



# University Academy

CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL  
AT NEW JERSEY CITY UNIVERSITY

275 West Side Avenue  
Jersey City, New Jersey 07305

**Board of Trustees Meeting  
University Academy Charter High School  
Multi-purpose Room  
May 13, 2009  
5:30 PM**

**Ruddys Andrade  
Frank Mercado  
Marco Valdivia  
John Melendez  
Angela Rivera  
Nadine Muhammad  
Jo Bruno  
Karen Ridley  
Migdalia Viole-Hernandez**

## **Public Session**

In accordance with the Public Notice Law of New Jersey, the University Academy Charter High School's meeting was advertised in the Jersey Journal and the Star Ledger. A copy was also sent to the City Clerk and a copy was posted in a public place. The public meeting of the University Academy Charter High School called to order 5:35 p.m. Mr. Valdivia addressed the public. Jesse Thatcher presented on behalf of the membership. He is looking forward to the next meeting and finalizing contracts.

April 2009 minutes were approved.

**Moved by Andrade. Second by Ridley.**

**Unanimous. No abstentions.**

**Dean's Report (see attached)**

**Dean Lugo made his report to the board.**

## **Committee Reports**

### **Personnel**

Resolution was approved to hire:

**Allan Jauregui, Science Teacher** (\$45,470 Full-Time  
Instructional Staff BA Step 5)

**Rena Singh**, *Permanent Substitute Teacher* (\$23,340 Full-Time Support Staff Step 3)

**Moved by Ridley. Second by Andrade.**  
**Unanimous. No abstentions.**

Resolution was approved to re-hire non-tenured certificated 10 month employees:

- Shalonda Archibald, *Reading Specialist Teacher*
- Joshua Aronowitz, *Physical Education Teacher*
- Mary Clair Austin, *English Teacher*
- Dolores Bullock, *Permanent Substitute Teacher*
- Amber Butler, *Physical Education Teacher*
- Susan Chenelle, *English Teacher*
- Angel Cora, *English Teacher*
- Kara Drexel, *School Social Worker*
- Robert Elia, *Physical Education Teacher*
- Harriet Farah, *English Teacher*
- Frank Fochesato, *Special Education Teacher*
- Shing-Mei Lio, *Science Teacher*
- Erika Nimbley, *Special Education Teacher*
- Olga Perez, *Spanish Teacher*
- Abdul Rennane, *Mathematics Teacher*
- Alice Scotten, *Nurse*
- Joseph Timpanaro, *Social Studies Teacher*
- Evelyn Virgil, *Mathematics Teacher*
- Philip Vivenzio, *Business Education Teacher*
- Michelle Whitescarver, *Music Teacher*
- Hans Winberg, *Social Studies Teacher*

**Moved by Ridley. Second by Andrade.**  
**Unanimous. No abstentions.**

Resolution to approve posting of 8 curriculum writers/ summer staff was approved.

**Moved by Ridley. Second by Andrade.**  
**Unanimous. No abstentions.**

### **Finance**

Mr. Puzo presented on behalf of Finance Committee. He projected an increase of \$250,000 in NCLB funds. There are no changes in the operating budget. We are looking at a decrease from 5.3 to 5.1 million. Mr. Puzo stated the current year will be fine although salaries are slightly higher, but we should not be running at a deficit. Mr. Andrade asked if we are running a deficit in salary. Mr. Puzo said yes but because of home instruction we are a little over budget.

The finance report for April 2009 and invoices to be paid, were approved as presented.

**Moved by Ridley. Second by Melendez.**

**Unanimous. No abstentions.**

#### **New Business**

Resolution to approve draft version of UACHS Academic Calendar was presented and approved.

**Moved by Melendez. Second by Ridley.**

**Unanimous. No abstentions.**

Resolution to approve College Express High School Dual Enrollment Program was approved.

**Moved by Andrade. Second by Bruno.**

**Unanimous. No abstentions.**

Dr. Melendez reported that UACHS/NJCU have received a \$60,000 grant to operate the College Express High School Dual Enrollment Program. He stated that the planning of this program goes back a couple of months from a meeting he attended in Trenton. We became aware of the grant application for the College Express Dual Enrollment program. The grant will allow for 20 students to attend in Summer 2009, 10 in Fall 2009 and 10 in Spring 2010. The grant project is funded by NJ Commission on Higher Education. Ms. Rivera asked if this would be available for this summer. Dr. Melendez stated yes, they would be ready for the summer and Mr. Lugo identifies the appropriate students. Mr. Lugo stated he is very excited and believes the students will be also. Mr. Andrade stated this grant really honors the original intention of the charter school founders.

Resolution to hire Erica Perez as the new Board Clerk was approved.

**Moved by Ridley. Second by Melendez.**

**Unanimous. No abstentions.**

#### **Announcements**

**June Board Meeting**

**June 10, 2009**

**4:30 pm**

#### **Adjournment**

Moved by Andrade. Second by Melendez.

Unanimous. No abstentions