

**Bridges Preparatory Board of Directors**  
**Minutes of the Monthly Board Meeting February 19, 2019**  
**Held at Bridges Preparatory Main Campus, 1100 Boundary Street, Beaufort SC 29902**

**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	Peggy Feuerbacher	Director at Large	X			
6	James Corbin	Director at Large	X			
7	Kelly McCombs	Director at Large	X			
8	Joe Cooper	Director at Large	X			
9	Shawna Doran	Director at Large	X			

**Staff Members in Attendance:**

Interim HOS Sherri Herbst , Tim Drury, Joan Drury, Jessi Mullen, Caroline Lovell, Amy Painton, Chris Littleton, Amanda Sanders, John Kabel, Kelly Menard-Rippa

**Others in Attendance:**

Gary McCulloch, Dee Matthews (Facilities), Marty Miley (Facilities), John Williams (Publicist), Melissa Kiddy

**A. CALL TO ORDER, ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM**

- a. Upon determining the presence of a quorum, Chairman Gault called the meeting to order at 5:59pm
- b. Melissa Kiddy gave her report on school financials.

**B. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- 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.
  - i. **MOTION** made by Vice Chairman Angelo to enter Executive Session at 5:32 pm, seconded by Director McCombs, motion passed without dissent.

- ii. **MOTION** made by Vice Chairman Angelo to emerge from Executive Session, seconded by Director Doran, motion passed without dissent. Public Meeting re-convened at 7:25pm.

**C. PUBLIC MEETING**

**a. MISSION STATEMENT**

- i. The Bridges Preparatory Mission Statement was recited aloud by Chairman Gault.

**b. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**c. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT**

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

**d. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

- i. **MOTION** made by Director Feuerbacher to approve the agenda after revising the Public Comment section to occur before the New Business section, seconded by Treasurer Polk, motion passed without dissent.

**e. HOS REPORT**

- i. Dr. Herbst stated that teacher evaluations for the second semester were ongoing. Chairman Gault commended Dr. Herbst for putting in the time and work to correct and upgrade our final school rating to Passing. Director Feuerbacher asked about a school plan for targeting the areas of improvement on our state report card and Dr. Herbst said she would prepare a formal report on the plan for those areas.

**f. PTO REPORT**

- i. Amy Painton reported that the Bridges Block Party is rapidly approaching (March 9), that we've received over \$20k in donations so far and press releases and promotions have gone out and are being circulated. She also stated that chef applications for the Shrimp and Grits competition have been coming in and they still have to vacancies that need to be filled.

**g. OUTREACH REPORT**

- i. None.

**h. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

- i. Chairman Gault conducted another draw on the construction loan. He also thanked Hood Construction for their sponsorship of the Block Party and added that they have invited the board out to dinner in Bluffton on Saturday night, the 23rd. Gault reminded everyone of the ongoing process to secure space for a few grade levels for a part of next school year. He emphasized the desire for an orderly discussion process on several of the new topics during tonight's meeting.

**i. TREASURER'S REPORT**

- i. **MOTION** made by Director Feuerbacher to accept the treasurer's report as given by Treasurer Polk, seconded by Director Corbin, motion passed without dissent.

**j. FACILITIES REPORT**

- i. Director Angelo reported that soon metal studs will start going vertical, steel beams and columns have been delivered, final grade and slab in area D is complete, in Area C the placement of underground mechanicals, piers and forms is taking place.

**k. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- i. **MOTION** made by Director Cooper to approve the minutes from the January 8, 2019 board meeting, seconded by Director Doran, motion passed without dissent.
- ii. **MOTION** made by Director Cooper to approve the minutes from the January 12, 2019 board retreat/training, seconded by Director Corbin, motion passed without dissent.

**I. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**m. NEW BUSINESS**

- i. **MOTION** made by Director McCombs to adopt an ADA Compliance Policy for the school, seconded by Director Corbin, motion passed without dissent.
- ii. **MOTION** made by Vice Chairman Angelo to authorize Director Gault to negotiate with Beaufort County for a partial lease of the Lind Brown facility for the Fall of 2019 (6 classrooms and an office in which Dr. Herbst plans to place the 7th and 8th grades (69 total students), seconded by Director Feuerbacher, motion passed without dissent.
- iii. **MOTION** made by Chairman Gault to appoint incoming HOS Gary McCulloch as the single point of contact for select construction decisions (all subject to board oversight), seconded by Director Feuerbacher, motion passed without dissent.
- iv. **MOTION** made by Chairman Gault to approve plans made to enclose the common areas proposed in the school building plans, seconded by Director Feuerbacher, motion passed without dissent.
- v. **MOTION** made by Chairman Gault to request FWA to submit conceptual plans for K-5 with 4 sections per grade at the elementary site, seconded by Director Feuerbacher, motion passed without dissent.
- vi. **MOTION** made by Director Cooper to amend the charter to increase the number of sections in grades K-8 from 3 to 4 once space becomes available. Gary McCulloch then provided feedback on his vision for making this change to the charter. **MOTION** made by Director Feuerbacher to table the current motion and add it to unfinished business, seconded by Director McCombs, motion passed without dissent.
- vii. **MOTION** made by Chairman Gault to amend the charter to allow a 24 student cap per grade level only in the case of retention, seconded by Treasurer Polk, motioned passed by a vote of 7-2.
- viii. **MOTION** made by Vice Chairman Angelo to purchase nine units of the Fountas and Pinnell reading intervention curriculum at a cost of \$10,507, seconded by Director McCombs, motion passed without dissent.
- ix. **MOTION** made by Vice Chairman Angelo to approve the revised teacher salary schedule, seconded by Director Corbin, motion passed without dissent, Director Cooper abstained from the voting.
- x. **MOTION** made by Director Corbin to approve a new enrollment policy for the school, seconded by Vice Chairman Angelo, motion passed without dissent.
- xi. **MOTION** made by Vice Chairman Angelo to approve a new tardy policy for the school, seconded by Director Feuerbacher, motion passed without dissent.
- xii. **MOTION** made by Director Gault to approve an overnight middle school field trip provided by Clemson University at Lake Marion if each lodge/cabin has at least 2 chaperones through the night, seconded by Director Feuerbacher, motion passed without dissent.

- xiii. **MOTION** made by Director Gault to approve a VPA excursion to Carowinds, seconded by Vice Chairman Angelo, motion passed without dissent.
- xiv. **MOTION** made by Chairman Gault to approve a GT field trip to the Tiny House Festival in Macon, GA, seconded by Secretary Merrick, motion passed without dissent.
- n. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
  - i. The board revisited an authorization request for a previously planned field trip to Orlando, but that field trip had been cancelled.
- o. **ADJOURNMENT**
  - i. Next regular meeting and first budget reading confirmed for March 19, 2019.
  - ii. **MOTION** made by Vice Chairman Angelo to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Treasurer Polk, motion passed without dissent. Meeting officially adjourned at 9:15.

Approved by the Board: \_\_\_\_\_

Board Secretary or Board Chairperson Signature: \_\_\_\_\_