

**Bridges Preparatory Board of Directors**  
**Minutes of the Monthly Board Meeting, Jan. 21, 2020**  
**Held at Bridges Preparatory Main Campus, 555 Robert Smalls Parkway, Beaufort SC**  
**29906**

**Board Member Attendance**

	Name	Office	Present	Absent	Arrived Late	Departed Early
1	Tom Angelo	Board Chairman	x			
2	Rebecca Polk	Vice Chairman	x			
3	Shawna Doran	Treasurer	x		x	
4	Bryan Merrick	Secretary	x			
5	Jon Brown	Director at Large	x			
6	Mark Rennix	Director at Large		x		
7	Gordon Sproul	Director at Large	x			
8	Joe Cooper	Director at Large	x			
9	David Gault	Director at Large	x			

**Staff Members in Attendance:**

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

- a. Upon determining the presence of a quorum, Chairman Angelo called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

**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 Director Gault to enter Executive Session at 5:35pm, seconded by Secretary Merrick, motion passed without dissent.
  - ii. **MOTION** made by Director Sproul to emerge from Executive Session, seconded by Treasurer Doran, motion passed without dissent. Public Meeting re-convened at 6:39pm.

**C. PUBLIC MEETING**

**a. MISSION STATEMENT**

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

- b. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- c. **STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT**
  - i. Chairman Angelo 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 Director Brown to approve the agenda, seconded by Vice Chair Polk, motion passed without dissent.
- e. **HOS REPORT**
  - i. **HOS Gary McCulloch shared the following topics:**
    - 1. We've had a great month of excitement and accomplishment moving into our new building.
    - 2. Our furniture was delivered, new shelving, media center assembled, CO acquired, and then move-in began 30 minutes later. With just one weekend to move-in, our staff was still prepared for 2 large open house groups on Monday, January 6. The new building officially opened for business on Tuesday to faculty and students. During the same week that we opened for the first time and gave tours to community members, we hosted a basketball game and three school dances. We've hosted multiple TV stations several times. Campus tours took place. We held Huddle and a ribbon cutting ceremony. More tours will take place to finish up January.
- f. **PTO REPORT**
  - i. **Kim Gardner**
    - 1. Spirit Night at Hearth on Tuesday (January 28)
    - 2. BILo community bag program in February
    - 3. Spirit wear sales ongoing.
    - 4. Block Party planning underway. Added an after party (4-9pm), preselling the Shrimp and Grits ballots.
- g. **OUTREACH REPORT**
  - i. none
- h. **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**
  - i. Angelo reported:
    - 1. We've moved in. A few leaks and other issues that come with a new building. We're waiting on the USDA for loan approval to begin the elementary school. Gym construction is intended to take place simultaneously.
- i. **TREASURER'S REPORT**
  - i. **Doran**
    - 1. Financial highlights for December 2019 reported and available on a separate document.
    - 2. **MOTION** made by ViceChair Polk to approve the December financials report, seconded by Secretary Merrick, motion passed without dissent.
- j. **FACILITIES REPORT**
  - i. (included with the chairperson's report)
- k. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- i. MOTION made by Director Gault to approve the minutes from the December board meeting, seconded by Director Brown, motion passed without dissent.

I. NEW BUSINESS

- i. MOTION made by Director Gault to approve the new logo for the school, which already appears on the multipurpose room floor, seconded by Director Brown, motion passed without dissent.
- ii. MOTION made by Director Gault to engage HOS McCulloch to work with the student body and families to design and select athletics logo, seconded by Treasurer Doran, motion passed without dissent.
- iii. MOTION made by Director Sproul for school administration to acquire a school resource officer for the remainder of this school year, seconded by Director Gault, motion passed without dissent.
- iv. MOTION made by ViceChair Polk to approve the proposed plan for grade level placement at our two facilities to start next school year (K-2 at Boundary), seconded by Director Sproul, motion passed without dissent, Director Gault abstained.

m. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- i. none

n. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- i. MOTION made by Director Gault that BPS contribute \$5000 to the City of Beaufort towards installation of playground equipment at the Washington Street Park so long as the city installs a metal plaque at their expense recognizing BPS' donation, seconded by Treasurer Doran, motion passed without dissent.
- ii. MOTION made by Director Gault to authorize board chair to enter into an agreement to sell Boundary St campus to the City of Beaufort as long as terms are the same as those offered at a recent meeting with board members, seconded by ViceChair Polk, motion passed without dissent.

o. ADJOURNMENT

- i. Next regular meeting is confirmed for February 18, 2020 at 5:30pm.
- ii. MOTION made by Director Sproul to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Brown, motion passed without dissent. Meeting officially adjourned at 7:12pm.

Approved by the Board: 2/18/20

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