

Bridges Preparatory Board of Directors Minutes of the Monthly Board Meeting, April 8, 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: Dr. Sherri Herbst (interim HOS), John Kabel, Amanda Saunders, Joan Drury, Tim Drury, Tiffany Woodard, Caroline Lovell, Jesse Mullen

Others in Attendance: Gary McCulloch (incoming HOS), John Williams (publicist), Melissa Kiddy (accounting)

A. CALL TO ORDER, ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

a. Upon determining the presence of a quorum, Chairman Gault called the meeting to order at 5:30. **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 5:30 pm, seconded by Director McCombs, motion passed without dissent. ii. **MOTION** made by Director Corbin to emerge from Executive Session, seconded by Treasurer Polk, motion passed without dissent. Public Meeting re-convened at 6:57pm.

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 the BPS website and at all campus locations. It was done within the 48 hour requirement. **d. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

i. **MOTION** made by Vice Chairman Angelo to amend the agenda to move Public comment to before New Business, seconded by Director Corbin, motion passed without dissent. **e.**

HOS REPORT

i. Dr. Herbst reported that Tiffany Woodard, our TOY, is a finalist for

the SCPCSD

Teacher of the year and will be interviewed in Columbia on April 25. Admin is working on 2 SCPDSD mini-grants for \$20,000 to contract with the National Padeia Center to provide professional development for our staff and another mini grant for \$10,000 to purchase reading intervention kits for use by our teachers in the classroom. Admin recently trained a Padeia leadership team of staff members. Dr. Herbst extended special thanks to Amanda Saunders, Jenny Badgett and Amy Painton for working on those grant applications. Gary McCulloch attended a training at the SC Charter Alliance and reported that it was a great day of learning, remarked at how different the charter school experience will be, noted the great speakers at the conference including Molly Spearman (State Superintendent) and Governor Henry McMaster. Both of these influential people are supporters of charter schools. Mr. McCulloch also attended a PADAIEA conference in Asheville, NC and learned a great deal about “seminar” in elementary classrooms. He desires to have students to be able to discuss Padeia when asked about it. Dr. Herbst reported on a new committee to present more cultural diversity in the curriculum. f. PTO REPORT

i. Amy Painton not in attendance. g.

OUTREACH REPORT

i. Vice Chairman Angelo reported on an outreach effort at Walmart put on by CAPA and

the Marine Corps and Bridges was represented.

h. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT

i. Chairman Gault received updated Greene Street contract, we’ve begun the next loan

application process with the USDA with the preapplication due by the end of April and full completed application by July. This loan will provide the funds for the construction of the elementary school. Chairman Gault then recognized Caroline Lovell for her assistance on the application. i. **TREASURER’S REPORT**

i. Treasurer Polk reported that we don’t have March financials yet. We signed the

contract for the auditor that was selected at the previous board meeting and that company will begin taking steps to complete audit immediately. j. **FACILITIES REPORT**

i. Vice Chairman Angelo reported that Area B roof has been started, electrical

mechanical and plumbing and all being installed, bar joists in Area D, partition walls, exterior sheathing going in. The entire foundation has been completed but getting

reworked in some areas as a result of the changes made to convert planned

“common areas” into additional classroom space. k. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

i. MOTION made by Vice Chairman Angelo to approve the minutes from the March

board meeting after amending them to reflect Director Cooper leaving early (7:30), seconded by Director Doran, motion passed without dissent. I. SECOND BUDGET READING

i. Melissa Kiddy proceeded with our second budget reading for next school year. m. NEW BUSINESS

i. MOTION made by Director Feuerbacher to approve 2019-2020 budget on second

reading, seconded by Director Corbin, motion passed without consent.

ii. MOTION made by Vice Chairman Angelo to table discussion and approval of a

rebranding design for the school after viewing samples presented by both the PTO and the incoming HOS and suggesting edits and additional ideas, seconded by Director Doran, motion passed without dissent. iii. MOTION made by Director Doran to engage A3 through a state contract to coordinate all information technology services throughout the school construction project, seconded by Director Corbin, motion passed without dissent. iv. MOTION made by Director Corbin to authorize incoming HOS Gary McCulloch to

determine classroom set-up for wiring “on a walk-through with a roll of blue tape,” seconded by Vice Chairman Angelo, motion passed without dissent.

v. MOTION made by Director McCombs to approve the purchase and installation of

adjustable height basketball rims in the multipurpose room, seconded by Director Corbin, motion passed without dissent. vi. MOTION made by Director Feuerbacher to authorize school leadership to post a notice

to the public for next board meeting for loan application, seconded by Director McCombs, motion passed without dissent. vii. MOTION made to Director Feuerbacher to authorize the use of \$7,500 to approve a

Feasibility Study contract with Don Wyant, seconded by Vice Chairman Angelo, motion passed without dissent. viii. MOTION made by Vice Chairman Angelo/Polk to approve the Feasibility Study

Accounting fee, seconded by Treasurer Polk, motion passed without dissent.

ix. MOTION made by Director Feuerbacher to continue our current PEBA agreement with

SCPCSD to manage employee insurance and reject the offer to self-manage this task, seconded by Directory McCombs, motion passed without dissent.

**n. PUBLIC
COMMENTS**

**i. none o. UNFINISHED
BUSINESS**

i. MOTION made by Director Feuerbacher to renew Therapy A to Z contract for

occupational therapy services to the school, which represents a \$5/hr increase and a two year agreement, Director McCombs, motion passed without dissent. ii. MOTION made Vice Chairman Angelo to NOT renew Williams Group PR contract,

seconded by Secretary Polk, motion passed as a 6-1 vote. Chairman Gault extended a

special thanks to John Williams for his service to the school and noted the school's desire to manage these tasks internally and through our HOS directly. p.

ADJOURNMENT

- i. Next regular meeting confirmed for May 21, 2019 at 5:30pm. ii. MOTION made by Vice Chairman Angelo to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director McCombs, motion passed without dissent. Meeting officially adjourned at 8:02 pm.**