

**Bridges Preparatory Board of Directors
Minutes of the Monthly Board Meeting, 8/15/2023.
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	Bryan Merrick	Vice Chair	x			
3	Jorge Guerrero	Director	x			
4	Michelle Fraser	Treasurer	X			
5	Jon Brown	Secretary	X			
6	Beth Taggart	Director	x			
7	David Gault	Director	x			
8	Dawn Yerace	Director	x			
9	Casey Chucta	Director	x			

Staff Members in Attendance: Gary McCulloch, Jessie, Caroline, Brett Macy

- A. CALL TO ORDER, ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM**
 - a. Upon determining the presence of a quorum, Chairman Angelo called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM.**
- B. PUBLIC MEETING**
 - a. MISSION STATEMENT**
 - a. The Bridges Preparatory Mission Statement was recited aloud by Chairman Angelo.**
 - b. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
 - c. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT**
 - a. 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.**
- C. PUBLIC COMMENT**
 - a. n/a**
- D. MOTION made by Director Fraser to enter an executive session, seconded by Director Guerrero. Motion carried.**
- E. 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.**
- F. MOTION made by Director Gault to end executive session, seconded by Director Taggart, motion carried.**
- G. Adoption of Agenda**
 - a. MOTION made by Director Guerrero to adopt agenda, seconded by Director Fraser.**

Motion passed.

H. PUBLIC MEETING

a. CEO REPORT (Mr. McCulloch)

- i. BPS faculty returned at the beginning of August to a strategic week with a focus on “The Power of One”. BPS staff will be focusing on being intentional with our interactions and connecting with the impact our roles have on our school community.
- ii. BPS held three school nights that were well attended. This gave the students and their families time to meet teachers and staff before the start of the year.
- iii. On August 9th students were welcomed back to school. On that morning each school focused on building relationships into their morning meetings where the power of connection and our personalized instructional pedagogy were the priority of the first 3 days.
- iv. Current enrollment is 1353 students with 6 offers out, we have 630 on our waitlist. BPS has received 999 new applications for next year.

b. PTO REPORT

- i. N/A

c. ATHLETICS REPORT

- i. AD Brett Macy presented information on his vision for the Athletics department and where it will be heading.

d. 10-Year Celebration Committee (Mr. McCulloch)

- i. N/A

e. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT (Tom Angelo)

- i. Structural steel and concrete are installed. Completion date is slated for April 1st. Phase one of new property is beginning involving parking.

f. TREASURER’S REPORT

- i. Director Fraser presented the June and July financials.
 1. MOTION made by Director Merrick to approve the June and July financial reports, seconded by Director Guerrero. Motion passed.

g. Announcements / Good of the Order

- i. Director Gault bought up the concern of the current situation regarding lunchroom utilization specifically for Middle School. Discussion was had about the issues.
- ii. Director Angelo bought up the concern of the lunch situation.
- iii. Director Merrick gave kudos to Director Angelo for all that he is doing for the school and the board.
- iv. Director Merrick bought up the need for the committee involving communications.

h. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- i. MOTION made by Director Merrick to approve the minutes from the 7/11/2023 board meeting minutes, seconded by Director Fraser, motion passes.

i. NEW BUSINESS

i. ESSR Amendment

1. CEO McCulloch updated the Board on moving ESSR funds around due to bringing services in house instead of contracting it to third party services for specific activities as well as reducing the cost of certain payroll activities in the upcoming school year.
 - a. No vote was needed as this was informational.

ii. Locker Additions

1. CEO McCulloch presented information about locker situation along with quote for additional lockers. Discussion was had about the information.
 - a. MOTION made by Director Brown to approve the proposal for additional lockers, seconded by Director Guerrero. Motion passed.

iii. PPL Policy Draft

1. CEO McCulloch presented the final proposed PPL policy.

- a. MOTION made by Director Fraser to approve the PPL policy; Director Guerrero seconded it. Motion passed.
- j. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - 1. Kitchen Equipment
 - a. CEO McCulloch presented information of the needed equipment for the current Cafeteria company. Discussion was had.
 - i. MOTION made by Director Taggart to approve the requested kitchen equipment, seconded by Director Yerace.
- k. ADJOURNMENT
 - i. Next regular meeting confirmed for September 19th, 2023 @ 5:30 PM
 - ii. MOTION made by Director Taggart to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Fraser, motion passed without dissent. Meeting officially adjourned at 7:38 PM.

Approved by the Board: _____

Board Secretary or Board Chairperson Signature: _____