

Bridges Preparatory Board of Directors
Minutes of the Monthly Board Meeting on January 8, 2019
Held at Bridges Preparatory Main Campus, 1100 Boundary Street, Beaufort SC 29902

Upon determining the presence of a quorum, Chairman Gault called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm .

Board Member Attendance

	Name	Office	Present	Absent	Arrived Late	Departed Early
1	David Gault	Board Chairman	X			
2	Tom Angelo	Vice Chairman	X			
3	Rebecca Polk	Treasurer	X			
4	Bryan Merrick	Secretary	X			
5	Kelly McCombs	Director at Large		X		
6	Shawna Doran	Director at Large			X	
7	Joe Cooper	Director at Large	X			
8	James Corbin	Director at Large			X	
9	Peggy Feuerbacher	Director at Large	X			

Staff Members in Attendance:

HOS Chris Wilson, Asst. Sherri Herbst, Tim Drury, Joan Drury, Jessi Mullen, Caroline Lovell, Amy Painton, Chris Littleton, John Kabel, Casey Chucta

Others in Attendance:

John Williams, Publicist; Gary McCulloch, Incoming HOS

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

(In accordance with SC Code of Law, Title 30, Chapter 4)

- a. Section 30-4-70(a)(1) Discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of an employee, a student, or a person regulated by a public body or the appointment of a person to a public body.
- b. Section 30-4-70(a)(2) Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and proposed sale or purchase of property, the receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates to a pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege, settlement of legal claims, or the position of the public agency in other adversary situations involving the assertion against the agency of a claim.

MOTION made by Vice Chairman Angelo to enter Executive Session at 5:32 p.m., seconded by Treasurer Polk, motion passed without dissent.

MOTION made by Vice Chairman Angelo to emerge from Executive Session, seconded by Director Cooper, motion passed without dissent. Public Meeting convened at 7:40 p.m.

III. OPENING CEREMONIES

a. Mission Statement

The Bridges Preparatory School (BPS) mission is to provide students equal access to a high quality K-12 whole child education that maximizes academic excellence and strength of character in a student-centered learning environment created by a faculty of lifelong learners.

- b. Pledge of Allegiance**
- c. Freedom of Information Act**

Chairperson Gault stated that the media was notified of the meeting, including the listing on BPS website. It was done within the 48 hour requirement.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION made by Director Corbin to approve the agenda with amendment; seconded by Director Cooper, motion passed without dissent.

V. STAFF REPORTS

a. HOS Report

HOS Wilson reported Morgan Lee from Columbia University led the January 4th professional development day for teachers and staff. End Of Course testing would begin tomorrow for the upper school. HOS Wilson thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve, adding that he had made good friends, learned a lot, but was resigning to join his wife in Florida. He also asked the Board to approve a field trip idea to Orlando and St. Augustine, Florida, for in May for sixth and seventh grades. Several Board Members expressed reservations about approving it because an administrator needs to attend. HOS Wilson requested Board to consider that an administrator not be required to attend because the company that is arranging the trip would take care of logistics.

b. ASST. Report

Dr. Herbst recognized Drisana McFadden for becoming a certified nutrition expert. BPS was entering the second cycle of ADEPT (unannounced teacher evaluations). Also the play *Jungle Book* would be held in the BPS gymnasium February 13th and 14th, directed by Casey Chucta. Dr. Herbst also welcomed Gary McCulloch as incoming HOS and stated that a transition plan was in place.

c. PTO REPORT

Amy Painton welcomed new Board Members, welcomed Gary McCullough, and distributed gifts for outgoing Board Members. She reported on the Shrimp and Grits 6th Annual Block Party in downtown Port Royal for March 9th as it continues to grow as a great community event. The PTO goal is to raise money for an activities bus and asked for sponsors. Ameris Bank was the title sponsor with a \$3500 donation. This year PTO had added a classroom sponsorship drive, and they were looking for cooks with the winner receiving a \$1000 prize.

VI. BOARD REPORTS

a. Board Chair Report

Board Chair Gault reported that the USDA construction loan closed mere hours before the Federal Government shutdown and credited the efforts of James Corbin, John Wegmann, and Ameris Bank. He also credited former Chairperson Dee Matthews for making a phone call to move it along and possibly keep BPS solvent. The government shutdown might have created issues with construction. He also announced Board training would be on Saturday, January 12th at the Boundary Street Campus.

b. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Polk reported that the financials for December were not yet available.

c. FACILITIES REPORT

Vice Chairperson Angelo reported that construction on the new school could proceed full speed with 365 days until completion. The site has been fenced off, and preparation completed, including drains installed, and forms for footings in place.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION made by Director Feuerbacher to approve the minutes for December 18, 2018; seconded by Director Cooper; motion passed without dissent.

VII NEW BUSINESS

Caroline Lovell presented a proposal for new HR software that would be added on to Powerschool. The contract would be for 42 months and cost would include \$3148 for software, \$6000 implementation, and have an ongoing yearly cost of \$6300 a year. HOS Wilson explained it would eliminate the difficulty currently they currently had handling contracts, etc. with the different campuses and ease getting signatures. It would give BPS a more professional look when hiring and help organize data. Mr. McCulloch endorsed it. Jessi Mullens added that it would streamline hiring, background checks, notifications to failed applicants, intent to returns, and improve confidentiality.

- a. **MOTION** made by Vice Chairman Angelo to approve the purchase of the HR software; seconded by Director Doran, motion passed without dissent.
- b. **MOTION** made by Director Feuerbacher to approve Amy Painton as the Board liaison; seconded by Vice Chairman Angelo; motion passed without dissent.
- c. **MOTION** made by Director Corbin to accept the contract with AIES for services of five hours a week at \$100 per hour for two months; seconded by Treasurer Polk; motion passed seven (7) votes with one (1) abstention, Secretary Merrick.
- d. **MOTION** made by Director Corbin to table the Orlando and St. Augustine field trip until receiving further information; seconded by Director Cooper; motion passed without dissent.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

X. ADJOURNMENT

Next regular meeting confirmed for February 19, 2019 at Boundary Street.

MOTION made by Vice Chairman Angelo to adjourn the meeting; seconded Treasurer Polk; motion passed without dissent. Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Approved by the Board: _____

Board Secretary or Board Chairperson Signature: _____