

Bridges Preparatory Board of Directors
Minutes of the Monthly Board Meeting, 12/15/2020
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	Chris Ketchie	Director	x			
4	Bryan Merrick	Secretary	x			
5	Jon Brown	Director	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, Caroline Lovell, Kelly Masotti, John Kabel

Others in Attendance: Chris Ketchie (incoming board member), Virtual attendance

A. CALL TO ORDER, ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

- a. Upon determining the presence of a quorum, Chairman Angelo called the meeting to order at 5:39pm.
- b. MOTION made by Director Rennix to enter into an executive session, seconded by Director Cooper, 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 Brown, motion carried.

D. Newly elected director Chris Ketchie and reelected directors Rebecca Polk, Joe Cooper and Bryan Merrick were sworn in by Judge Richard Brooks.

- E. MOTION made by ViceChair Polk to enter into an executive session, seconded by Director Rennix, motion carried.
- F. MOTION made by Director Gault to end executive session, seconded by Director Brown, motion carried.
- G. **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**
 - i. **MOTION** made by Director Brown to adopt the agenda, seconded by ViceChair Polk, motion carried.
 - e. **CEO REPORT (Mr. McCulloch)**
 - i. The NHS, NEHS, NJHS student organizations held a successful event that resulted in the donation of stockings to children in the community. SGA Candygram orders of over \$1000 were ordered and will be delivered this week. Hot chocolate will be delivered to all students on Friday by SGA as well.
 - ii. 28 school tours have been given to date. Applications for admission into BPS opened today. The tours consist of five families each. Upcoming tour dates are January 7,8,14,21,28, and the 29. Currently, our school has 1069 students enrolled. Only a few hours after opening the application window, our school has already received 85 applications. The window for applying to BPS will close on Jan. 31.
 - iii. Families of students currently enrolled will be asked to complete an Intent to Return form in the near future.
 - iv. Our annual marketing push for applications is active, including billboards on display on HWY170 and advertisements in the paper.
 - f. **PTO REPORT (Kim Gardner)**
 - i. PTO recently provided breakfast for all staff and teachers and gave Bridges coffee mugs as a Xmas gift.
 - ii. Gift cards for families in need of assistance.
 - iii. ChickFILA spirit night on Thursday, December 17th, final ChickFila night until March!
 - iv. January 12 is the next PTO meeting.
 - g. **ATHLETICS REPORT (Blake Gruel, AD)**
 - i. none
 - h. **OUTREACH REPORT**
 - i.
 - i. **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT (Tom Angelo)**
 - i. Facilities: 80 to 90 percent of site prep for the new elementary school building has been completed. Crews are engaged in digging trenches for footers, concrete will continue to be poured throughout the week. At the high/middle school building, we will soon finish the courtyard and add concrete outdoor games, including table tennis, cornhole, and chess tables, for a social area.

- j. **TREASURER'S REPORT**
 - i. ViceChair Polk presented the financial report for the month of November, the details of which are available on a separate document.
 - ii. MOTION made by Director Gault to accept the November financials report, seconded by Director Rennix, motion passed without dissent.
- k. **CHARTER RENEWAL REPORT**
 - i. Each month we will begin to update the community on the effort to revise and update our school charter in preparation to submit for renewal in 2023.
- l. **ANNOUNCEMENTS / GOOD OF THE ORDER**
 - i. Chair Angelo commended the high number of applicants and our handling of COVID.
 - ii. ViceChair Polk commended the PTO for all of their work.
- m. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - i. MOTION made by Director Cooper to approve the minutes from the November 17 meeting with the noted corrections, seconded by Director Gault, motion passes.
- n. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - i. Election of Officers Results
 - 1. Chair Tom Angelo (sole nominee)
 - 2. Vice Chair Rebecca Polk (sole nominee)
 - 3. Treasurer Joe Cooper (sole nominee)
 - 4. Secretary Jon Brown (won the election 8-1)
 - ii. Return to School Plan
 - 1. CEO McCulloch presented a summary of our efforts to maintain a safe and healthy learning environment during the pandemic.
 - 2. A Return to School Plan with a staggered approach was presented that establishes K-5 returning to face-to-face learning on Jan. 5, the 6-12 students starting virtually. Grades 6-8 will return to F2F one week later, and then grades 9-12 to return a week after that.
 - 3. MOTION made by Director Gault to adopt the recommendation for returning to school made by CEO McCulloch, seconded by Director Ketchie, motion carries.
 - iii. Salary Schedules
 - 1. MOTION made by Director Polk to accept Salary Schedule Proposal 3 (details of which available on a separate document), seconded by Director Gault, motion passes, Director Cooper abstained.
 - iv. Property Insurance Renewal
 - 1. MOTION made by Director Cooper to renew our property insurance with our current provider, seconded by Director Rennix, motion carried.
- o. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
 - i. none
- p. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - i. Appointment / Election process
- q. **ADJOURNMENT**
 - i. Next regular meeting confirmed for January 19, 2020 @ 5:30pm.

ii. **MOTION** made by Director Brown to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Cooper, motion passed without dissent. Meeting officially adjourned at 7:44pm.

Approved by the Board: 1/19/21

Board Secretary or Board Chairperson Signature: 