



**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MEETING MINUTES  
October 24, 2007**

*Trustees Present:* F. George Jacome; Gerald Audet; Dr. Thomas J. Curry; Charles F. Fellows, IV; Dr. Ronald B. Goodspeed; Jeffrey T. Karam; Paul S. Medeiros; Troy E. Mitchell; Teresa Nelson; Peter A. Saulino, Esq.; James A. Wallace, Jr.; Brenda Reback; Robin Morin (BOT Staff Intern)

*Trustees Absent:* Fernando Garcia (excused)

*Administrative Staff Present:* Fernando M. Goulart, Executive Director; Thomas Paul, Director of Business; Henrique M.F. Madeira, Principal – Upper School; Kerry S. Kennedy, Principal – Lower School

*Support Staff Present:* Vivian Carreiro, Executive Director’s Secretary; Louise M.R. Pettey, Upper School Nurse; Eric Ventura, Music Teacher

*Community Input:* Ms. Diane Rickey, 58 Hiatt Street, Fall River, welcomed and congratulated Atlantis Charter School on its purchase of 66 acres of land. Ms. Rickey, who lives in the neighborhood, addressed the Board regarding the unauthorized individuals who currently trespass on the school’s new property. She shared her concerns regarding the possible dangerous reasons why these individuals use the property. Ms. Rickey requested she be kept informed of any development plans for the property.

*Call to Order:* Mr. Jacome officially called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

*Acceptance of Minutes:* Mr. Jacome presented the Minutes from the Board of Trustees meeting of September 26, 2007.  
A motion was made by Mr. Audet to accept the Minutes, seconded by Mr. Medeiros and **APPROVED** unanimously.

*Correspondence:* None

*Staff Presentations:* None

*Financial Report:* Mr. Paul presented the Financial Report, a copy of which is on file in the Office of Board of Trustees.

*Committee  
Reports:*

Development Committee: No report.

Facilities Committee: No report.

Finance Committee: Mr. Medeiros stated that the Finance Committee was given a draft of the June 30 audit to review. Mr. Medeiros stated that the Finance Committee would be convening in the next couple of weeks to review the audit. Once that meeting takes place, Mr. Medeiros will be contacting the auditors for the November 28 meeting.

Nominating Committee: Mr. Charles Fellows stated that the Nominating Committee had interviewed and is recommending Robin Morin for the Board of Trustees Staff Intern position with a one-year term. Mrs. Morin is currently a Kindergarten teacher at Atlantis Charter School.

A motion was made by Mr. Medeiros to appoint Robin Morin as the Board of Trustees Staff Intern, one-year term, seconded by Mr. Audet and **APPROVED** unanimously.

Mr. Fellows further stated that the Nominating Committee also interviewed and is recommending Mr. Robert Collins, who is employed at BankFive, to the Atlantis Charter School Board of Trustees for a three-year term.

A motion was made by Mr. Wallace to appoint Mr. Collins to the Atlantis Charter School Board of Trustees for a three-year term, seconded by Mr. Karam and **APPROVED** unanimously. Mr. Medeiros, due to his professional association with Mr. Collins, recused himself from voting.

Mr. Fellows added that Mrs. Brenda Reback's term as Board of Trustees Staff Intern has expired. The Nominating Committee recommended that Mrs. Reback be appointed as a Staff Board member for the established two-year term.

A motion was made by Mr. Medeiros to appoint Mrs. Reback to the established Staff Board member two-year term, seconded by Mr. Audet and **APPROVED** unanimously.

Mr. Jacome noted that Mr. Fernando Garcia's term also had expired. Mr. Jacome added that Mr. Garcia had verbally indicated he was very much interested in being appointed to a second 3-year term.

A motion was made by Mr. Wallace to appoint Mr. Garcia to a second three-year term, seconded by Mr. Medeiros and **APPROVED** unanimously.

Mr. Fernando Goulart indicated that there is currently one unfilled position on the Board of Trustees. He added that the Board may wish to consider individuals in the engineering or architectural fields to fill the position. Mr. Goulart asked, should the Board know of anyone interested, to please notify him or either Mr. Fellows.

Personnel Committee: No report.

Education Committee: Mr. Wallace stated that the Education Committee met prior to the Board meeting and that the committee has added two members: Mrs. Cady Harrington, Grade 5 teacher, and Mrs. Carol Cipollini, a parent of an Atlantis student.

Mr. Wallace added that the Education Committee also reviewed the Venture Grant Application and made minor changes. Mr. Wallace noted that the subcommittee to review the Venture Grant applications will consist of Teresa Nelson, Dr. Thomas J. Curry, and himself.

Mr. Wallace stated that Mr. Goulart had presented the Education Committee with the extensive reports on the MCAS scores.

*Old Business:* Mr. Goulart reported that he has been in contact with Bob Baldwin. He noted that he had previously worked with Mr. Baldwin when Atlantis was looking into purchasing the Globe Manufacturing building. A meeting with Bob Baldwin followed by a walkthrough of the property will be scheduled for the week of November 12. Dr. Goodspeed questioned whether our casual insurance coverage covered the property. Mr. Goulart responded that arrangements have been made and that the property is covered.

*New Business:* Mr. Jacome reminded the Board that the National Charter School Conference will be held in June 2008. Mr. Jacome stated that, depending on the number of Board members attending, there is a possibility of going over budget on the conference. Discussion ensued regarding the advantages of Board members attending the conference. Mr. Jacome asked that any members interested in attending the conference let him know by December 1 in order for reservations to be made at the discounted rate.

Mr. Jacome stated that the assignment of committee chairs and members shall be revisited again in January. Anyone interested in being part of the development of the new school should join the Facilities Committee.

Mr. Goulart passed out handouts of the MCAS 2007 results. He asked that the Board members review these handouts and bring any questions they may have to the November Board meeting. Mr. Goulart will answer any questions at that time.

*Adjournment:* At 8:15 PM, a motion was made by Mr. Medeiros to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Curry, and **APPROVED** unanimously.

*Next Meeting:* The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on **Wednesday, November 28, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Cafeteria of the Upper School located at 37 Park Street.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Thomas J. Curry  
Secretary