

Bridges Preparatory Board Meeting
Minutes of the Monthly Board meeting on January 23, 2018
1100 Boundary Street Lunchroom, Beaufort SC 29902

Upon determining the presence of a quorum, Chairman Matthews called the meeting to order at 5: 30 p.m.

Board Member Attendance

	Name	Office	Present	Absent	Arrived Late	Departed Early
1	Dee Matthews	Board Chairman	X			
2	Marty Miley	Vice Chairman	X			
3	James Corbin	Treasurer	X			
4	Peggy Feuerbacher	Secretary	X			
5	Calvin White	Director at Large			X	
6	Kelly McCombs	Director at Large	X			
7	David Gault	Director at Large	X			
8	Brooke Pacheco	Director at Large	X			
9	Tom Angelo	Director at Large	X			

Staff Members in Attendance:

HOS Wilson, Dr. Herbst, Tim Drury, Joan Drury, Jennifer Bryant, Jessica Mullins, Chris Bolten, Rachael Littleton, Elizabeth Smith, Erin Ruth, Caroline Lovell, Jessica Mullen, Amy Painton

Others in Attendance:

John Williams, Publicist, Jim Wegmann, BPS Attorney

I. MISSION STATEMENT

The Bridges Preparatory Mission Statement was recited aloud by Director Matthews.

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

(*Conducted in executive session in accordance with South Carolina Code of Laws, Title 30, Chapter 4, Section 30-4-70 (a)(1), for the "discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of... employee[s]" and (2) Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and proposed sale or purchase of property. . . .)

MOTION made by Secretary Feuerbacher to enter Executive Session at 5:31 pm, seconded by Director Pacheco, motion passed without dissent.

MOTION made by Secretary Feuerbacher to emerge from Executive Session, seconded by Director Gault, motion passed without dissent. Public Meeting convened at 7:03 pm.

III. PUBLIC MEETING

a. STUDENT PRESENTATION

None

b. STAFF RECOGNITIONS

HOS Wilson recognized John O'Connell, third grade teacher, for earning the Read to Succeed endorsement. He also recognized Patricia Mitchell for completing her Master's Degree and South Carolina's certification; Grace Coverse also received her Master's in Reading; and Wendy Walsh was given mention in Speech Therapy magazine for fundraising to help stutterers.

c. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION made by Vice Chairperson Miley to approve the agenda with amendments, seconded by Secretary Feuerbacher, motion passed without dissent.

d. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

Chairperson Matthews stated that the media was notified of the meeting, including the listing on BPS website. It was done within the 48 hour requirement.

e. REPORTS

i. HOS REPORT

HOS Wilson reported meeting with students and teachers to assess the well being of the school.

ii. PTO REPORT

Amy Painton gave an update on the fifth annual Shrimp and Grits Cook Off which is scheduled for Saturday, April 28. Homerooms can sponsor the block party events and volunteers are needed to help with the event, including helping to find chiefs, vendors, artisans, and donations.

iii. OUTREACH REPORT

None

iv. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairperson Matthews read an email from a BPS parent, complimenting the school's teachers and staff. She also reported that 1.4 million in funds were invested in a special bank account as required by the USDA loan. It was also suggested that the Board look into finding different accounts which would earn more interest on the money.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Corbin gave the financial report for December, 2017, stating that month's total income was \$473,208 and from July to December \$2,753,032. Total expenses for December were \$580,226 and from July to December \$2,809,782. Net income for December was (\$107,018) and from July to December (\$56,750).

v. FACILITIES REPORT

Vice Chairperson Miley reported that he has put out four commercial bid requests for modular classrooms for the new school site. Only two replied. OSF has approved the modular site plans. Early site work will be put out for bids.

f. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION made by Director Gault to accept the minutes for December 5, 2017 after amending minutes to show Director Pacheco abstained from voting, seconded by Vice Chairperson Miley, motion passed without dissent.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- i. A new nurse has been hired to replace current nurse who has accepted another position.
- ii. BPS Winter Camp

Students from China are expected to arrive at BPS February 7 and will depart February 20. Each student will be paired with one BPS student. A request for housing for 5 male students was made.

- iii. HOS Wilson and Dr. Herbst are investigating ways to help teacher gain Gifted and Talented certification and Read to Succeed endorsement.
- iv. Chairperson Matthews presented an outline for Board ad hoc committee for review and suggested members invite stakeholders to include parents. Individuals interested in serving on any of these committees should contact HOS Wilson or Chairperson Matthews.

MOTION made by Vice Chairperson Miley to accept a contract to purchase twelve modular classroom and office unit as long as the modular meet OSF requirements, seconded by Director Pacheco; motion passed with one (1) abstaining vote by Director Gault.

MOTION made by Vice Chairperson Miley to accept proposal to relocate two units currently on Boundary Street campus to new school site as long as the modular meet OSF requirements, seconded by Secretary Feuerbacher, motion passed with one (1) abstaining vote by Director Gault. Chairperson Miley, motion passed without dissent.

MOTION made by Director McCombs to adjust the school schedule adding one make up day on February 19, which will be a half day for students and a half day for Professional Development for teachers, seconded by Vice Chairperson Miley; motion passed without dissent.

MOTION made by Director Pacheco to change the Board's regular meeting date from the third Thursday of the month to the third Tuesday of the month, seconded by Director Angelo; motion passed with one (1) abstaining vote by Director Gault.

V. **OLD BUSINESS**

None

a. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Parent Angela Ramig presented a request that BPS invite Zane Lewis's bikers' organization which presents a Bullying Prevention Program at school assemblies, each assembly targeted specifically to Lower, Middle and High school students.

b. **ADJOURNMENT**

Next regular meeting confirmed for February 20, 2018.

MOTION made by Director Gault to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Pacheco, motion passed without dissent. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Approved by the Board: 2/20/18

Board Secretary or Board Chairperson Signature: _____

Matthews
Margaret B Feuerbacher