board Meeting**

**The next Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 24, 2020**

