



# FREIRE

## CHARTER WILMINGTON

### MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**JANUARY 27, 2022 | 8 AM**

**VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE CALL**

**MEETING ID: 611 336 0544 | PASSWORD: 075513**

Board Members Present: Evelyn Davies, Sheela Dattani, John Kane, Nathan Moser, David Singleton, Mark Stellini, Clint Walker, Nathan Will

Others Present: Leigh Botwinik, Olivia Burgess, Kelly Davenport, Nate Durant, Melanie Reiser, Maddie Weckel

Meeting Start: 8:00 AM

- I. Public Comment
  - a. There is no public comment.
- II. Governance
  - a. Purchasing 201 W. 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Wilmington, DE 19801
    - i. David Singleton share the current location of Freire Charter School Wilmington is looking to be purchased and the board is pursuing the landlord to make the transaction. Total estimate of savings would be approximately \$200,000/year which would allow Freire Wilmington to own the current building and the second building (connected by a bridge to our current school location).
    - ii. The second building used to be a Blue Cross Blue Shield location and is now used by a video producer. Architects looked at the second location and notified David Singleton and Kelly Davenport that a gym could be built in the Annex section of the building, but the roof would have to be removed completely and rebuilt.
    - iii. Nathan Moser shares current operation issues at the school and notes that he wants the second building to be checked over to ensure the same problems wouldn't occur.
  - b. Newark Charter Updates and Hearings
    - i. Kelly Davenport shares globally, Freire Schools Network Office has submitted an application for Freire Charter School Newark which was deemed sufficient by Charter School Accountability Committee (CSAC) of Delaware on January 10. Freire Schools is meeting with CSAC in early February, with an initial public hearing scheduled for February 16.
    - ii. Nate Durant and Kelly will be interviewed by Larry Nagengast tomorrow, January 28, 2022.
    - iii. Melanie Reiser encourages all board members to attend the CSAC hearing. Board support and attendance at the hearings will have a tremendous impact on the charter application process.
    - iv. Clint Walker shares that a number of board members have met with the Governor and the new Secretary of Education.
    - v. David Singleton shares that, currently, Freire Schools is looking a vacant suburban office building as the new site of Freire Newark. After meeting with the landlord, a quote for rent has been given along with a list of utilities our current board must pay.
    - vi. David and Bill Ray are currently reviewing the financial requirements for the new school to ensure that the school is up-to-date with all operations codes.

Meeting Adjourned : 8:30am