

**Bridges Preparatory Board of Directors
Minutes of the Monthly Board Meeting, April 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: Gary McCulloch, Kim Gardner, Trish Torres, Joan Drury, Kelly Masotti

Others in attendance: (Note there were virtual attendees with unknown identities)

A. CALL TO ORDER, ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

- a. Upon determining the presence of a quorum, Chairman Angelo called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

B. 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 24 hour requirement.

d. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

- i. **MOTION** made by Director Gault to adopt the agenda as written, seconded by Director Cooper, motion passed without dissent.

e. HOS REPORT

- i. HOS Gary McCulloch reported on the following:

1. During quarantine and distance learning, we've had a memorable month filled with challenges, fun, and memories. Collaboration among teachers and families is going well.
2. BPS seniors received and displayed yard signs recognizing their status and accomplishments last week.
3. With regard to staffing and hiring for the Fall, the final two recommendations went out today meaning that we'll be fully staffed upon their acceptance.
4. The school's current enrollment 779 and we have 1052 students enrolled for the 2020-2021 school year. There are 13 additional offers for siblings of current students. 202 applicants still remain on the waitlist.

f. PTO REPORT

i. Kim Gardner

1. The 2018 donation to go to school technology needs.
2. The PTO has reviewed bylaws (May 7 approval date), changed voting for leadership to the end of the school year in order to have the leadership team assembled for all work that takes place over the summer.
3. Thursday and Friday, PTO will be visiting all staff homes and leaving a treat.
4. Teacher Appreciation Week is the week of May 4 and the PTO will have surprises for the teachers during that time as well.

g. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

i. Chairman Angelo reported on the following:

1. Our USDA required property appraisal has not yet been completed and returned to us, but the bidding process for the construction of the elementary school can begin upon the receipt of an approved appraisal. Our resident inspector has been chosen for the process. We added a multipurpose room to the elementary school plans that is about $\frac{3}{4}$ the size of the current upper and middle school multipurpose room.

h. TREASURER'S REPORT

- i. Shawna Doran reported the financials for the month of March 2020. (details available on separate document)
- ii. **MOTION** made by Secretary Merrick 2020 financials report, seconded by Directory Brown, motion passed without dissent.

i. FACILITIES REPORT

- i. (included in the Chairperson's report)

j. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- i. **MOTION** made by Director Cooper to approve the minutes from our previous meeting (March 2020), seconded by Director Brown, motion passed without dissent.

k. NEW BUSINESS

- i. **HR MOTION 04212020** made by Director Gault, seconded by Treasurer Doran, a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed without dissent.
- ii. Discussion of graduation ceremony. Mr. McCulloch recommends using the Drive In Theater, the school will work to make a memorable ceremony for the Seniors who deserve it. Proposal is for June 1 @ 7pm.

I. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- i. Joe Cooper - The PEBA insurance available to our staff is a great benefit, but falls short on preventative insurance, as it is cost prohibitive to our teachers. As a school and a board, we need to be aware of this inadequacy and consider any opportunity to improve this coverage.

m. ADJOURNMENT

- i. Next regular meeting confirmed for May 19 @ 5:30pm.
- ii. **MOTION** made by Secretary Merrick to adjourn the meeting, seconded by ViceChair Polk, motion passed without dissent. Meeting officially adjourned at 6:14pm.

Approved by the Board: _____

Board Secretary or Board Chairperson Signature: _____