

**Bridges Preparatory Board of Directors**  
**Minutes of the Monthly Board Meeting, 7/21/2020**  
**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 Chair	x			
2	Rebecca Polk	Vice Chair	x			
3	Shawna Doran	Treasurer	x			
4	Bryan Merrick	Secretary	x			
5	Jon Brown	Director at Large	x			
6	Mark Rennix	Director at Large	x			
7	David Gault	Director at Large	x			
8	Joe Cooper	Director at Large	x			
9	Gordon Sproul	Director at Large	x			

**Staff Members in Attendance: unknown virtual attendees**

**Others in Attendance: unknown virtual attendees**

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

- a. Upon determining the presence of a quorum, Chairman Angelo called the meeting to order at 5:40pm.
- b. **MOTION** made by Director Gault to move into executive session, seconded by ViceChair Polk, motion carried.

**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.

**C. PUBLIC MEETING**

- a. **MOTION** made by Director Brown to emerge from executive session and begin public session, seconded by Treasurer Doran, motion passed without dissent.
- b. **MISSION STATEMENT**

- i. The Bridges Preparatory Mission Statement was recited aloud by Chairman Angelo.
- c. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- d. **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 24 hour requirement.
- e. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**
  - i. **MOTION** made by Director Cooper to adopt the agenda as written, seconded by ViceChair Polk, motion carried.
- f. **CEO REPORT**
  - i. **CEO Gary McCulloch reported on the following topics:**
    1. The meeting is being broadcast with one of our in class cameras that will be used to execute the distant learning plan. The school community is preparing for a memorable year.
    2. The athletic school store went live two weeks ago and many items sold out already. New window for PTO spirit wear on July 28.
    3. Project Lead The Way. A STEM infused curriculum from K-5 that then marries into tech education, prepping students for higher education and the workforce.
    4. Face shields and masks have been ordered for the school and will be provided.
    5. Professional development for elementary teachers. Every class has a Cleartouch Panel and training will be provided. Grades 5-12 will experience verteran PD to receive advanced training on the panels.
    6. Science Fair planning is underway and will include prizes (Mrs. Madden).
    7. Current Enrollment at 1067 students. 193 families have signed up for the synchronous distant learning program. Families will be able to reelect at the quarter.
- g. **PTO REPORT**
  - i. Mrs. Gardner reported that the second tuesday in Sept will be the first meeting of the PTO for the school year. Spirit Wear sale begins on July 28th to include the new logo.
- h. **OUTREACH REPORT**
  - i.
- i. **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**
  - i. The board and school administration have been getting the contract established with MB Kahn, waiting on documentation from USDA. Hallways painted over the summer in the current building. Clear touch panels for all classes and all teachers.
- j. **TREASURER'S REPORT**
  - i. Treasurer Doran gave the financial report for the month of June, the details of which are available on a separate document.
  - ii. **MOTION** made by Director Gault to accept the June financials report, seconded by ViceChair Polk, motion passed without dissent.
- k. **FACILITIES REPORT**
  - i. (included with the Chairperson's Report)
- l. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- i. MOTION made by Treasurer Doran to approve the minutes of the June 16 board meeting, seconded by Director Brown, motion carried.
- ii. MOTION made by Director Cooper to approve the minutes of the July 9 special called meeting, seconded by Treasurer Doran, motion carried.

m. NEW BUSINESS

- i. MOTION made by Director Gault to put out a bid for MicroShield360 electrostatic treatment not to exceed 20,000 and authorize the CEO to execute the contract, seconded by Director Cooper, motion passed unanimously.
- ii. MOTION made by ViceChair Polk to execute a contract with Carolina Air for air filtration upgrade, seconded by Director Sproul, motion passed unanimously.
- iii. MOTION made by Director Cooper to approve the updated employee handbook for the 2020-2021 school year, seconded by Director Rennix, motion passed unanimously.
- iv. MOTION made by Secretary Merrick to approve the updated family handbook for the 2020-2021 school year, seconded by Director Brown, motion passed unanimously.
- v. MOTION made by Treasurer Doran to update the school organization chart to change the title of the "Assistant Principal" to "Principal grades 6-8", seconded by Director Brown, motion passed unanimously.
- vi. MOTION made by Director Cooper to approve the contract proposal for landscaping of the BPS campuses by The Greenery, seconded by Director Brown, motion passed unanimously.
- vii. The CEO provided an update on the reopening plan for BPS and a summary of the many safeguards being put in place with the goal of keeping our students, staff, and families safe.
- viii. MOTION made by Director Cooper to approve the updated reopening plan that changes our start to 100% virtual as a result of current trends in our area with transmissions of COVID-19 and a reevaluation of the situation two weeks later to determine if in-person class attendance is appropriate, seconded by Director Gault, motion passed unanimously.

n. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- i. None

o. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- i.

p. ADJOURNMENT

- i. Next regular meeting confirmed for **Aug 18, 2020 @ 5:30pm.**
- ii. MOTION made by ViceChair Polk to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Brown, motion passed without dissent. Meeting officially adjourned at **7:23pm.**

Approved by the Board: 8/18/20

Board Secretary or Board Chairperson Signature: 

