



**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees**  
*July 10, 2019*

**Board Members Present:** Danal Abrams, Laura Blankfein, Matthias Ederer, Laurence Heilbronn, Randall Iserman

**Present by Video Conference:** Ben Gliklich

**Absent:** Adam Falkner

Board joined by Sara Corona and Elisa Murphy

The Meeting was brought to order by Chair, Danal Abrams, at 6:30 and a quorum was found present.

- Chair Abrams moved for approval of minutes from June 2019 meeting; seconded by member Ederer. Minutes approved unanimously by voice vote.
- School Leadership Report
  - School Leadership Team presented regents results for first 8<sup>th</sup> grade class.
    - All students took the Living Environment Regents with a 62% pass rate.
    - Students could opt into the Global History exam with a 61% pass rate.
    - A smaller cohort took Integrated Algebra with a 37% pass rate.
    - 62% of the class passed at least one regents exam.
    - Pass rate for students with IEPs matched that of gen ed students.
  - The attendance rate will continue to be a major focus for the student services team.
    - 2018-19 closed with a 93% average
    - Special attention to be paid to reducing chronic absenteeism – 86 students had more than 10 absences; a few were absent up to 40 days.
  - Registration for 2019-20; goal 280+ enrolled, budgeted at 278.
    - 6<sup>th</sup> grade - 107 enrolled, goal of 110
    - 7<sup>th</sup> grade - 106 enrolled, goal of 107
    - 8<sup>th</sup> grade – 79 enrolled, goal of 80
    - Continue to run “family nights” and to accept applications to add to waitlist – 15 families attended most recently
    - Planning summer events to boost final enrollment
- Head of School Murphy presented latest version of accountability plan with 7 key benchmarks aligned to comments in the SUNY 3-year evaluation report. The team continues to work on metrics and curriculum maps to underscore the role of arts education in academic and social/emotional success. They are working with the Family Association on a plan for building stronger school community and culture.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:40 by unanimous voice vote.