

**Bridges Preparatory Board of Directors
Minutes of the Monthly Board Meeting, 8/18/2020
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: CEO Gary McCulloch, Caroline Lovell

Others in Attendance: 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 5:30pm.
- b. MOTION made by Secretary Merrick to start an executive session, seconded by Director Brown, motion passed unanimously.

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 ViceChair Polk to emerge from executive session, seconded by Treasurer Merrick, motion passed unanimously.
- 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 ViceChair Polk to adopt the agenda as written, seconded by Secretary Merrick, motion passed without dissent.
- f. **CEO REPORT**
 - i. Mr. McCulloch provided a report on the following topics;
 1. Update on the start of our school year from the virtual perspective. Compliments to families and teachers for a smooth and dynamic start.
 2. Update on the facilities regarding Microshield protective treatments, Boundary Street campus improvements.
 3. 1057 students total enrolled.
- g. **PTO REPORT**
 - i. Kim Gardner provided the PTO report:
 1. No events scheduled yet. Spirit store opened on July 28, over 150 orders already placed. Home deliveries by volunteers.
- h. **OUTREACH REPORT**
 - i. none
- i. **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**
 - i. Fencing going up this week to begin elementary school construction. USDA hopefully will send a go-ahead soon. Optimistically shooting for the end of August to begin construction. Reiterate the new playground at Boundary.
- j. **TREASURER'S REPORT**
 - i. Treasurer Doran gave the financial report for the month of July, the details of which are available on a separate document.
 - ii. **MOTION** made by Secretary Merrick to accept the July financials report, seconded by Director Gault, motion passed unanimously.
- k. **FACILITIES REPORT**
 - i. included in Chair report
- l. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - i. **MOTION** made by Director Gault to approve the minutes from the July regular monthly meeting and August special called meeting with a add to the wording of the 5th motion that the new position in the Org Chart is "Principal of 6-8", seconded by ViceChair Polk, Director Sproul abstained, motion passes.
- m. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - i. Mr. McCulloch provided an update to our reopening plan. Our priority is and has been the safety of our school community. A reminder of all the measures that have been put in place regarding filtration, cleaning, masks, testing and monitoring, social distancing, and procedures all for the purpose of creating as safe a learning environment as possible. As we reopen the building to face to face instruction, there

is always the option and possibility to return to virtual classrooms if local cases surge. Declarations for synchronous learning are still in effect for the entire first quarter and will reopen for a new choice at the second quarter. Expectations for synchronous learning regarding attendance, dress code and attention. Recommended these options:

1. Option 1 - K-5 return on August 27. Grades 6-8 sept 3. 9-12 sept 10.
 2. Option 2 K-5 return on August 27 Grades 6-8 sept 10 9-12 sept 17.
- ii. MOTION made by Director Gault to select option 2 for our reopening plan, seconded by Director Cooper, voting taken by roll call:
1. Angelo (nay)
 2. Polk (nay)
 3. Doran (aye)
 4. Merrick (aye)
 5. Brown (aye)
 6. Rennix (aye)
 7. Gault (aye)
 8. Cooper (aye)
 9. Sproul (nay)
- a. Motion passes 6-3.

n. PUBLIC COMMENTS

i. none

o. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

i. none

p. ADJOURNMENT

- i. Next regular meeting confirmed for **September 15, 2020 @ 6:00pm.**
- ii. MOTION made by Director Gault to adjourn the meeting, seconded by ViceChair Polk, motion passed without dissent. Meeting officially adjourned at **7:07pm.**

Approved by the Board: 9/15/2020

Board Secretary or Board Chairperson Signature: 