



**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MEETING MINUTES  
September 30, 2009**

- Trustees Present:** F. George Jacome; Matthew Burke, Jr., Esq.; Robert F. Collins; Jeffrey T. Karam; Brenda Reback; James A. Wallace, Jr.; Jonathan Taradash, (BOT Staff Intern)
- Trustees Absent:** Fernando Garcia (excused); Dr. Charles Khoury (excused); Teresa Nelson (excused); Beverly Pavao (excused); Peter A. Saulino, Esq. (excused)
- Staff Present:** Robert L. Beatty, Executive Director; Dr. Diane Desrosiers, Student Services Director; Henrique M.F. Madeira, Principal – Upper School; Kerry Kennedy – Lower School Principal; Kristi Oliveira, Human Resources Director; Mathieu Pilote, FLC Director;
- Community Input:** None
- Call to Order:** Mr. Jacome officially called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.
- Acceptance of Minutes:** Mr. Jacome presented the Minutes from the Board of Trustees Meeting of August 26, 2009, emailed in advance of this meeting to all Board Members.
- A motion was made by Mr. Collins to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Mrs. Reback, and **APPROVED** unanimously.
- Correspondence:** None
- Staff Presentations:** None
- Financial Report:** A motion was made by Mr. Collins to waive the reading of the Financial Report, seconded by Mrs. Reback and **APPROVED** unanimously. A copy of the Financial Report was emailed in advance of this meeting to all Board members and is on file in the Office of the Board of Trustees
- Committee Reports:**
- Development Committee:**  
No report.
- Education Committee:**  
Mr. Wallace provided a brief synopsis of the Education Committee meeting. Mr. Wallace reviewed the purpose of the Education Committee and how it is designed to assist the school with data analysis and the assistance in developing educational policies. The Education Committee will also work on the Strategic Plan and look into different Title I grant opportunities. Discussion also ensued around AYP status and equity for students. The next meeting of the Education Committee will be at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, October 26, 2009.

**Facilities Committee:**

No report.

**Finance Committee:**

Mr. Collins reported that the audit will be presented at the next Board meeting. Mr. Collins stated that the outlook for this fiscal year looks better than anticipated due to the enrollment offsetting the added expenses. The next meeting of the Finance Committee is scheduled for Friday, October 23, 2009 at 9:00 AM

**Nominating Committee:**

No report.

**Personnel Committee:**

No report.

***Old Business:***

Mr. Beatty provided an update to the presentation he gave regarding the 2009-10 outlook for Atlantis Charter School. Mr. Beatty stated that he had met with Superintendent of Fall River, Meg Mayo-Brown, and had a very positive meeting. The meeting consisted mainly of discussions to reach out to the Fall River Public Schools and share resources and collaborate for the benefit of everyone involved to expand opportunities for all children.

Mr. Beatty stated that committees have been formed to discuss technology, grading, the process of response to intervention, and the spirit of Atlantis.

Mr. Beatty informed the Board that Atlantis had been approved for the Supplemental Educational Services program as well as two proposals for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds. Atlantis will also be looking into competitive grants.

Mr. Beatty reported that the extra-curricular activities have commenced for students. The afterschool activities combined with the SES program is a comprehensive after-school program.

***New Business:***

Mr. Jacome discussed issues with regards to a few Board members. Mr. Jacome stated that Dr. Charles Khoury is apologetic but does not have the time commitment to be a part of the Board of Trustees. Dr. Khoury will be submitting a letter of resignation for the Board of Trustees files.

A motion was made by Mr. Wallace to accept the verbal resignation of Dr. Khoury, seconded by Mr. Karam and **APPROVED** unanimously.

Mr. Jacome discussed the fact that Mr. Fernando Garcia has not attended a meeting in over a year and a half and that there has been no success in trying to reach Mr. Garcia. Mr. Jacome stated that he will draft a letter thanking Mr. Garcia for his years of service to the Board. Mr. Jacome's intent is to open that seat to a participant who will have the commitment to serve the children of Atlantis.

A motion was made by Mr. Wallace to approve Mr. Jacome to draft a letter of termination of services to Mr. Garcia, seconded by Mr. Karam and **APPROVED** unanimously.

Mr. Jacome stated that he will be forming an ad-hoc committee to review the by-laws in order to streamline them and make the more efficient. Once Mr. Jacome has individuals in place, he will report to the Board as to the next steps.

Mr. Wallace stated that Atlantis could benefit from having members from larger organizations serve on the Board as well as having more female members.

Mr. Beatty presented the 2009 Spring MCAS results. Mr. Beatty reported that in looking at the same cohort of students throughout the year, there is an upward trend in Advanced and Proficient and a downward trend in Needs Improvement and Warning/Failing. The longer a student is enrolled at Atlantis the higher their scores. Mr. Beatty stated that the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education will be releasing a growth module on each student. Mr. Beatty reiterated that Proficient is not good enough, we always want students to grow and the students that are scoring in the proficient level should raise their scores to the Advance level.

Mr. Collins stated he was pleased with the clear presentation indicating gains in student achievement and is proud to be part of Atlantis.

**Adjournment:** At 8:00 PM, a motion was made by Mr. Wallace to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Reback and **APPROVED** unanimously.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on **Wednesday, October 28, 2009 at 7:00 P.M.** in the Cafeteria of the Upper School located at 37 Park Street.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. James A. Wallace, Jr.  
Secretary