

**Bridges Preparatory Board Special Called Meeting
Minutes of the Monthly Board meeting on September 21, 2017
1100 Boundary Street Lunchroom, Beaufort SC 29902**

Upon determining the presence of a quorum, Chairman Matthews called the meeting to order at 6:05 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	Chris Protz	Director at Large	X			
7	Greg Brinker	Director at Large	X			
8	Brooke Pacheco	Director at Large	X			
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Staff Members in Attendance:

Dr. Ithomitis, Chris Wilson, Joan Drury, Tim Drury, Amanda Sanders, Taylor Hunt, Cassandra Bolden, Sara Murphy, Amy Painton

Others in Attendance:

John Williams, Publicist

I. 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 Director Pacheco to enter Executive Session at 6:38 pm, seconded by Vice Chairman Miley, motion passed without dissent.

MOTION made by Director Brinker to emerge from Executive Session, seconded by Treasurer Corbin, motion passed without dissent. Public Meeting convened at 7:26 pm.

II. MISSION STATEMENT

The Bridges Preparatory Mission Statement was recited aloud by Chairperson Matthews

III. PUBLIC MEETING

a. STUDENT PRESENTATION

Photos taken by the upper school student in Ms. Betsy Smith’s art class was on display.

Dawson Cad, a tenth-grade student was accepted into National Society of High School Scholars.

b. STAFF RECOGNITIONS

Dr. Ithomitis welcomed Curriculum Specialist Sherrie Herbst to BPS’s staff.

c. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION made by Director Protz to approve the agenda with amendments (no staff, board reports or minutes from last meeting), seconded by Brooke Pacheco, 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

Dr. Ithomitis reported that 665 students were currently enrolled, well over the 629 students the current budget was based on.

Also, he said that BPS will give a presentation at the November 1 Chamber of Commerce breakfast.

ii. PTO REPORT

Amy Painton reported the BPS's polo shirts would be given out. She also requested the board change the dress code policy allowing BPS's hoodies. The Block Party drive for sponsorships was underway.

iii. OUTREACH REPORT

iv. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

v. TREASURER'S REPORT

1. Representatives from Elliot Davis Decosimo presented their independent auditor's report based on BPS' financial statements ending June 30, 2017 and reported that assets exceeded school expenditures. There were no major adjustments, only two minor adjustments that had no impact on the report. (See p. 5 of Appendix A)

2. Melissa Kiddy of McCay Kiddy gave the financial reports for July and August. July's report showed little activity while the August report large expenditures due to the opening of schools and the need for materials showing in a projective loss of \$94,000. This will be offset when the funds for the five-day student count is received in October. income exceeded expenditures by \$105,241. YTD Net Income of \$960,254 come in over the annual budgeted surplus \$234,422.

vi. FACILITIES REPORT

Vice Chairman Miley reported that the architect had made changes and was finalizing drawings, and the Town of Port Royal had mostly approved the plans.

f. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION made by Director Protz to accept the minutes for August 17, 2016, seconded by Director Pacheco, motion passed without dissent.

g. VOTES

i. MOTION made by Treasurer Corbin to approve the independent audit completed by Elliot Davis Decosimo, seconded by Secretary Feuerbacher, motion passed without dissent.

ii. MOTION made by Vice Chairperson Miley to accept the McCay Kiddy treasurer's report, seconded by Treasurer Corbin, motion passed without dissent.

iii. MOTION made by Director White to accept 2017 Organization Chart, seconded by Director White, motion passed without dissent.

- iv. **MOTION** made by Director White to approve the 2018 Spring trip to China, seconded by Treasurer Corbin, motion passed without dissent.
- v. **MOTION** made by Vice Chairperson Miley to approve one Fall trip and one Spring trip in 2018-2019 school year, destinations to be determined, seconded by Director Brinker, motion passed without dissent.
- vi. **MOTION** made by Director Pacheco to approve a student trip to Colby College and to Maine to the AYC-YWCA trip to Maine, seconded by Treasurer Corbin, motion passed without dissent.
- vii. **MOTION** made by Director Pacheco to to approve the proposed make up dates due to days lost because of storm Irma, seconded by Treasurer Corbin, motion passed without dissent.

h. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs. King, parent, requested that the Board consider using the three designated make up days already built in the school calendar rather than having students come on currently designated vacation days.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION made by Director Protz to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Secretary Feuerbacher, motion passed without dissent. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm.

Approved by the Board: 10/19/17

Board Secretary or Board Chairperson Signature: _____


Margaret B. Feuerbacher