



Bridges Preparatory Board Meeting
Minutes of the Monthly Board meeting on September 20, 2018
1100 Boundary Street Lunchroom, Beaufort SC 29902

Upon determining the presence of a quorum, Chairman Matthews called the meeting to order at 5:31 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	X
6	Brooke Pacheco	Director at Large	X			
7	Tom Angelo	Director at Large	X			
8	David Gault	Director at Large	X			
9	Kelly McCombs		X			

Staff Members in Attendance:

HOS Chris Wilson, Dr. Herbst, John Kabel, Joan Drury, Tim Drury, Caroline Lovell, Jessica Mullen, Amy Painton, Amanda Sanders, Chris Littleton, Casey Chucta, Erin Ruth, Leanne Connolly, Selma Davis

Others in Attendance:

John Williams, Publicist

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

(In accordance with SC Code of Law, Title 30, Chapter 4)

- 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.

MOTION made by Director Pacheco to enter Executive Session at 5:31 p.m., seconded by Director McCombs, motion passed without dissent.

MOTION made by Director Pacheco to emerge from Executive Session, seconded by Director McCombs, motion passed without dissent. Public Meeting convened at 7:25 p.m.

II. MISSION STATEMENT

The Bridges Preparatory Mission Statement was recited aloud by Chair Matthews



III. PUBLIC MEETING

a. STUDENT PRESENTATION

None

b. STAFF RECOGNITIONS

Interim Asst. HOS Herbst reported:

- Taylor Hunt implemented BPS's IAT Program.
- Casey Chucta launched the BOATS (Bright Outstanding Academically Talented Students), a pull-out program for students in grades 3-5.
- Chris Littleton participated in recycled art program (Pirate).
- Amanda Sanders represented BPS for off campus F&P Training.
- Debbie Cooper promoted the National and Junior National Honor Society with students.

c. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION made by Secretary Feuerbacher to approve the agenda with a change to table A) Revised Calendar – Weather Make-up Days; seconded by Treasurer Corbin, 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

Mr. Wilson reported some of the challenges of moving the high school to the new school site, but everyone was excited about the new facility, and he looked forward to working with the great staff. He also reported that a staff member alerted him about a social media posting by a BPS student. He notified the authorities who investigated the alleged school threat and determined that there was no threat to the school or students. As a precaution, he requested a police presence at all campuses for the following day, and the school was working with the student involved. He thanked Board Chair Matthews, John Williams and staff for their handling of the incident.

Asst. HOS REPORT

Dr. Herbst congratulated Dean of Students, John Kabel, for doing a great job building relationships with the students and teachers. She also reported that HOS Wilson and she attended the Paideia Leadership Conference in Charlotte.

ii. PTO REPORT

Amy Painton encouraged everyone to support the PTO BBQ on September 23 at Pigeon Point Park from 4:30-6:30. The PTO hopes to make this an annual event. The first PTO fund raiser for this school year is underway selling tumblers. Prizes will be presented to the classrooms that sells the most. Spirit wear orders could be made online, and to date the PTO had received over 300 orders with multiple purchases. Online orders last year totaled sixteen thousand dollars.

iii. OUTREACH REPORT

None

iv. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT



Chairperson Matthews thanked HOS Wilson and John Williams for their work on the social media incident and said she had heard from several parents who thanked BPS for the transparent handling of the situation. She reported that a nominating committee was meeting to accept applications for the Board. There would be a "Meet the Candidates" event at the October Board meeting before the voting period ended. The votes will be counted at the November meeting. The newly elected Board members would be sworn in at the December meeting.

v. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Corbin gave the financial report for July, 2018, stating that expenditures exceeded revenue by \$166,070. Total expenses for July were \$694,532. July's deficit was primarily attributed to \$270,263 in USRDA expenditures incurred in July. Funding was currently based on student AMD of 724. Any adjustment for the 5-day count will likely not occur until October.

FACILITIES REPORT

Vice Chairman Miley reported reported the site work for the new facility was in place and the parking lot was paved. There was a delay with the OSF inspection, but it was scheduled for September 25th, and if the site is approved, then BPS can move classes to the modulars. They will advertise for bids for the construction of the Middle and High Schools the first of the following week.

f. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION made by Director Gault to accept the minutes for August 8, 2018 ; seconded by Director Pacheco; motion passed seven (7) to one (1), with Vice Chairperson Miley abstaining.

g. NEW BUSINESS

- i. **MOTION** made by Director Pacheco to table the Revised Calendar reflecting weather make-up days until the governor's office has responded to requests for waivers; seconded by Director McCombs; motion passed without dissent.
- ii. **MOTION** made by Director Pacheco to approve payment of tuition for Technical College of the Lowcountry per student enrolled for two classes for fall semester, 2018, including the cost of books; both are contingent on the student passing the classes; seconded by Vice Chairperson Miley; motion passed without dissent.
- iii. **MOTION** made by Director Gault to approve the contract with Alpha Janitorial contingent upon the cost being the same rate per square footage as the current contract with a 5% room for error; seconded by Vice Chairperson Miley; motion passed without dissent.
- iv. **MOTION** made by Director Pacheco to approve the revised Emergency Plans for the 2018 BPS school year; seconded by Director McCombs; motion passed without dissent.
- v. **MOTION** made by Secretary Feuerbacher to accept the security system contract with Sonitrol for the new campus; seconded by Director Gault; motion passed without dissent.
- vi. Board Chair Matthews discussed the tax assessment notices from Beaufort County, stating that BPS would accept the assessments without objection.



- vii. **MOTION** made by Director Gault to authorize the purchase of Sunshades for the modulars at the new facility for the drop off and common areas, with the cost not to exceed twenty thousand dollars; seconded by Director Pacheco; motion passed without dissent.
 - viii. Upper School Guidance Counselor Selma Davis presented the H.E.R.O. (Hide. Escape. Run. Overcome.) School Safety Presentation in compliance with South Carolina Senate Bill 709. Some highlights of the program include professional development for all teachers and staff, age-appropriate curriculum for students, drill and scenarios, and training records with rubrics for documentation.
 - ix. **MOTION** made by Treasurer Corbin to accept the contract for HR33; seconded by Secretary Feuerbacher; motion passed seven (7) to one (1), with Treasurer Corbin abstaining.
 - x. **MOTION** made by Treasurer Corbin to accept the contract for HR34; seconded by Director Gault; motion passed seven (7) to one (1), with Treasurer Corbin abstaining.
 - xi. Nickie Toomes, loan officer for the USDA, discussed the timeline for the current loan and the possible date for a new loan application for the construction of the lower school at the new facility.
 - xii. **MOTION** made by Director Pacheco to table the issue concerning a bus and drivers for BPS students' games and matches until the next board meeting; seconded by Director McCombs; motion passed without dissent.
 - xiii. Asst. HOS, Dr. Herbst, reported that the School Report Card will be out in November. The official release of state testing scores was delayed due to Hurricane Florence. The teachers are already working on improving students' performances in areas where preliminary scores have shown decreases.
 - xiv. Board Chair Matthews discussed the need for flood insurance for the Vanguard modulars at the Boundary Street campus and requested quotes be obtained for the Board to review.
 - xv. **MOTION** made by Director Pacheco to approve the sixth and seventh grades' field trip to Renaissance Festival in Huntersville, NC, with administrators accompanying them; seconded by Director McCombs; motion passed without dissent.
 - xvi. **MOTION** made by Director Gault to authorize the purchase of nineteen marine blue lockers for the modular at the new facility; seconded by Director Pacheco; motion passed without dissent.
- h. OLD BUSINESS**
- i. None
- i. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- Amanda Sanders, Literacy/Reading Specialist, asked the Board to listen to the voices of the faculty when the Board looks for a HOS and consider their choice.
- j. ADJOURNMENT**
- Next regular meeting confirmed for October 16, 2018 at Boundary Street.



MOTION made by Director Angelo to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Treasurer Corbin; motion passed without dissent. Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Approved by the Board: 10/16/18

Board Secretary or Board Chairperson Signature: *M. Matthews*

Margaret B. Furbacher 10/16/2018