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## CLASSICAL ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

### ADOPTION RESOLUTION

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RESOLVED, that the bylaws and policies printed and codified in the comprehensive document entitled “Bylaws and Policies of the Classical Academy Charter School Board of Trustees” are hereby adopted and that all bylaws and policies heretofore adopted by the Classical Academy Charter School Board of Trustees and inconsistent with the bylaws and policies hereby adopted are hereby rescinded, and be it further

RESOLVED, that in the event any policy, part of a policy or section of the bylaws is judged to be inconsistent with law or inoperative by a court of competent jurisdiction or is invalidated by a policy or contract duly adopted by this Board, the remaining bylaws, policies, and parts of policies shall remain in full effect.

Adopted by the Classical Academy Charter School Board of Trustees in the County of Passaic at a public meeting held in Clifton, New Jersey on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018.



### 0000.02 INTRODUCTION

#### Definitions

The following terms used in these bylaws, policies, and regulations shall have the meanings set forth below unless the context requires a different meaning or a different definition is supplied:

“Board” means the Board of Trustees of Classical Academy Charter School.

“Bylaw” means a rule of the Board for its own operation.

“Collective Bargaining”, “Negotiated Agreement”, or “Collective Bargaining Agreement” means a contract collectively negotiated by the Board of Trustees and a recognized bargaining unit.

“Commissioner” means the New Jersey State Commissioner of Education.

“Core Curriculum Content Standards” means the New Jersey Student Learning Standards.

“County Superintendent” means the Executive County Superintendent of Schools designated by the Department of Education for this school district.

“Day” means a calendar day.

“Division of Youth and Family Services” or “DYFS” means the New Jersey Department of Children and Families – Division of Child Protection and Permanency or DCP&P.

“Executive County Superintendent” means the “County Superintendent designated by the Department of Education for this school district.”

“Full Board” means the authorized number of voting members of the Board of Trustees.

“Lead Person” means the Chief School Administrator of this school; except where prohibited by law, “Lead Person” means the qualified person duly delegated by the Lead Person to discharge a particular duty in place of the Lead Person. The Lead Person of this school shall also serve as the school Principal.

“Meeting” means a gathering that is attended by or open to all of the members of the Board of Trustees, held with the intent on the part of the Board members present to discuss or act as a unit on the specific public business of the Board of Trustees.



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“New Jersey Student Learning Standards” or “NJSLS” means standards adopted by the State Board of Education on May 1, 1996, and as thereafter revised by the State Board, and the Common Core State Standards adopted by the State Board on June 16, 2010, and as thereafter revised by the State Board, that describe the knowledge and skills all New Jersey students are expected to acquire by benchmark grades in the following areas: English language arts; mathematics; science; social studies; visual and performing arts; comprehensive health and physical education; world languages; technology; and 21st century life and careers. The standards are established for the provision of a thorough and efficient education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-46 and as a basis for the evaluation of school districts in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:30.

“Parent” means the natural parent(s), adoptive parent(s), legal guardian(s), foster parent(s), or parent surrogate(s) of a student. Where parents are separated or divorced, “parent” means the person or agency who has legal custody of the student, as well as the natural or adoptive parent(s) of the student provided such parental rights have not been terminated by a court of appropriate jurisdiction.

“Policy” means a Statement, formally adopted by the Board of Trustees, in which the Board recognizes the mandates and constraints of law, establishes practices and standards binding on staff members and students, and gives direction to the Lead Person.

“President” means the President of the Board of Trustees.

“Principal” means the administrator in charge of a school building or facility; except where prohibited by law, “Principal or designee” means the qualified person duly delegated by the Principal to discharge a particular duty in place of the Principal. The Lead Person of this school also serves as the school’s Principal.

“Professional employee” means an employee who holds a position for which a certificate issued by the New Jersey State Board of Examiners is required.

“Pupil” means a student enrolled in a school in this district.

“Regulation” means a Statement developed and promulgated by the Lead Person that details the specific operations by which Board policy or a legal mandate is implemented.

“Secretary” means the Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

“Student” means a pupil enrolled in a school in this district.

“Support staff member” means an employee who holds a position for which no certificate issued by the New Jersey State Board of Examiners is required.



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“Teaching staff member” means an employee who holds a position for which a certificate issued by the New Jersey State Board of Examiners is required.

“Treasurer” means the Treasurer of School Moneys for this school district.

### Construction

The following rules of construction apply to these bylaws, policies and regulations:

1. Wherever possible, language shall be given its clear and ordinary interpretation;
2. Language shall be construed to have a meaning that complies with law;
3. In the event bylaws, policies and regulations conflict with one another, the later adopted bylaw, policy or regulation shall take precedence over the earlier, and the more specific bylaw, policy or regulation shall take precedence over the more general;
4. Except as otherwise provided by the context, the auxiliary verbs “shall,” “will,” and “must” indicate a mandated action, and the auxiliary verb “may” indicates an action that is permitted but is not mandated.

### Effectuation

Except as may otherwise be expressly provided, a bylaw, policy or regulation will become effective on the date it is adopted and a revised bylaw, policy or regulation will become effective on the date it is revised.

### Citations

Bylaws, policies and regulations may contain citations to the following codifications of State and Federal laws and regulations:

1. United States Code – U.S.C.
2. United States Regulations – Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.)
3. New Jersey Statutes  
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### Severability

If any part of this manual is made invalid by judicial decision or legislative or administrative enactment, all other parts shall remain in full effect unless and until they are amended or repealed by the Board of Trustees or until regulations issued by the Lead Person are amended.

### Enactment

The official record of the adoption, issuance, amendment, or repeal of the bylaws, policies and regulations of this school shall be the minutes of meetings of the Board of Trustees. Such alterations shall be duly entered in this manual; a master copy of the bylaw, policy and regulation manual shall be maintained by the Lead Person's office and shall be the manual to which all others may be compared for accuracy.



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### 0110 IDENTIFICATION

#### Name

The official name of the Board of Trustees shall be “The Board of Trustees of Classical Academy Charter School in the County of Passaic.”

#### Purpose

The Board of Trustees exists for the purpose of providing a thorough and efficient system of free public education in grades six through eight in the Classical Academy Charter School.

#### Classification

The school shall be classified as a Charter school.

#### Address

The address of the Board of Trustees shall be:  
20 Valley Road  
Clifton, New Jersey 07013

N.J.S.A. 18A:8-1; 18A:9-2; 18A:9-3; 18A:10-2

Adopted: 17 May 2018



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### 0120 AUTHORITY AND POWERS

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#### Authority

The Board of Trustees is constituted, authorized, and governed by the statutes of the State of New Jersey, Title 18A, Education.

#### Powers

The Board shall make, amend, and repeal rules not inconsistent with statutes or with the rules of the State Board of Education for its own government and the transaction of its business and for the government and management of the public school and the public property of the school and for the employment, regulation of, conduct, and discharge of its employees. The Board shall perform all acts and do all things, consistent with law and the rules of the State Board, necessary for the proper conduct, equipment and maintenance of the charter school.

N.J.S.A. 18A:36A-3; 18A:36A-14; 18A:10-1; 18A:11-1; 18A:16-1; 18A:20-1; 18A:27-4

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### 0131 BYLAWS AND POLICIES

The Board of Trustees shall exercise its rule-making power by adopting bylaws and policies for the organization and operation of the school.

#### Adoption, Amendment, and Repeal

Bylaws and policies may be adopted, amended, and repealed at any meeting of the Board, provided the proposed adoption, amendment, or repeal has been proposed and approved at a previous meeting of the Board.

The Board may, under emergency circumstances, suspend the operation of a bylaw or policy and adopt, amend, or repeal a bylaw or policy without prior notice. The emergency adoption, amendment, or repeal of a bylaw or policy shall terminate at the next meeting of the Board or at such earlier date as may be specified by the Board unless further acted upon by the Board.

The adoption, amendment, repeal, or suspension of a bylaw or policy shall be recorded in the minutes of the Board. Any policy or part of a policy that is superseded by a term in a negotiated agreement or by a subsequently adopted policy shall no longer be in force and effect as a policy.

#### Promulgation and Distribution

A manual of bylaws and policies shall be maintained. A copy of the manual of bylaws and policies shall be given to each Board member, the Lead Person, the Board President, the Board Attorney, the Building Principal, and other individuals designated by the Lead Person.

The Lead Person's office shall institute a plan for the orderly promulgation of policies to staff members who are affected by them and shall provide staff members with access to an up-to-date manual of Board bylaws and policies.

Each copy of the manual of bylaws and policies shall be numbered; a record of the placement of each manual shall be maintained by the Lead Person. Copies of revised pages will be furnished to the holders of manuals as changes are made to bylaws and policies. The holder of a policy manual shall return the manual to the Board President upon the termination of his/her service to the school.



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The manual of bylaws and policies shall be considered a public record open to inspection in the office of the Lead Person. The manual retained by the Lead Person's office shall be considered the master copy of the policy manual and shall not be modified by any person other than the Lead Person or his/her designee.

### Development of Bylaws and Policies

Bylaws and policies will be developed and considered by the Board in accordance with the following procedure:

1. A new or revised bylaw or policy may be suggested to the Board by any Board member, the Lead Person, any staff member, or a member of the public;
2. A suggestion for a new or revised bylaw or policy may be referred, at the discretion of the President and as appropriate to the subject, to the Lead Person, a Board committee, or a public advisory committee for study and formulation of a recommendation to the Board. Any study of a policy suggestion should consider whether the matter is adequately addressed in existing Board policy and whether the matter is more appropriately addressed by administrative regulation;
3. If a recommendation for a new or revised bylaw or policy results from referral for study, a proposed draft will be submitted to the Board for discussion and approval on first reading. Copies of the proposed draft will be made available to staff members and the public, and comment will be invited. Changes in the draft may be made, by a simple majority vote, when the draft is presented for approval on first reading;
4. The proposed draft, approved on first reading, will be submitted for adoption at the next regular meeting of the Board. Changes in the draft may be made by a simple majority vote. A change that alters the substantive meaning of the draft will constitute a new first reading, and the draft must be presented for adoption at the next succeeding Board meeting. A change that is merely editorial may be followed by a vote to adopt the new or revised bylaw or policy on second reading.

N.J.S.A. 18A:11-1

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### 0132 EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY

The Board of Trustees shall exercise its executive power in part by the appointment of a Lead Person as Chief School Administrator, who shall enforce the statutes of the State of New Jersey, rules of the State Board of Education, and policies of this Board.

The Lead Person shall prepare regulations for the administration of the school that are consistent with statutes or rules of the State Board of Education and are dictated by the policies of this Board. Administrative regulations shall be binding on the employees and the students of this school when issued and shall be provided to the Board for the information of Board members except where Board approval is required by law.

The Lead Person shall be delegated the authority to take necessary action in circumstances not governed by Board policy and shall report any such action to the Board at the first regular Board meeting following the action.

The Lead Person shall have a seat on the Board and shall have the right to speak on all matters at meetings of the Board, but shall have no vote.

N.J.S.A. 18A:17-20

Adopted: 17 May 2018



## 0133 ADJUDICATION OF DISPUTES

The Board of Trustees may assume jurisdiction over any dispute or controversy arising within this school and concerning any matter over which authority has been vested in the Board by statute, rule of the State Board of Education, or a contract or policy of this Board.

The Board may hold hearings that will offer the parties to a dispute, on notice duly given, a fair and impartial forum for the resolution of the matter.

Beyond the basic requirements of due process a hearing will vary in form and content as dictated by the severity of the consequences that may flow from the Board's determination, the degree of difficulty of establishing findings of fact from conflicting evidence, and the impact of the Board's decision on the school.

Regulations for the conduct of adjudicatory hearings of the Board shall be prepared as guidelines for those who may be heard by the Board.

A decision of the Board may be appealed to the Commissioner of Education.

N.J.S.A. 18A:11-1

Adopted: 17 May 2018



## 0134 BOARD SELF EVALUATION

The Board of Trustees may determine to conduct a self-evaluation on a periodic or regular basis. In the event the Board determines to conduct a self-evaluation, it will adopt an evaluation instrument that permits individual Board members to record their assessment of the conduct of the Board in fulfilling its responsibilities in accordance with applicable statutes and administrative codes.

The assessments will be tabulated by the Board President or designee and presented for discussion at a regular meeting of the Board in which the Lead Person will be invited to participate. The Board will formulate, as appropriate, goals and priorities that will serve to guide the Board's future conduct.

N.J.S.A. 18A:11-1

Adopted: 17 May 2018



### 0142 BOARD MEMBER QUALIFICATIONS, PROHIBITED ACTS, AND CODE OF ETHICS

Each member of the Board of Trustees shall possess the qualifications required by law and shall be bound by the provisions of the School Ethics Act.

#### Qualification of Office

A Board member must be a citizen of the United States.

A Board member must be able to read and write.

A Board member must be registered to vote and not disqualified from voting pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:4-1.

A Board member may not have been convicted of a crime or offense as listed in N.J.S.A. 18A:12-1.

Each member of the Board of Trustees, within thirty days of election or appointment to the Board shall undergo a criminal history background investigation for the purpose of ensuring the member is not disqualified from membership due to a criminal conviction of a crime or offense listed in N.J.S.A. 18A:12-1 et seq. The Board of Trustees will reimburse the Board member for the costs of the criminal history record check. The Commissioner of Education shall notify the Board of Trustees if a member has been disqualified from membership on the Board as the result of the criminal history record check. The Commissioner of Education will also notify the Board if a Board member has charges enumerated in N.J.S.A. 18A:12-1 pending against him/her and the Board shall take appropriate action. If the pending charges result in conviction, the member shall be disqualified from continued membership on the Board.

#### Prohibited Acts

“Business” means any corporation, partnership, firm, enterprise, franchise, association, trust, sole proprietorship, union, political organization, or other legal entity but does not include a school or other public entity.

“Interest” means the ownership of or control of more than ten percent of the profits, assets, or stocks of a business but does not include the control of assets in a labor union.



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“Immediate family” means the person to whom the Board member is legally married and any dependent child of the Board member residing in the same household.

No Board member or member of his/her immediate family shall have an interest in a business organization or engage in any business, transaction, or professional activity that is in substantial conflict with the proper discharge of his/her duties in the public interest.

No Board member shall use or attempt to use his/her official position to secure unwarranted privileges, advantages, or employment for him/herself, members of his/her immediate family, or others.

No Board member shall act in his/her official capacity in any matter where he/she, a member of his/her immediate family, or a business organization in which he/she has an interest, has a direct or indirect financial or personal involvement that might reasonably be expected to impair his/her independence of judgment in the exercise of official duties. No Board member shall act in his/her official capacity in any matter where he/she or a member of his/her immediate family has a personal involvement that is or creates some benefit to the Board member or a member of his/her immediate family.

No Board member shall undertake any employment or service, whether compensated or not, which might reasonably be expected to prejudice his/her independence of judgment in the exercise of official duties.

No Board member or member of his/her immediate family or business organization in which he/she has an interest shall solicit or accept any gift, favor, loan, political contribution, service, promise of future employment, or other thing of value based upon an understanding that the gift, favor, loan, contribution, service, promise, or other thing of value was given or offered for the purpose of influencing him/her, directly or indirectly, in the discharge of his/her official duties, except that the member may have solicited or accepted contributions to his/her campaign for election to public office if he/she had no knowledge or reason to believe that the campaign contribution, if accepted, was given with the intent to influence him/her in the discharge of official duties. Board members may not accept offers of meals, entertainment or hospitality which are limited to clients/customers of the individual providing such hospitality. Board members may attend hospitality suites or receptions at conferences only when they are open to all persons attending the conference.



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No Board member shall use, or allow to be used, his public office or any information not generally available to the members of the public which he/she receives or acquires in the course of and by reason of his/her office, for the purpose of securing financial gain for him/herself, any member of his/her immediate family, or any business organization with which he/she is associated.

No Board member or business organization in which he/she has an interest shall represent any person or party other than the Board of Trustees or this school in connection with any cause, proceeding, application, or other matter pending before this school or in any proceeding involving this school, except that this provision shall not be deemed to prohibit representation within the context of official labor union or similar representational responsibilities.

It is not a conflict of interest if, merely by reason of his/her participation in any matter voted upon by the Board, a Board member accrues material or monetary gain that is no greater than the gain that could reasonably be expected to accrue to any other member of the member's business, profession, occupation, or group.

No elected Board member shall be prohibited from making an inquiry for information on behalf of a constituent, if no fee, reward, or other thing of value is promised to or given to or accepted by the member or a member of his/her immediate family, whether directly or indirectly, in return for the information so requested.

Nothing shall prohibit a Board member or members of his/her immediate family from representing him/herself or themselves in negotiations or proceedings concerning his/her or their own interests, except that Board members shall disqualify themselves from participating in negotiations and voting on collective bargaining agreements where their spouse or dependent children are members of the bargaining unit.

Each Board member shall annually, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:12-25 and 18A:12-26, file a disclosure statement regarding potential conflicts of interest.

### Ineligibility for School Employment

A Board member cannot be appointed to a paid office or position required to be filled by the Board, except where law permits or requires that the office or position be filled by a Board member, and is ineligible for appointment to a paid office or position in the school for at least six months after the member's retirement, resignation, or removal from Board membership.





### Code of Ethics

In accordance with N.J.S.A 18A:12-24.1 every Board member will abide by the following Code of Ethics. The Board member will:

1. Uphold and enforce all laws, rules and regulations of the State Board of Education and court orders pertaining to schools. Desired changes shall be brought about only through legal and ethical procedures.
2. Make decisions in terms of the educational welfare of children and seek to develop and maintain a public school that meet the individual needs of all children regardless of their ability, race, creed, sex, or social standing.
3. Confine his/her Board action to policy making, planning and appraisal, and help to frame policies and plans only after the Board has consulted those who will be affected by them.
4. Carry out his/her responsibility not to administer the school, but together with fellow Board members, insure they are well run.
5. Recognize that authority rests with the Board of Trustees and make no personal promises nor take any private action that may compromise the Board.
6. Refuse to surrender his/her independent judgment to special interest or partisan political groups or to use the school for personal gain or for the gain of friends.
7. Hold confidential all matters pertaining to the school, which, if disclosed, would needlessly injure individuals, or the school. In all other matters, he/she will provide accurate information and, in concert with fellow Board members, interpret to the staff the aspirations of the community for its school.
8. Vote to appoint the best-qualified personnel available after consideration of the recommendation of the chief administrative officer.
9. Support and protect school personnel in proper performance of their duties.
10. Refer all complaints to the chief administrative officer and act on the complaints at public meetings only after failure of an administrative solution.



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Each Board member is required to sign an acknowledgment that he/she received a copy, read and will become familiar with the Code of Ethics for School Board Members contained within N.J.S.A. 18A:12-21 et seq. The Lead Person and/or School Business Administrator/Board Secretary will provide each Board member with a copy of the Code of Ethics and the required acknowledgement on an annual basis and will maintain the original signed acknowledgment(s) in the Lead Person's office.

The Board will receive a copy of and discuss the School Ethics Act and the Code of Ethics for School Board Members, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 12-21 et seq., at a regular scheduled public meeting each year. The discussion may include presentations by school administrative staff, the Board attorney, Board members and/or other professionals familiar with the School Ethics Act and the Code of Ethics. In addition, the Board Attorney, Lead Person, and/or School Business Administrator/Board Secretary will keep the Board informed of decisions by the School Ethics Commission, Commissioner of Education, State Board of Education and courts.

### Oath of Office

Each Board member shall, before entering upon the duties of the office, swear or affirm under oath that he/she qualifies for membership and will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Board member.

N.J.S.A. 18A:12-1; 18A:12-1.1; 18A:12-2;  
18A:12-2.1; 18A:12-21 through 18A:12-34

N.J.S.A. 41:1-3

School Ethics Commission Policy Guideline 1.

Adopted: 17 May 2018



### 0142.1C NEPOTISM – CHARTER SCHOOL

The Board of Trustees adopts this Nepotism Policy as a condition of receiving State aid pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-22.10.

For the purposes of this Policy, “relative” means an individual's spouse, by marriage or civil union pursuant to N.J.S.A. 37:1-33, domestic partner as defined in N.J.S.A. 26:8A-3, or the individual's or spouse's parent, child, sibling, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, grandparent, grandchild, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, stepparent, stepchild, stepbrother, stepsister, half- brother or half-sister, whether the relative is related to the individual or the individual's spouse by blood, marriage or adoption.

For the purposes of this Policy, “immediate family member” means the person's spouse, partner in a civil union as defined in N.J.S.A. 37:1-33, domestic partner as defined in N.J.S.A. 26:8A-3, or dependent child residing in the same household.

For the purposes of this Policy, “administrator” is defined as set forth in N.J.S.A. 18A:12-23.

No relative of a Board member or the Lead Person shall be employed in an office or position in the charter school except that a person employed by the charter school on the effective date of the Policy or the date a relative becomes a Board member or Lead Person shall not be prohibited from continuing to be employed or promoted in the school.

The Lead Person shall not recommend to the Board pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:12-21 through 34 any relative of a Board member or the Lead Person. However, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-22.10(a)2, the charter school may employ a relative of a Board member or Lead Person provided the charter school obtains the approval from the Executive County Superintendent of Schools. Such approval shall be granted only upon demonstration by the charter school that it conducted a thorough search for candidates and that the proposed candidate is the only qualified and available person for the position.

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-22.10(a)6.(b), per diem substitutes and student employees who are relatives of a Board member or the Lead Person shall be excluded from the provisions of this Policy and N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-22.10.

A charter school administrator shall be prohibited from exercising direct or indirect authority, supervision, or control over a relative of the administrator. Where it is not feasible to eliminate such a direct or indirect supervisory relationship, appropriate screens and/or alternative supervision and reporting mechanisms must be put in place.



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Nepotism – Charter School

A charter school administrator or Board member who has a relative who is a member of the bargaining unit shall be prohibited from discussing or voting on the proposed collective bargaining agreement with that unit or from participating in any way in negotiations, including, but not limited to, being a member of the negotiating team; nor should that charter school administrator be present with the Board in closed session when negotiation strategies are being discussed; provided however, that the administrator may serve as a technical resource to the negotiating team and may provide technical information necessary to the collective bargaining process when no one else in the charter school can provide such information.

A charter school administrator or Board member who has an immediate family member who is a member of the same Statewide union in another school district or charter school shall be prohibited from participating in any way in negotiations, including, but not limited to, being a member of the negotiating team or being present with the Board in closed sessions when negotiation strategies are being discussed, prior to the Board attaining a Tentative Memorandum of Agreement with the bargaining unit that includes a salary guide and total compensation package. Once the Tentative Memorandum of Agreement is established, a charter school administrator with an immediate family member who is a member of the same State-wide union in another school district or charter school may fully participate in the process, absent other conflicts. Notwithstanding these provisions, a charter school administrator who has an immediate family member who is a member of the same Statewide union in another district or charter school may serve as a technical resource to the negotiating team and may provide technical information necessary to the collective bargaining process when no one else in the charter school can provide the information.

N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-22.10

Adopted: 17 May 2018



### 0143 BOARD MEMBER ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT

The election and appointment of Board of Trustees members will be conducted in strict compliance with law.

The Classical Academy Charter School of Clifton Board of Trustees is comprised a seven (7) voting members. Election of Board members shall occur only by parents/legal guardians of students attending the Classical Academy Charter School of Clifton. Elections shall be held in May or June of the upcoming year in which there will be a vacancy. Successful candidates will serve for a three-year term before standing for re-election or declines to serve further. There are no limitations to the number of consecutive terms a board of trustees member may serve. It is the parents of students, the electorate, who will decide for how long a board of trustees member may serve.

A vacancy in the membership of a Board of Trustees shall be filled as follows:

1. By the Executive County Superintendent, if the vacancy is caused by:
  - a. The absence of candidates for election to the school Board; or
  - b. The removal of a member because of lack of qualifications; or
  - c. The failure of the Board to appoint a person to a vacancy within sixty-five days following its occurrence; or
  - d. Two or more candidates qualified by law for membership on the Board receiving an equal number of votes in a special runoff election.
2. By the Executive County Superintendent, to a number sufficient to make up a quorum of the Board if, by reason of vacancies, a quorum is lacking;
3. By special election within sixty days of the annual school election, if:
  - a. Two or more candidates qualified by law for membership on the school Board receive an equal number of votes in the annual school election; or
  - b. The annual election is disqualified due to improper election procedures.
4. By the Commissioner of Education if there is a failure to elect a member at the annual school election due to improper campaign practices; or
5. By a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board of Trustees after the vacancy occurs in all other cases.



The Board Secretary shall promptly notify the President of a vacancy to be filled by the Board.

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The President shall inform all other Board members. The Board will give public notice of the vacancy and invite any qualified person to submit a written request for consideration of his/her candidacy for the vacancy. The Board may also require candidates submit a resume with their written request.

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Board Member Election and Appointment

In considering candidates who have expressed an interest in a vacancy, the Board of Trustees may interview candidates in public or executive session. The Board must vote to appoint a candidate to a vacancy in public session and there shall be no decisions made in executive session. In the event interviews are conducted in executive session, Board members, in the public session nomination and voting process, shall express their opinion in support of their vote so the public can witness any deliberations, policy formulation, and the decision making process of the Board.

A roll call vote will be conducted on candidates in the order the candidates were nominated with a second. If there are two or more vacancies, each vacancy will be filled by a separate election process. The first candidate who receives the votes of a majority of the remaining Board members will be elected to the vacancy. In the event no candidate receives a majority vote of the remaining Board members, another election process shall be conducted between the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes.

N.J.S.A. 18A:12-15

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### 0144 BOARD MEMBER ORIENTATION AND TRAINING

The preparation of each member for the performance of Board of Trustees duties is essential to the proper functioning of the Board. The Board encourages each new Board member in the acquisition of information about school governance, the separate functions of the Board and the Lead Person, the operations of the school, and Board procedures.

The Board directs that each new member receive access to and/or a copy of the Board of Trustees Bylaw and Policy Manual and such other materials as deemed appropriate by the Lead Person.

Each new Board member will be invited and is encouraged to meet and discuss the responsibilities and authority of a Board member, Board functions, and Board policies and procedures with the Board President (if available), the Lead Person, and the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

Each newly elected or appointed Board member shall complete during the first year of the member's first term a training program to be prepared and offered by the New Jersey School Boards Association, in consultation with the New Jersey Association of School Administrators, the New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association, and the Department of Education, regarding the skills and knowledge necessary to serve as a Board member.

The training program shall include information regarding the school monitoring system established pursuant to P.L. 2005, c. 235, the New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum, and the five key components of school effectiveness on which the school is evaluated under the monitoring system: instruction and program; personnel; fiscal management; operations; and governance.

The Board member shall complete a training program on school governance in each of the subsequent two years of the Board member's first term.

Within one year after each re-election or re-appointment to the Board of Trustees, the Board member shall complete an advanced training program to be prepared and offered by the New Jersey School Boards Association. This advanced training program shall include information on relevant changes to New Jersey school law and other information deemed appropriate to enable the Board member to serve more effectively.

The New Jersey School Boards Association shall examine options for providing training programs to Board members through alternative methods such as on-line or other distance learning media or through regional-based training.





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Board Member Orientation and Training

Within one year after being newly elected or appointed or being re-elected or re-appointed to the Board of Trustees, a Board member shall complete a training program on harassment, intimidation, and bullying in the school, including a school's responsibilities under P.L. 2002, c.83 (C.18A:37-13 et seq.). A Board member shall be required to complete the program only once. Training on harassment, intimidation, and bullying in the school shall be provided by the New Jersey School Boards Association, in consultation with recognized experts in school bullying from a cross section of academia, child advocacy organizations, nonprofit organizations, professional associations, and government agencies.

N.J.S.A. 18A:12-33; 18A:37-13 et seq.

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### 0145 BOARD MEMBER RESIGNATION AND REMOVAL

The membership of a Board of Trustees member shall terminate immediately upon:

1. The member's disqualification from voting pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:4-1; or
2. The member's conviction for false swearing for having falsely affirmed or declared that he/she is qualified to vote;
3. The removal of the member by the Commissioner of Education; or
4. Recall of a Board member pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:27A-1 et seq.

A member who fails to attend three consecutive regular meetings of the Board without good cause may be removed from office on the affirmative votes of a majority of the remaining Board members, provided that:

1. The member's removal was proposed at the immediately previous Board meeting; and
2. Notice of the proposed removal was given to the affected member at least seventy-two hours in advance of the meeting at which the vote will be taken.

N.J.S.A. 18A:12-2; 18A:12-3; 18A:12-29  
N.J.S.A. 19:27A-1 et seq.

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### 0146 BOARD MEMBER AUTHORITY

A Board member does not possess individually the authority and powers that reside in the Board of Trustees. No Board member by virtue of his/her office shall exercise any administrative responsibility with respect to the operation of the school or as an individual command the services of any school employee.

#### Release of Information

Board member access to public, personnel, and student records shall be governed by law and by the provisions of Policy Nos. 8310, 8320, and 8330.

Confidential information to which a Board member becomes privy as a result of his/her office shall be used only for the purpose of helping the member discharge his/her responsibilities as Board member. No Board member shall reveal information contained in a confidential record or received during a duly convened private session of the Board except when that information has been released to the public by the Board.

#### Public Expressions

Board members are entitled to express themselves publicly on any matter, including issues involving the Board and the school. Individual Board members cannot, however, express the position of the Board except as expressly authorized, in accordance with Board Policy No. 9120. A Board member shall not represent his/her personal opinion as the position of the Board and shall include in all formal expressions in which his/her Board affiliation is likely to be recognized, such as letters to government officials or newspapers, speeches to organizations, and the like, a statement that the opinions expressed do not necessarily represent those of the Board.

Board members visiting a school shall comply with School policy and procedures for school visitors.

Members of the Board shall adhere to the Code of Ethics for Board members in Bylaw 0142.

N.J.S.A. 18A:11-1

Adopted: 17 May 2018



## 0148 BOARD MEMBER INDEMNIFICATION

The Board of Trustees will indemnify Board members in accordance with law whenever a civil, administrative, criminal or quasi-criminal action or other legal proceeding is brought against a Board member for any act or omission arising out of and in the course of the performance of his/her duties as Board member. In the case of a criminal or quasi-criminal action which results in a final disposition in favor of the Board member, the Board will defray all costs of defending the action, including reasonable counsel fees and expenses, together with costs of appeal, and will save harmless and protect the Board member from any financial loss resulting from the action. Indemnification for exemplary or punitive damages is not required and will be governed by the standards and procedures set forth in N.J.S.A. 59:10-4.

The Board may arrange for and maintain appropriate insurance to cover all such damages, losses and expenses.

N.J.S.A. 18A:11.1; 18A:12-20; 18A:16-6;  
18A:16-6.1; 18A:18A-46; 18A:18A-47

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Organization Meeting

### 0151 ORGANIZATION MEETING

The Board of Trustees shall organize annually at a regular meeting held for that purpose in accordance with the school's charter.

N.J.S.A. 18A:10-3; 18A:10-5  
N.J.S.A. 41:1-1; 41:1-3

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### 0152 BOARD OFFICERS

The Board of Trustees shall organize at its first regular meeting by electing one of its members as President and another as Vice-President.

Any member may place a member's name in nomination; a second is not required. Election for each office will be conducted by a vote when the nominations for that office are closed. The candidate receiving a majority vote of the members of the Board present and constituting a quorum will be elected to office.

Voting shall take place by verbal roll call vote after nominations are closed. When more than one person has been nominated, the Board will vote on candidates in the order in which they were nominated. In the event no candidate receives a majority vote of the members of the Board present and constituting a quorum, the procedure shall continue until someone receives a majority vote.

Officers shall serve for one year and until their respective successors are elected and shall qualify, but if the Board shall fail to hold the organization meeting or to elect Board officers as prescribed by N.J.S.A. 18A:15-1, the Executive County Superintendent shall appoint from among the members of the Board a President and/or Vice-President.

A President or Vice-President who refuses to perform a duty imposed upon him/her by law may be removed by a majority vote of the Board members present and constituting a quorum. In the event the office of President or Vice-President shall become vacant the Board shall, within thirty days thereafter, fill the vacancy for the unexpired term. If the Board fails to fill the vacancy within such time, the Executive County Superintendent shall fill the vacancy for the unexpired term.

N.J.S.A. 18A:15-1; 18A:15-2

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### 0153 ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS

The Board of Trustees may annually appoint the following positions:

1. A Board Secretary,  
N.J.S.A. 18A:17-2, 17-5;
2. A public school accountant,  
N.J.S.A. 18A:23-1;
3. A medical inspector,  
N.J.S.A. 18A:40-1;
4. A psychological examiner,  
N.J.S.A. 18A:46-11;
5. A member to serve as delegate to the New Jersey School Boards Association,  
N.J.S.A. 18A:6-46;
6. An attendance officer(s),  
N.J.S.A. 18A:38-32;
7. A Treasurer of School Moneys,  
N.J.S.A. 18A:17-31;
8. An attorney.

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0154 ANNUAL MOTIONS AND DESIGNATIONS

The Board of Trustees shall at the organizational meeting:

1. Designate one or more depositories for school funds, N.J.S.A. 18A:17-34;
2. Designate those persons authorized to sign school warrants, N.J.S.A. 18A:19-1;
3. Designate the official newspaper, N.J.S.A. 18A:22-11; 18A:39-3;
4. Designate a second newspaper for the publication of Board meetings, N.J.S.A. 10:4-8;
5. Designate the day, place, and time for regular meetings of the Board;
6. Approve the curriculum for all grades;
7. Readopt existing bylaws and policies for the Board's operation and the operation of the school.

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### 0155 BOARD COMMITTEES

The Board of Education authorizes the creation of committees of Board members charged to conduct studies, make recommendations to the Board, and act in an advisory capacity. Committees are not authorized to take action on behalf of the Board.

The President shall appoint Board members to serve a one-year term on the following Board standing committees:

- Facilities, Buildings and Grounds
- Curriculum
- Negotiations
- Finance
- Policy
- Security/School Safety

An ad hoc committee may be created and charged at any time by the President or a majority of the Board members present and voting. The President shall appoint members to any committee so created and charged; members shall serve until the committee is discharged.

Committees shall consist of no more than three Board members, one of whom shall be the President, who shall serve as ex officio member on all Board committees. An additional Board member may also be appointed as an alternate committee member who will substitute in the absence of a committee member. A member may request or refuse appointment to a committee; a member's refusal to serve on any one committee shall not prejudice his/her appointment to another committee. A chairperson shall be appointed by the President.

Where a committee's composition includes employees, the employees shall be designated by the Lead Person.

Committee meetings may be called at any time by the committee chairperson or when a meeting is requested by a majority of the members of the committee. Committee meetings shall not be open to the public, except that a majority of the committee or the chairperson may open the meeting to the public or invite persons whose knowledge or expertise may be useful to the committee.



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The Board reserves the right to meet and work as a Committee of the Whole in informational, discussion, and exploratory sessions. No official action shall be taken at committee meetings, unless so advertised. In operating as a Committee of the Whole, the Board President shall serve as chairperson of each Board meeting, unless the Board President designates another Board member to act in this capacity for an entire Board meeting or for a presentation and/or deliberations on a specific matter presented at a Board meeting.

The Board is required to comply with all the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.

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Call, Adjournment and Cancellation

### 0161 CALL, ADJOURNMENT AND CANCELLATION

The Board of Trustees shall meet in public session at least once every two months during the period in which the school is in session.

All meetings shall be called to commence not later than 8:00 p.m. of the day designated.

A meeting not regularly scheduled may be called by the Board Secretary at the request of the President or upon the presentation to the Board President of a petition requesting a meeting and signed by a majority of the full Board.

The Board may at any time recess or adjourn to an adjourned meeting at a time, date, and place announced before the adjournment takes place. The adjourned meeting shall take up its business at the point in the agenda where the motion to adjourn was passed.

When circumstances are such as to prevent the attendance of a majority or all of Board members or to frustrate the purpose of the meeting, a meeting may be canceled by the Board Secretary at the request of the President. Notice of the cancellation shall be given, by expedient means, to all Board members, to the Lead Person, and, whenever possible, to the newspapers in which notice of Board meetings is regularly given. If possible, written notice of the cancellation shall also be posted at the place where the canceled meeting was scheduled to occur. Notice of the cancellation shall include the date, time, and place of the next scheduled meeting. Notice of the cancellation shall be read at the next following Board meeting and shall be duly recorded in the official minute book.

N.J.S.A. 18A:10-6  
N.J.A.C. 6A:32-3.1

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### 0162 NOTICE OF BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Trustees will give notice of all meetings in accordance with law.

#### Public Notice

The Board Secretary shall notify, in writing and no later than forty-eight hours in advance of the meeting, each Board member and each person who has duly requested such notification of the time, date, location, and, to the extent it is known, the agenda of any regular, special, or rescheduled meeting. Forty-eight hour notice shall also be posted in the school office, and delivered to two newspapers designated by the Board except that forty-eight hour notice is not required where the time, date, and location of the meeting has been published in the annual list of meetings approved by the Board in accordance with law.

Upon the affirmative vote of three-quarters of the members present, the Board may meet in the absence of adequate notice, provided that discussion and action is limited to specific and unforeseen or unforeseeable matters of such urgency and importance that delay for the provision of notice would be likely to result in substantial harm to the public interest and that notice is given as soon as possible after the call of the meeting in accordance with the provisions of law and this bylaw.

#### Personal Notice of Meeting

The Board shall provide personal notice in writing to an adult student, the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of a minor student, an employee or officer of this charter school, or a prospective employee whose privacy may be invaded or whose employment may be affected by the Board's deliberations in private session. Such personal notice will include the date and time of the private meeting, the subject or subjects scheduled for discussion at the private meeting, and the right of the individual given notice to request that the discussions be conducted at a public meeting. Personal notice will be given no less than seventy-two hours in advance of the private meeting.

A written request for public discussion must be signed by the person making the request and must be submitted to the Board President prior to the commencement of the meeting. Any such properly submitted request will be granted. In the event that one or more, but fewer than all, of a group of persons whose employment will be discussed request a public meeting, the discussion regarding the person or persons who have submitted the request will be severed from the rest and will be conducted publicly.



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A discussion held in public by reason of the written request of an individual will be conducted at a regularly scheduled meeting for which annual notice has been given or at a meeting for which adequate public notice has been given in accordance with law.

Nothing in this bylaw will permit an employee to request or the Board to grant the public discussion of tenure charges or permit the public disclosure of information regarding a disabled student.

N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.; 10:4-8d; 10:4-9b

N.J.S.A. 18A:6-11; 18A:10-6

N.J.A.C. 6A:32-3.1

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### 0163 QUORUM

A quorum shall consist of a majority of the Board members, and no business shall be conducted in the absence of a quorum, except when the Doctrine of Necessity is invoked.

In the event a quorum is not present at the hour of convening, the meeting may be recessed to a time not later than 9:00 p.m. of the same day. If a quorum is not then present, the members present may adjourn the meeting to a later date within seven days.

The Board of Trustees recognizes that there may be matters that come before the Board or acts required of Board members in their official capacity where the Board member may have a conflict of interest or the act would be in violation of N.J.S.A. 18A:12-24. In these matters, the Board member(s) will remove himself/herself from any discussions, meetings (informal or formal), committee meetings, and/or a vote regarding the matter. The Board will consider this matter without the Board member(s) who has the conflict.

In the event a matter comes before the Board or an act is required of a Board member in his/her official capacity that is a conflict or would be in violation of N.J.S.A. 18A:12-24, the Board would still be required to have a quorum to consider the matter. However, the New Jersey Department of Education and the School Ethics Commission has envisioned this prohibition could create a situation in which so many Board members have a conflict, that the Board would be unable to take action on a matter. Therefore, when more than a quorum of the Board members must abstain from voting on a matter, the Board will invoke the Doctrine of Necessity consistent with the New Jersey Department of Education and School Ethics Commission guidelines as follows:

- A. Board Member(s) in Conflict - Less Than a Majority of The Board
1. In the event a Board member(s) has a conflict of interest where the Board member will act in his/her official capacity, the Board member must remove himself/herself from any discussions, meetings (informal or formal), committee meetings, and/or a vote regarding the matter.
  2. In the event a Board member is unsure whether he/she or any other Board member has a conflict of interest or whether the matter, if acted upon by a Board member(s) is in violation of N.J.S.A. 18A:12-24 - Prohibited Acts, the School Board Attorney will make a determination.
  3. The School Board Attorney will provide the Board of Trustees an opinion on whether the matter is a conflict of interest or act prohibited by N.J.S.A. 18A:12-24 - Prohibited Acts.



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4. If the Board member(s) believes he/she has a conflict of interest where he/she will act in his/her official capacity or if the School Board Attorney renders an opinion that the Board member has a conflict of interest where the Board member will act in his/her official capacity, the Board member will remove himself/herself from any discussions, meetings (informal or formal), committee meetings, and/or a vote regarding the matter.
- B. A Majority of Board Members in Conflict
1. In the event:
    - a. A Board member(s) believes he/she has a conflict of interest where he/she will act in his/her official capacity; or
    - b. If the School Board Attorney renders an opinion that the Board member(s) has a conflict of interest where the Board member will act in his/her official capacity; and
    - c. The number of Board members that have a conflict would make it so the Board would be unable to take action on the matter, then the Board may invoke the "Rule [or Doctrine] of Necessity." (Citing *U.S. v. Will*, 449 U.S. 200 (1980)).
- C. Rule [Or Doctrine] Of Necessity
1. The Doctrine of Necessity may be invoked when more than a quorum of the Board must abstain from voting on a matter.
  2. There are three prerequisites necessary for a Board to invoke the Doctrine of Necessity:
    - a. The Board must be unable to act without the members in conflict taking part;
    - b. There must be a pressing need for action, i.e. the matter cannot be laid aside until another date; and
    - c. There can be no alternative forum that can grant the same relief. (*Allen v. Toms River Regional Board of Education*, 233 N.J. Super 651 (Law Division 1989)).
  3. When the School Board Attorney advises the Board the Doctrine of Necessity must be invoked in order to obtain a quorum on a vote, the Board must announce that it is invoking the Doctrine.



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- a. The announcement must include the reason the Board must invoke the Doctrine of Necessity including stating the nature of each Board members conflict.
  - b. The announcement will be in writing and should be recorded in the minutes of the meeting by the Board President at the point when the vote takes place.
  - c. It is enough for the Board to announce it is invoking the Doctrine and a Board Resolution is not required.
4. When the Board announces the Doctrine of Necessity is being invoked, the details, parameters and/or other pertinent facts of the matter to be voted should be revealed on an agenda for the public meeting in which the matter is to be voted upon.
  5. The Board members who have a conflict in the matter are prohibited from:
    - a. Participating in any discussions on the matter prior to the announcement and public meeting; and
    - b. From entering an executive session in order to discuss the merits of the matter or contract; and
    - c. From offering their opinions on the matter at any time prior to the announcement and public meeting.
  6. The Board members who have a conflict in the matter may only participate to the extent they may vote after the motion to approve and/or ratify the matter has been made and seconded and the Doctrine of Necessity has been thoroughly explained to the public.
  7. Board members in conflict may only ask questions regarding the matter to be voted on in public and after the Board has invoked the Doctrine of Necessity.
  8. Board members in conflict may explain their reasons for not voting just before the vote.

N.J.S.A. 18A:12-24  
New Jersey School Ethics Commission Advisory Opinion  
A10-93(b) and A07-94

Adopted: 17 May 2018





## 0164 CONDUCT OF BOARD MEETINGS

### Parliamentary Authority

Roberts' Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern the Board of Trustees in its deliberations and acts in all cases in which it is not inconsistent with statutes of the State of New Jersey, rules of the State Board of Education, or these bylaws.

### Presiding Officer

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board. In the absence, disability, or disqualification of the President, the Vice President shall act in his/her place; if neither person is present, any member shall be designated by a plurality of those present to preside. The act of any person so designated shall be legal and binding.

### Announcement of Adequate Notice

The person presiding shall commence each meeting with an announcement of the notice given for the meeting or a statement regarding the lack of adequate notice, in accordance with law.

### Agenda

The Lead Person and/or School Business Administrator/Board Secretary shall prepare an agenda of items of business to come before the Board at each meeting. The agenda shall be delivered to each Board member no later than two days before the meeting and shall include such reports and supplementary materials as are appropriate and available.

N.J.S.A. 10:4-10

N.J.S.A. 18A:16-1.1

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### 0165 VOTING

All Board of Trustees actions requiring a vote may be conducted by voice, show of hands, or roll call provided that the vote of each member is recorded in the minutes of the meeting. Proxy voting shall not be permitted.

Abstentions shall not be counted as votes but shall be recorded; a member who abstains from voting is deemed to acquiesce in the outcome of the vote.

All motions shall require for adoption the majority vote of Board members present and voting, except as provided by statutes of the State of New Jersey, this bylaw, or parliamentary authority and provided that the number of affirmative votes is at least a majority of the Board's quorum.

1. The affirmative votes of three-quarters of the members present are required for the conduct of a Board meeting when adequate notice has not been provided in accordance with law, N.J.S.A. 10:4-9;
2. A two-thirds vote of the full membership of the Board is required for:
  - a. Bids that have been advertised pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4 on two occasions and;
    - (1) No bids have been received on both occasions in response to the advertisement; or
    - (2) The Board of Trustees has rejected such bids on two occasions because it has determined that they are not reasonable as to price, on the basis of cost estimates prepared for or by the Board of Trustees prior to the advertising therefore, or have not been independently arrived at in open competition; or
    - (3) On one occasion no bids were received pursuant to #(1) and on one occasion all bids were rejected pursuant to #(2), in whatever sequence; any such contract may then be negotiated.
  - b. Purchase of goods also available under State contract when the Board has received at least three quotations and the lowest responsible quotation is at least ten percent less than the price under the State contract for the identical goods and quantities, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5.e;



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- c. Determine that it is necessary, in a Type II school having a Board of School Estimate, to sell bonds to raise money for any capital project, N.J.S.A. 18A:22-27; and
  - a. Sell bonds of a Type II school without further advertisement at private sale if no legally acceptable bid is received for the bonds pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:24-45.
3. A majority vote of the full membership of the Board is required for:
- a. Admission after October 1 of a student who has never attended school, N.J.S.A. 18A:38-6;
  - b. Adoption or alteration of a course of study, N.J.S.A. 18A:33-1;
  - c. Application for membership in an established county audiovisual aid center, N.J.S.A. 18A:51-11;
  - d. Appointment of a Lead Person, N.J.S.A. 18A:17-15; School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, N.J.S.A. 18A:17-14.1; Board Secretary, N.J.S.A. 18A:17-5; Assistant Board Secretary, N.J.S.A. 18A:17-13; Administrative Principals, N.J.S.A. 18A:17-20.5; and Shared Lead Person or School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, N.J.S.A. 18A:17-24.3. Appointment and removal of Assistant Lead Person(s), N.J.S.A. 18A:17-16 and appointment, salary, and removal of Business Manager in Type I schools, N.J.S.A. 18A:17-25.
  - e. Appointment, transfer, removal and/or renewal of teaching/certificated and/or non-certificated staff members, N.J.S.A. 18A:25-1, 27-1;
  - f. Fix and determine, in a Type II schools having no Board of School Estimate, the amount of money to be raised for budgets and capital construction, N.J.S.A. 18A:22-32, 22-39;
  - g. Approval of employee salary deductions for hospital and insurance plans and government bonds, N.J.S.A. 18A:16-8;
  - h. Authorization, in Type II schools, of school bonds, N.J.S.A. 18A:24-10;



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- i. Decision to establish with other school districts a county audiovisual educational aid center, N.J.S.A. 18A:51-1;
  - j. Determination of sufficiency of charges warranting dismissal or reduction in salary of a tenured employee, N.J.S.A. 18A:6-11;
  - k. Disposition or exchange of lands owned by the Board, N.J.S.A. 18A:20-5, 20-8;
  - l. Purchase of bonds or other obligations as investments, N.J.S.A. 18A:20-37;
  - m. Removal of the President or Vice President of the Board, N.J.S.A. 18A:15-2;
  - n. Restoration or removal following suspension of an Assistant Lead Person, Principal, or teacher, N.J.S.A. 18A:25-6;
  - o. Selection of textbooks, N.J.S.A. 18A:34-1;
  - p. Withholding a salary increment, N.J.S.A. 18A:29-14;
  - q. Direct the Secretary of the Board to deduct salaries of employees to participate in any plan for the purchase of bonds of the United States government, N.J.S.A. 18A:16-8;
  - r. Appointment and salary of Executive Superintendent in district in city of the first class with a population over 325,000 have a unit control organizational structure.
4. A roll call vote of the Board is required for the following actions with the necessary vote is indicated:

Issue	Required Vote
a. Salary deductions for government bonds N.J.S.A. 18A:16-8	Majority of full Board



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Issue	Required Vote
b. Appointment of a secretary of Board of Education; terms; compensation; vacancy N.J.S.A. 18A:17-5	Majority of full Board
c. Assistant and acting secretaries; appointment, powers and duties N.J.S.A. 18A:17-13	Majority of full Board
d. Appointment of Lead Persons; terms; apportionment of expense N.J.S.A. 18A:17-15	Majority of full Board
e. Appointment and removal of Assistant Lead Persons N.J.S.A. 18A:17-16	Majority of full Board
f. Appointment of Administrative Principals N.J.S.A. 18A:17-20.5	Majority of full Board
g. Appointment of shared Lead Person, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary; terms N.J.S.A. 18A:17-24.3	Majority of the membership of each Board
h. Appointment; salary; removal of Business Managers N.J.S.A. 18A:17-25	Majority of full Board
i. Unit control organizational structure; Executive Lead Person N.J.S.A. 18A:17A-1	Majority of full Board
j. Disposition of property N.J.S.A. 18A:20-5	Majority of full Board
k. Exchange of lands N.J.S.A. 18A:20-8	Majority of full Board



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	Issue	Required Vote
l.	Type II schools with Board of School Estimate; determination; certification and raising of appropriations; notice of appeal N.J.S.A. 18A:22-26	Majority of full Board
m.	Type II schools with Boards of School Estimate; estimate by Board of Education; certification of estimate N.J.S.A. 18A:22-27	Two thirds of full membership of Board
n.	Determination of amounts by Board of School Estimate N.J.S.A. 18A:22-31	Board of School Estimate majority of full Board
o.	Type II schools without Board of School Estimate; determination and certification of appropriation N.J.S.A. 18A:22-32	Majority of full Board
p.	Type II schools without Board of School Estimate; submission of capital projects N.J.S.A. 18A:22-39	Majority of full Board
q.	School bonds, when deemed to be authorized Type II. N.J.S.A 18A:24-10	Majority of full Board
r.	Private sale if no bids at public sale N.J.S.A. 18A:24-45	Two thirds of full membership of Board
s.	Transfer of teaching staff member N.J.S.A. 18A:25-1	Majority of full Board
t.	Suspension of Assistant Lead Persons, Principals and teaching staff members N.J.S.A. 18A:25-6	Majority of membership



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	Issue	Required Vote
u.	Appointment of teaching staff members; vote required N.J.S.A. 18A:27-1	Majority of full Board
v.	Board of Trustees, procedure for certain personnel actions; recommendation of Chief School Administrator N.J.S.A. 18A:27-4.1	Majority of full Board
w.	Renewal of personnel N.J.S.A. 18A:27-4.1	Majority of full Board
x.	Withholding increments; causes notice of appeals N.J.S.A. 18A:29-14	Majority of full Board
y.	School to furnish suitable facilities; adoption of courses of study N.J.S.A. 18A:33-1	Majority of full Board
z.	Textbooks; selection; furnished free with supplies; appropriations N.J.S.A. 18A:34-1	Majority of full Board
aa.	Single county educational audiovisual aids center in county N.J.S.A. 18A:51-11	Majority of full membership

N.J.S.A. 10:4-14

Adopted: 17 May 2018



### 0166 EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

The Board of Trustees may meet in a private session only to discuss and act on issues exempted by law from the requirement that all Board meetings be public and only after the adoption at a public meeting of a resolution stating the general nature of the subject or subjects to be discussed and, as precisely as possible, the time when and circumstances under which the discussion conducted in private session can be disclosed to the public.

The Board may exclude the public only from that portion of a meeting at which the Board discusses:

1. Any matter that has been rendered confidential by express provision of Federal or State law or rule of court;
2. Any matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the Government of the United States;
3. Any material the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of a student's privacy, including but not limited to records, data, reports, or recommendations relative to the student's personal and family circumstances, treatment, progress or condition, unless the adult student or the student's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) requests in writing that the same be disclosed publicly;
4. Any Collective Bargaining Agreement, or the terms and conditions that are proposed for inclusion in any Collective Bargaining Agreement, including the negotiation of the agreement with school employees or representatives of employees;
5. Any matter involving the purchase, lease, or acquisition of real property with public funds or the investment of public funds, where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed;
6. Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public when their disclosure could impair such protection and any investigations of violations or possible violations of the law;
7. Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation other than as stated in #4 in which the Board is or may become a party and any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his/her ethical duties as a lawyer;





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8. Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance of, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the Board, unless the individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting, except that, regardless of the employee's request, the consideration and actions of the Board as to any tenure charge shall be conducted in private session;
9. Any deliberations occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific civil penalty upon the responding party or the suspension or loss of the responding party's certification as a result of an act or omission for which the responding party bears responsibility.

N.J.S.A. 10:4-12; 10:4-13  
N.J.S.A. 18A:6-11

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### 0167 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Trustees recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues and the importance of allowing members of the public to express themselves on school matters of community interest.

In order to permit the fair and orderly expression of such comment, the Board shall set aside a portion of every Board meeting, the length of the portion to be determined by the Board, for public comment on any school issue that a member of the public feels may be of concern to the residents of the school.

Public participation shall be governed by the following rules:

1. A participant must be recognized by the presiding officer and must preface comments by an announcement of his/her name, municipality of residence, and group affiliation, if applicable;
2. Each statement made by a participant shall be limited to (not less than three) three minutes' duration;
3. No participant may speak more than once on the same topic until all others who wish to speak on that topic have been heard;
4. All statements, questions, or inquiries shall be directed to the presiding officer and any questions or inquiries directed by a participant to another Board member shall be redirected to the presiding officer who shall determine if such statement, question, or inquiry shall be addressed by the presiding officer on behalf of the Board or by the individual Board member;
5. The presiding officer may:
  - a. Interrupt, warn, and/or terminate a participant's statement, question, or inquiry when it is too lengthy;
  - b. Interrupt and/or warn a participant when the statement, question, or inquiry is abusive, obscene, or may be defamatory;
  - c. Request any person to leave the meeting when that person does not observe reasonable decorum;



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- d. Request the assistance of law enforcement officers in the removal of a disorderly person when that person prevents or disrupts a meeting with an act that obstructs or interferes with a meeting;
- e. Call for a recess or an adjournment to another time when the lack of public decorum interferes with the orderly conduct of the meeting; and
- f. Waive these rules when necessary for the protection of privacy or to maintain an orderly operation of the Board meeting.

N.J.S.A. 2C:33-8

N.J.S.A. 10:4-12

Adopted: 17 May 2018



### 0168 RECORDING BOARD MEETINGS

The Board of Trustees directs the creation and maintenance of an official record of the formal proceedings of the Board and will permit the unofficial recording of Board meetings in accordance with this Bylaw.

#### Minutes

The Board shall keep reasonably comprehensible minutes of all its meetings showing the time and place, the members present, the subject considered, the actions taken, the vote of each member, information sufficient to explain the actions taken, and any other information required to be shown in the minutes by law.

Minutes of public meetings shall be public records signed by the Board Secretary and filed in the Board Secretary's office in a minute book as the permanent record of the acts of this Board.

Minutes of executive meetings shall be filed in the Board Secretary's office in a place separate from the minute book until the time, if any, when the proceedings may be made public. At that time, the minutes shall be public records and shall be filed in the regular minute book.

The Board Secretary shall provide each Board member with a copy of the minutes prior to Board approval.

#### Recording by the Public

A member of the public may record the proceedings of a public meeting of the Board provided the audio or video recording process complies with reasonable guidelines as outlined in this Bylaw. These guidelines are adopted to ensure the recording of the public meeting does not interrupt the proceedings, inhibit the conduct of the meeting, or distract Board members or other observers present at the meeting.

The Board will permit the use of audio or video recording devices by members of the public to record public meetings.

Prior notice to audio or video record a public meeting is not required provided the person operates the recording device while sitting in the area designated by the Board for public seating. The recording of a meeting from this area shall not obstruct or distract any member of the public from observing and listening to the proceedings of the meeting. If the recording is obstructing the view or is distracting to members of the public, the presiding officer or designee will require the person recording the meeting to relocate to another area of the meeting room.



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In the event a member of the public wants or needs to audio or video record a public meeting from an area other than the area designated for public seating, the person shall provide notice of such request to the Board Secretary in advance of the meeting. The Board Secretary or designee shall review the recording guidelines outlined in this Bylaw with the person requesting to record the meeting.

Any member of the public wanting to use a recording device from an area other than the area designated for public seating must be located and operated from inconspicuous locations in the meeting room as determined by the presiding officer or designee. Prior to the meeting, the presiding officer or designee will determine the location of each recording device so each video recording device can record the meeting with an unobstructed view and each audio recording device can record a meeting so the speakers and meeting proceedings can be properly recorded. The location of any recording device operated from an area other than the area designated for public seating will be in an area of the meeting room that is not distracting or obtrusive to Board members, members of the public, or the orderly operation of the meeting. Any recording device used outside the area designated for public seating shall be located within a similar distance from the Board as the public seating area. The presiding officer or designee shall determine when the number of recording devices used outside the area designated for public seating interferes with the conduct of a Board meeting and may order that an interfering recording device be removed or relocated.

Additional lighting shall not be used unless approved by the presiding officer or designee prior to the meeting. All recording devices and any related equipment must be battery operated or operational without the use of school electricity as the school will not permit such equipment to be connected to the school's electrical service.

The presiding officer or designee shall determine if a recording device interferes with the conduct of a Board meeting and may order that an interfering device be relocated.

N.J.S.A. 10:4-14

Adopted: 17 May 2018



### 0169 BOARD MEMBER USE OF ELECTRONIC MAIL/INTERNET

The Board of Trustees is a public body as defined in the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.A.C. 10:4-6 et seq., and the Board and its members are required to comply with the provisions of this Act. It is the right of the public to be present at meetings of public bodies and to witness in full all phases of the deliberations, policy formulation, and decision-making. Board members acknowledge certain discussions between Board members, other than during a Board meeting, may be subject to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.

The Board of Trustees is also subject to the Open Public Records Act, N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq. The Open Public Records Act requires public agencies/School Boards to make certain governmental records subject to public access. Board members may, by written and/or electronic mail (e-mail), communicate with each other and with certain school staff regarding the school's public business. "Public business" means and includes all matters that relate in any way, directly or indirectly, to the performance of the public body's functions or the conduct of its business. Board members acknowledge these written communications may be classified as a governmental record and may be subject to public access pursuant to the Open Public Records Act.

In order to ensure the Board and/or individual Board members comply with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act and the Open Public Records Act, the following guidance is provided regarding certain discussions and written communications regarding the public business:

1. Written letters, e-mails, and supporting documents regarding school matters written by Board members to other Board members or written by Board members to school staff, unless the subject matter is specifically exempt under the Open Public Records Law, are governmental records and are subject to public access. Based on the potential for improper/inappropriate disclosure and/or breach of confidentiality that may compromise the Board or Board member, these communications should not involve confidential matters, especially any matter the Board may discuss in executive/private session outside the presence of the public pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act.
2. Written letters, internet (chat) discussions, e-mails, and supporting documents regarding the school's public business written by Board members to other Board members shall not replace deliberations that would prevent the public from witnessing in full detail all phases of the Board's deliberations, policy formulation, and decision-making process in accordance with the intent of the Open Public Meetings Act.



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3. Internet (chat) discussions between Board members regarding the school's public business shall not include multiple Board members with the potential that a quorum of the Board may be involved, or become involved, in such discussion.

In the event a Board member(s) fails to comply with the guidance of this Policy, the matter shall be referred to the Board President, who will meet and/or discuss the matter and this Policy with the Board member(s). The Board President may request the Board Attorney participate in this meeting and/or discussion.

N.J.S.A. 10:6-4 et seq.

N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq.

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Duties of Board President and Vice President

### 0171 DUTIES OF BOARD PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

The President of the Board of Trustees shall:

1. Preside at all meetings of the Board;
2. Require the Board Secretary to call special meetings of the Board, N.J.A.C. 6A:32-3.1;
3. Sign all school warrants, N.J.S.A. 18A:19-1;
4. Certify to all payrolls, N.J.S.A. 18A:19-9;
5. Subscribe bonds, notes, contracts, and other legal instruments for which the signature of the President is required, N.J.S.A. 18A:24-32;
6. Issue subpoenas to compel attendance of witnesses and production of documents, N.J.S.A. 18A:6-20.

The Vice President shall assume and discharge the duties of the President in the President's absence, disability, or disqualification. N.J.S.A. 18A:16-1.1

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### 0172 DUTIES OF TREASURER OF SCHOOL MONIES

The Treasurer of School Monies shall:

1. Receive and hold in trust all school monies, except monies from athletic events and student organization activities, and deposit them in the bank or banks designated by the Board, N.J.S.A. 18A:17-34;
2. Pay out school monies only on warrants made payable to the person entitled to receive payment and specifying the object for which it is issued and signed by the President, Secretary and Treasurer, N.J.S.A. 18A:19-1;
3. Receive school employee payrolls and a warrant for the full amount of each payroll certified by the President and Secretary, deposit the warrants in a separate payroll account, and issue individual checks drawn on such account to each employee, N.J.S.A. 18A:19-9, 19-10;
4. Give public notice when funds are on hand for payment of interest bearing warrants issued for which no funds were available, N.J.S.A. 18A:19-12;
5. Keep a record of monies received and paid out in books provided for that purpose and in accordance with a bookkeeping system prescribed by the State Board, N.J.S.A. 18A:17-35;
6. Pay over the balance of school funds on hand to his/her successor, N.J.S.A. 18A:17-35;
7. Render a monthly report to the Board giving a detailed account of all receipts, the amounts of all warrants issued, the accounts from which they were drawn and the balance in each account, N.J.S.A. 18A:17-36;
8. Render an annual report showing the amounts received and disbursed by him/her during the school year and file a copy with the County Superintendent, N.J.S.A. 18A:17-36; and
9. Receive the proceeds of any bond sale and disburse them only to pay the expenses of issuing and selling the bonds, the purpose for which the bonds were issued, and the temporary investment of the funds, N.J.S.A. 18A:24-47.

Adopted: 17 May 2018



### 0173 DUTIES OF PUBLIC SCHOOL ACCOUNTANT

The Board will engage only a licensed public school accountant to conduct the annual audit in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:23-1 et seq. The accountant must have an external peer/quality report performed in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.2(i)1, unless the accountant or firm can show good cause as to why there was a delay completing such report within the required timelines established by Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. The Board will require the submission of the most recent external peer/quality report for review and evaluation prior to the appointment of the licensed public school accountant. The Board will acknowledge the receipt, review, and evaluation of the external peer/quality report in the public session and Board minutes in which the accountant or firm to perform the audit is engaged.

The Board will require the submission of an updated external peer/quality report of the accountant within thirty days after the issuance date of the external peer/quality report if the report is issued prior to the date of the audit opinion for the most recent fiscal year.

In accordance with NJOMB Circular Letter 98-07, the public school accountant will provide a copy of the most recent external peer/quality report to the Department of Education, within thirty days after the initial engagement by the Board and within thirty days after the issuance of a subsequent peer/quality report.

The Board shall engage a public school accountant during the audit engagement period for non-auditing, management, or other consulting services only if such services comply with the independent standards as established in Government Auditing Standards (Yellow Book) by the Comptroller General of the United States.

The Board may be prohibited for good cause by the Commissioner of Education from engaging a particular licensed public school accountant, or may be directed by the Commissioner on a process to be used in the appointment of a licensed public school accountant pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.2(i)4.

The public school accountant will complete the annual audit as required by the Department of Education and N.J.S.A. 18A:23-2. Each annual audit shall include an audit of the books, accounts and moneys, and verification of all cash and bank balances of the Board and of any officer or employee and of moneys derived from athletic events or other activities of any organization of students conducted under the auspices of the Board, from the date of the last annual audit to the date of the current audit. The audit will also include a determination of the extent to which the school used contracts entered into by the State Division of Purchase and



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Duties of Public School Accountant

Property pursuant to P.L. 1969 c. 104 (C. 52:25-16.1 et seq.) in the purchase of materials, supplies or equipment for the school. The report of each audit will be completed in accordance with the time requirements of N.J.S.A. 18A:23-1 and will be filed by the public school accountant in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:23-2.3.

Within thirty days following receipt of the report the Board, at a regularly scheduled public meeting, will cause the recommendations of the accountant to be read and discussed and the discussion will be duly noted in the Board meeting minutes in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:23-5. The Board Secretary will prepare or have prepared a summary of the annual audit for this Board meeting in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:23-4.

N.J.S.A. 18A:23-1 et seq.  
N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.2

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### 0174C LEGAL SERVICES – CHARTER SCHOOL

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-22.6, the Board of Trustees adopts this Policy and its strategies to ensure the prudent use of legal services by employees and the Board of Trustees' members and the tracking of the use of legal services.

The Board of Trustees authorizes the Lead Person, Lead Person's designee, Assistant Lead Person, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and Board President as designated contact persons to request services or advice from contracted legal counsel.

In accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-22.6(a)2, the Board designates the administrative staff member to review all legal bills and designates contact persons to ensure the prudent use of legal services. The School Business Administrator/Board Secretary shall be responsible to review all legal bills and confer with designated contact persons in reviewing such legal bills.

Charter schools with legal costs that exceed one hundred thirty percent of the Statewide average per student amount should establish the procedures outlined in 1., 2., 3., and 4. below and, if not established, provide evidence such procedures would not result in a reduction of costs.

1. The designated contact persons shall ensure that contracted legal counsel is not contacted unnecessarily for management decisions or readily available information contained in charter school materials such as Board policies, administrative regulations or guidance available through professional source materials.
2. All requests for legal advice shall be made to the designated contact persons in writing and shall be maintained on file in the charter school offices. The designated contact persons shall determine whether the request warrants legal advice or if legal advice is necessary.
3. The designated contact persons shall maintain a log of all legal counsel contact including the name of the legal counsel contacted, date of the contact, issue discussed, and length of contact.
4. All written requests for legal advice and logs of legal counsel contacts shall be forwarded to the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, who shall be responsible to review all legal bills and compare all legal bills to the contact logs and to investigate and resolve any variances.



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Legal Services – Charter School

Any professional services contract(s) for legal services shall prohibit advance payments. Services to be provided shall be described in detail in the contract and invoices for payment shall itemize the services provided for the billing period. Payments to legal counsel(s) shall only be for services actually provided.

Contracts for legal services shall be limited to non-recurring or specialized work for which the charter school does not possess adequate in-house resources or in-house expertise to conduct.

Charter schools are prohibited from contracting with legal counsel or using in-house legal counsel to pursue any affirmative claim or cause of action on behalf of charter school administrators and/or any individual Board members for any claim or cause of action in which the damages to be awarded would benefit an individual rather than the charter school as a whole.

Contracts for legal services will be issued by the Board in a deliberative and efficient manner that ensures the charter school receives the highest quality services at a fair and competitive price or through a shared service arrangement. This may include, but is not limited to, issuance of such contracts through a Request for Proposals (RFP) based on cost and other specified factors or other comparable processes.

The Board of Trustees will annually establish prior to budget preparation, a maximum dollar limit for each type of professional service, including legal services. In the event it becomes necessary to exceed the established maximum dollar limit for the professional service, the Lead Person shall recommend to the Board of Trustees an increase in the maximum dollar amount. Any increase in the maximum dollar amount shall require formal Board action.

N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-22.6

Adopted: 17 May 2018



### 0175 CONTRACTS WITH INDEPENDENT CONSULTANTS

The Board of Trustees may from time to time engage the services of one or more independent contractors to advise and assist the Board in analyzing school operations and preparing Board reports when those tasks cannot be performed as economically by school staff members.

Wherever possible, the Board will seek proposals from multiple sources before a contract with an independent consultant is entered. The Board will not contract with a Board member or the spouse, child, parent(s) or legal guardian(s), or sibling, in fact or in law, of a Board member as an independent consultant.

The Board will engage the services of an independent consultant only by written contract, which must specify the work to be accomplished by the consultant, the time within which the work is to be completed, and the fee that will be paid the consultant. An independent consultant engaged by the Board is neither agent nor employee of the Board and may represent the Board only as expressly authorized to do so in writing.

An independent consultant may have access to such school facilities and school employees as may be reasonably required in the performance of the consultant's contract with the Board. Except as expressly permitted by the contract, any communication between the consultant and a school employee or community member regarding the work of the contract must be conducted through the Board or a designated school official.

Materials and reports generated and created by the independent consultant in the performance of his/her contract with the Board are and will remain the property of the Board and are subject to Board Policy No. 8310 on public records.

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### 0176 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AND CONTRACT APPROVAL/RATIFICATION

The Board recognizes a Board member and/or a member of his/her immediate family may be a member of, or salary is determined by, a labor bargaining unit, professional association and/or union that has an affiliation with a bargaining unit, professional organization and/or union within the school. The Board member does not automatically violate N.J.S.A. 18A:24 by voting to approve and/or ratify this contract solely on the basis of his/her status or that of an immediate family member with respect to membership or representation by a different local affiliate of the same Statewide association with whom the agreement is made provided the Board member's involvement with such local affiliate has not or appears to have not compromised the member's objectivity or independence of judgment.

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:12-24, the Board member shall not participate in the collective bargaining process and/or serve on the negotiations committee representing the Board with this unit, association, and/or union. The Board member may be apprised of the terms of a tentative memorandum of agreement with this unit, association, and/or union in closed and/or open session only after a tentative memorandum of agreement has been reached. The Board member may vote during the public meeting to approve and/or ratify a contract with this bargaining unit, professional association and/or union.

The Board member shall not participate in any aspect of negotiations and/or vote to approve/ratify a tentative memorandum of agreement/contract ratification if the Board member has an immediate family who is a member of the bargaining unit, professional association and/or union within the school. Under this circumstance, the Board member may only vote in the event the school Board attorney advises the Board the Doctrine of Necessity must be invoked in accordance with Policy No. 0163.

In addition, the School Ethics Commission Decision A16-00 states a Board member may not participate in any aspect of negotiations and/or vote to approve/ratify a tentative memorandum of agreement/contract ratification if the Board member has a "relative" who is a member of the bargaining unit, professional association and/or union within the school. Under this circumstance, the Board member may only vote in the event the school Board attorney advises the Board the Doctrine of Necessity must be invoked in accordance with Policy No. 0163.

N.J.S.A. 18A:12-21 et. seq.

New Jersey School Ethics Commission Advisory Opinion A02-00 and A16-00

Commissioner of Education Decision - In the Matter of Bruce White, Ewing Township Board of Education, Mercer County - June 1, 2000

New Jersey State Board of Education Decision - In the Matter of Frank Pannucci, Board of Education of Brick Township, Ocean County - March 3, 2000

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### 0177C PROFESSIONAL SERVICES – CHARTER SCHOOL

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-22.6, the Board of Trustees adopts this Policy and its strategies to minimize the cost of professional services.

The Board of Trustees will establish annually prior to budget preparation a maximum dollar limit for each type of professional service. In the event it becomes necessary to exceed the established maximum dollar limit for the professional services, the Lead Person shall recommend to the Board of Trustees an increase in the maximum dollar amount. Any increase in the maximum dollar amount shall require formal Board action.

Contracts for professional services will be issued by the Board in a deliberative and efficient manner that ensures the charter school receives the highest quality services at a fair and competitive price or through a shared service arrangement. This may include, but is not limited to, issuance of such contracts through a Request for Proposals (RFP) based on cost and other specified factors or other comparable process. Contracts for professional services shall be limited to non-recurring or specialized work for which the charter school does not possess adequate in-house resources or in-house expertise to conduct.

Nothing in this Policy or N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-22.6 shall preclude the Board from complying with the requirements of any statute, administrative code, or regulation for the award of professional services contracts.

N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-22.6

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