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REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Date	August 6th, 2026
Time	6:00 PM
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MINUTES
All items on this agenda are open for discussion and possible action, including reports and action items.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT STATEMENT
In compliance with the regulations outlined in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Sunshine Act, this meeting has been appropriately publicized, and notification has been provided to all relevant parties. Furthermore, the notice of this meeting was prominently displayed on both the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review and the official school website.

A. CALL TO ORDER
Dr. Kenz called for order at pm 6:45PM

B. ROLL CALL

Name	Position	Attendance
Dr. Adam Kenz	Member/President	✅
Dr. Christina Lewis	Member/Secretary	
Aubrey Wilson Tucker	Member	✅
Rayuana Gray	Member	✅
Christina Silva	Member	✅
Mehmet Gurakar	Member	✅
Dr. Sembem Unlu	Member	✅

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C. UPDATE

CEO Report

Mr. Cengiz provided the Board with an update on school operations, facilities, enrollment, staffing, compliance, federal programs, professional development, and upcoming events. The presentation covered the following areas:

A. Construction and Facilities Update

The Board received an update regarding construction of the YSGA addition. The majority of construction work was reported as substantially complete, with the final occupancy inspection scheduled for August 11, 2026.

The new addition includes a cafeteria, cafeteria kitchen, gymnasium, Science/STEM lab, additional classroom space, restrooms, and other facility improvements.

Remaining punch-list items, including installation of the wheelchair lift and gym equipment, were noted and will continue to be tracked with the general contractor.

B. Enrollment Update

The Board was provided with an enrollment update showing 451 students currently enrolled for the 2026–2027 school year. The projected maximum capacity was presented as approximately 426–462 students, based on section sizes.

The presentation noted 152 new enrollments and significant enrollment growth compared with prior years. Most sections were expected to begin the school year at approximately 24 students per section.

The Board was also informed of a new community partnership/outreach effort that resulted in significant enrollment interest from an immigrant community in Duquesne. The presentation reported that 62 students enrolled from this community and that this enrollment surge was a major factor in most sections beginning the year at 24 students.

C. 2026–2027 Staffing Update

The Board was informed that YSGA was fully staffed for the 2026–2027 school year. Five new positions and four previously open positions had been filled.

New staff members introduced in the presentation included:

- Shelbi Johnson – 1st/2nd Grade Teacher
- Alexis Rodriguez – 1st–2nd Grade Intervention Teacher
- Lucia Mignano – 1st Grade Intervention Teacher

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- Maria Durso – Intervention Teacher
- Rebekah Balogh – Middle School Mathematics Teacher
- Matthew Elam – Middle School English Teacher
- Laurie Snell – Spanish Teacher
- Paul Trapani – Social Studies Teacher
- Alice Evdokimova – Special Education Teacher

The Board welcomed the new members of the YSGA team.

D. Charter School Annual Report

The Board was informed that the Charter School Annual Report was submitted on August 1, 2026.

E. Title I Schoolwide Plan

The Board received an update on the 2026–2027 Title I Schoolwide Plan. The plan continues to focus on closing academic gaps through targeted, data-driven intervention in English Language Arts and Mathematics.

The goals presented include:

- ELA: At least 40% of students proficient or advanced by the end of 2026–2027.
- Math: At least 30% of students proficient or advanced by the end of 2026–2027.

The strategy includes hiring and training intervention teachers, administering diagnostic testing, forming data-driven small groups, and continuously monitoring and adjusting instruction throughout the school year.

The presentation identified the following federal program funding:

- Title I: $275,036
- Title II: $19,563
- Title IV: $10,000
- Total: $304,599

Funding will support intervention teacher salaries and benefits.

F. Academic Strengths and Challenges

The Board reviewed academic strengths and challenges identified through the Title I program.

Reported strengths included an 11% year-over-year increase in Math PSSA proficiency, a 13% proficiency gain in Math among Black students, a Math PVAAS academic growth score of 100/100, an ELA PVAAS academic growth score of 79, a 92% regular attendance rate, and 100% of students meeting the career-readiness benchmark.

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Challenges included a slight decline in overall ELA proficiency, lower proficiency among students with disabilities in both ELA and Math, slightly lower performance among economically disadvantaged students, and overall proficiency levels remaining below the state average.

G. Summer Institute and Professional Development

The Board received an update regarding the Summer Institute for staff, scheduled for August 11–24, 2026.

Planned professional development included new staff orientation, curriculum introductions, HR/IT/operations and benefits updates, de-escalation and safety training, PBIS and discipline training, PLC training, CEO updates, and Back-to-School Night.

The first day for students was scheduled for August 25, 2026.

The Board was also informed about Professional Learning Community training with Solution Tree consultants Dr. Muhammed and Dr. Barbara Phillips. Full-day PLC training was scheduled for August 21, followed by additional PLC work and grade-band breakout sessions on August 24.

Business Manager

- Financial Statements Overview
- Vendor Expenditure

D. CALL TO THE PUBLIC / OPEN DISCUSSION

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E. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

a. Agenda for August 6th, 2026

Ms. Silva motioned, and Ms. Silva seconded, to approve theAgenda for August 6th, 2026
Roll Call: Unanimous.
Resolved: The motion is approved.

b. Exhibit I: Minutes from June 11th, 2026

Dr. Adam motioned, and Ms. Silva seconded, to approve the Exhibit I: Minutes from June 11th, 2026
Roll Call: Unanimous.
Resolved: The motion is approved.

c. Exhibit II: Financial Statements and Expense Report as of July 31st, 2026.

Dr. Adam motioned, and Ms.Silva seconded, to approve the Exhibit II: Financial Statements and Expense Report as of July 31st, 2026.
Roll Call: Unanimous.
Resolved: The motion is approved.

d. Exhibit III: Cleaning Services 26-27

Ms. Gray motioned, and Ms.Silva seconded, to approve the Exhibit III: Cleaning Services 26-27
Roll Call: Unanimous.
Resolved: The motion is approved.

e. Exhibit IV: Health Benefits Renewal

Dr. Adam motioned, and Ms.Silva seconded, to approve the Exhibit IV: Health Benefits Renewal
Roll Call: Unanimous.
Resolved: The motion is approved.

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f. Exhibit V: Commercial Insurance Renewal

Dr. Adam motioned, and Dr.Unlu seconded, to approve the Exhibit V: Commercial Insurance Renewal
Roll Call: Unanimous.
Resolved: The motion is approved.

g. Exhibit VI: School Title 1 Plan

Ms. Silva motioned, and Ms. Gray seconded, to approve the Exhibit VI: School Title 1 Plan
Roll Call: Unanimous.
Resolved: The motion is approved.

h. Exhibit VII: Human Resources

i. **Shelbi Johnson** – Teacher
ii. **Maria Durso** – Teacher
iii. **Alice Evdokimova –** Teacher
iv. **Paul Trapani**– Teacher

Dr. Adam motioned, and Ms. Gray seconded, to approve the Exhibit VII: Human Resources

i. **Shelbi Johnson** – Teacher
ii. **Maria Durso** – Teacher
iii. **Alice Evdokimova –** Teacher
iv. **Paul Trapani**– Teacher

Roll Call: Unanimous.
Resolved: The motion is approved.

i. Exhibit VIII: Printer Lease Agreement

Ms. Gray motioned, and Ms.Silva seconded, to approve the Exhibit VIII: Printer Lease Agreement
Roll Call: Unanimous.
Resolved: The motion is approved.

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F. OLD BUSINESS ITEMS

None

G. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to adjourn to Executive Session in accordance with the Sunshine Law, 65 Pa.C.S.A. § 708, to discuss personnel matters, attorney-client privilege matters, pending litigation, negotiations, and other related topics.

Roll call:

Resolved that the motion is unanimously _____.

Please be aware that the details of the matters discussed will be made public once the circumstances necessitating confidentiality cease to exist. However, the specific timeline for the conclusion of these circumstances is presently unknown.

H. RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION

I. SUGGESTED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

J. ADJOURNMENT

a. **The Board President adjourned the meeting.**

It is adjourned 7:35pm