



**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MEETING MINUTES  
September 26, 2007**

- Trustees Present:* Roger H. Saint-Pierre; Richard R. Brejcha; Dr. Thomas J. Curry; Charles F. Fellows, IV; F. George Jacome; Jeffrey T. Karam; Paul S. Medeiros; Troy E. Mitchell; Teresa Nelson; Peter A. Saulino, Esq.; James A. Wallace, Jr.; Brenda Reback (Staff BOT Intern)
- Trustees Absent:* Gerald R. Audet (*excused*); Fernando Garcia (*excused*); Dr. Ronald B. Goodspeed (*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; Larisa Badger, Media Specialist; Anne-Marie Peck, Readiness-Kindergarten Teacher; Eric Ventura, Music Teacher
- Community Input:* None
- Call to Order:* Mr. Saint-Pierre officially called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
- Acceptance of Minutes:* Mr. Saint-Pierre presented the Minutes from the Board of Trustees meeting of August 29, 2007.  
A motion was made by Mr. Medeiros to accept the Minutes, seconded by Mr. Jacome and **APPROVED** unanimously.
- Correspondence:* Mr. Goulart reviewed a letter of resignation from John F. Lucey, Esquire. Mr. Saint-Pierre asked Mr. Goulart to send a thank you letter to Atty. Lucey for his years of service on the Board.  
Mr. Goulart reviewed a letter from Kathleen Friar, Campaign Assistant for the United Way thanking Atlantis staff for donating over \$2,000 to United Way.  
Mr. Goulart reviewed a letter from Matthew Deninger, Onsite Chairperson for DOE, approving the school’s Action Plan responses for the Special Element, Methods of Administration, and English Language Learners components of the Coordinated Program Review.
- 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: No report.

Nominating Committee: No report.

Personnel Committee: No report.

Education Committee: No report.

*Old Business:* Mr. Saint-Pierre reported that Atlantis is now the proud owner of 66 acres of land purchased for \$2.6 million dollars. Mr. Saint-Pierre stated that now there can be a real physical vision for Atlantis. Mr. Saint-Pierre stated that, even though this is his last meeting, he would like to be considered as a community member for the facilities committee to assist in the building aspects of the school.

Mr. Saint-Pierre noted that he was pleased to see the high level of response from interested staff members looking to serve on the Board and its committees.

*New Business:* Mr. Goulart presented the results of the AYP report. In response to a question from the Board, Mr. Goulart explained that the state determines the target rate for each school district. He added that DOE had not yet released individual student scores.

Mr. Saint-Pierre asked if anyone had heard Bernie Sullivan commentary regarding charter schools on radio station WSAR. Mrs. Reback stated that she had listened to the show and that Mr. Sullivan had spoken highly about expected success of Atlantis finding a way to get a new facility built. At Mr. Saint-Pierre request, Mr. Karam agreed to obtain a copy of the recording of commentary.

Nominations for the offices of Board President and Vice-President were opened. Mr. Medeiros nominated F. George Jacome for the position of President. Mr. Medeiros stated that during the time spent at the National Charter School Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Mr. Jacome shared his long-term vision for the school. He added that Mr. Jacome has a vested interest in the success of Atlantis since his two children attend Atlantis. A motion was made by Dr. Curry to appoint Mr. Jacome as President, seconded by Teresa Nelson, and **APPROVED** unanimously.

Mr. Jacome nominated Atty. Peter Saulino for the position of Vice-President. A motion was made by Dr. Curry to close nominations, seconded by Teresa Nelson, and **APPROVED** unanimously. A motion was made by Mr. Medeiros to appoint Atty. Saulino as Vice-President, seconded by Teresa Nelson, and **APPROVED** unanimously.

Mr. Saint-Pierre reminded all that currently Mr. Medeiros is the Board Treasurer and that Dr. Thomas J. Curry is the Board Secretary.

Mr. Jacome addressed the Board to recognize Mr. Saint-Pierre for his years of dedication, hard-work, generosity, and friendships to the entire Atlantis Charter School community, Board members, and parents.

Mr. Goulart presented Mr. Saint-Pierre with a token of appreciation for his leadership and commitment.

Mr. Saint-Pierre noted that, initially when he joined the Atlantis Board he did so reluctantly. He quickly noted, however, that it had turned out to be one of best things he has done. He added that he really believes that it is “all about the children” and looks forward to remaining connected with Atlantis through his membership on the Atlantis Educational Foundation Board.

Mr. Goulart also recognized Mr. Brejcha’s three years of service to the Board with a token of appreciation. Mr. Goulart added that Mr. Brejcha had always articulately represented the faculty members’ point of view. Mr. Brejcha replied that it had been a pleasure to serve on the Board and that this had been a great way for him to understand the infrastructure of the organization.

*Adjournment:* At 7:34 PM, a motion was made by Mr. Wallace to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Medeiros, and **APPROVED** unanimously.

*Next Meeting:* The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on **Wednesday, October 24, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Cafeteria of the Upper School located at 37 Park Street.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Thomas J. Curry  
Secretary