

**Bridges Preparatory Board of Directors
Minutes of the Monthly Board Meeting, 8/17/2021
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	Chris Ketchie	Treasurer	x			
4	Bryan Merrick	Director	x			
5	Jon Brown	Secretary	x			
6	Mark Rennix	Director	x			
7	David Gault	Director	x			
8	Joe Cooper	Director	x			
9	Gordon Sproul	Director	x			

Staff Members in Attendance: Gary McCulloch, Jessica Mullen

A. CALL TO ORDER, ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

- a. Upon determining the presence of a quorum, Chairman Angelo called the meeting to order at 5:38 pm.
- b. MOTION made by Director Sproul to enter an executive session, seconded by Vice Chair 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. MOTION made by Director Gault to end executive session, seconded by Director Merrick, motion carried.

D. 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

1. Motion made by Director Sproul to adopt the agenda, seconded by Treasurer Ketchie, motion carried.

e. CEO REPORT (Mr. McCulloch)

- i. Off to a great start for the year. Yesterday 120+ staff were welcomed back to school, and focused on whole-child development, as well as grade level priorities.
- ii. On Thursday Jahmad Canley will be on campus for our Potential Unleashed Training. This training strengthens our habits, attitudes, beliefs, and expectations of all students.
- iii. The campuses were sprayed with Micro shield 360 in the middle and high schools yesterday, and the elementary school will be completed today.
- iv. Installation of GPS filters for ventilation system has been completed.
- v. Open house for families will be held this week. The open houses have been staggered to limit the number of people in the buildings at one time.
- vi. A reminder to parents that mask will be required when entering the building. We will release updated information regarding volunteering shortly.
- vii. Current enrollment is 1213 students with 17 offers out.
- viii. Next week will be an amazing week, as we open our new elementary school and welcome all students from K-12 on one campus. An emphasis on patience when dropping students off in the morning, as well as reminding our parents to arrive during their designated pick-up time. Early arrival will cause congestion in the lines and will cause disruption to traffic flow.
- ix. This is a special time that many of us have been looking forward to for many years. A thank you to the families that are entering their 9th year, as well as families entering their first year for choosing our wonderful school community to serve your needs. This is going to be a wonderful year!

f. PTO REPORT (Kim Gardner)

- i. The PTO officers have been planning this summer for another great year
- ii. The spirit store is open, and orders are being filled.
- iii. Our PTO sold concessions at the 65th Annual Water Festival. This was a very successful fundraiser with a profit of over \$5000. Thank you to everyone who supported us.
- iv. The first public meeting of the 2021/22 school year will be held on September 14th.

g. ATHLETICS REPORT

- i. N/A

h. CHARTER RENEWAL (Mr. McCulloch)

- i. Will be meeting on 9-13-2021 for strategic items.
- ii. The charter amendment regarding makeup of the board was confirmed by the State Charter district.

i. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT (Tom Angelo)

- i. Elementary wing is open, and teachers are setting up classrooms. Things look nice.

j. TREASURER'S REPORT

- i. Treasurer Ketchie presented the financial report for the month of July, the details of which are available on a separate document.
- ii. MOTION made by Director Cooper to accept the July financials report, seconded by Vice Chair Polk, motion passed without dissent.

k. Announcements / Good of the Order

- i. All teachers are back and getting ready for the school year.
- ii. Kudos to PTO for the Water Festival concessions.

l. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- i. MOTION made by Vice Chair Polk to approve the minutes from the July 20th, 2021, meeting with the noted correction, seconded by Director Cooper, motion

passes.

m. NEW BUSINESS

i. Employee Guidebook

1. MOTION made by Director Gault to approve the Employee Guidebook with the requested updates, seconded by Director Rennix motion passed without dissent.

ii. Family Handbook

1. MOTION made by Director Sproul to approve the family handbook with the requested changes, Seconded by Director Cooper, Director Gault abstained from vote, the motion passed.

iii. FOIA Policy and Procedure

1. MOTION made by Director Gault to table this item, seconded by Director Cooper, the motion passed without dissent.

iv. Buses - Shuttles

1. MOTION made by Director Gault do an annual contract with Bus Max plus up to \$10k for insurance, and for the busses to be wrapped with school logo, Treasurer Ketchie seconded, the motion passed.

v. COVID Protocol and Procedures

1. MOTION made by Director Merrick that we require face mask of everyone in the buildings until September 21st, 2021, Director Merrick, Ketchie, Sproul, Gault, and Cooper voted for. Directors Polk, Angelo, Brown, and Rennix voted against. Motion passed.
2. MOTION made by Director Sproul to rescind the face mask requirement. Seconded by Director Rennix. Director Angelo, Ketchie, Sproul, Polk, Rennix, Brown, and Cooper approved. Director Merrick and Gault voted against. Motioned passed.
3. MOTION made by Director Gault that the board agrees with the verbiage of a letter to all the Bridges family encouraging the use of mask. Seconded by Director Cooper. Passed unanimously.

vi. Landscape Addendum

1. MOTION made by Director Gault to approve landscape contract addendum; Vice Chair Polk seconded. Chairman Angelo abstained. Motion passed.

n. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- i. none

o. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- i. none

p. ADJOURNMENT

- i. Next regular meeting confirmed for September 21st, 2021 @ 5:30 PM
- ii. MOTION made by Director Cooper to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Vice Chair Polk motion passed without dissent. Meeting officially adjourned at 10:05 PM.

Approved by the Board: _____

Board Secretary or Board Chairperson Signature: _____