

Bridges Preparatory Board of Directors
Minutes of the Monthly Board Meeting, Thursday, October 10, 2019
Held at Bridges Preparatory Main Campus, 1100 Boundary Street, Beaufort SC 29902

Board Member Attendance

	Name	Office	Present	Absent	Arrived Late	Departed Early
1	David Gault	Board Chairman	x			
2	Tom Angelo	Vice Chairman	x			
3	Rebecca Polk	Treasurer	x			
4	Bryan Merrick	Secretary	x			
6	James Corbin	Director at Large		x		
7	Kelly McCombs	Director at Large	x			
8	Joe Cooper	Director at Large	x			
9	Shawna Doran	Director at Large	x			

Staff Members in Attendance: Brantley Hodges, Kate Bussey, Jesse Mullen, Joan Drury, Tim Drury, Caroline Lovell, Amy Painton, Deb Moore, Gary Mcculloch

Others in Attendance: Ken Martin

A. CALL TO ORDER, ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

- a. Upon determining the presence of a quorum, Chairman Gault called the meeting to order at 6:03.

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.
 - i. **MOTION** made by ViceChair Angelo to enter Executive Session at 6:03, seconded by Director Cooper, motion passed without dissent.
 - ii. **MOTION** made by Secretary Merrick to emerge from Executive Session, seconded by Director McCombs, motion passed without dissent. Public Meeting re-convened at 7:23.

C. PUBLIC MEETING

- a. **MISSION STATEMENT**

- i. The Bridges Preparatory Mission Statement was recited aloud by Chairman Gault.
- b. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- c. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT**
 - i. Chairman Gault 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 48 hour requirement.
- d. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**
 - i. **MOTION** made by ViceChair Angelo/Joe to reorder a few items on the agenda in consideration of an audit presentation by Ken Martin and to add two items to our agenda, including insurance renewal and a BB&T loan application, seconded by Director Cooper, motion passed without dissent.
 - ii. **MOTION** made by Director Doran to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Treasurer Polk, motion passed without dissent.
- e. HOS REPORT**
 - i. **HOS Gary McCulloch reported on a recent visit from the superintendent of the SCPCSD, during which visit Elliot Smalley complimented our school and the visible consistency throughout the school, including our student ambassadors meeting and greeting at the door. He was impressed by our use of whole child interventions and commented on the culture shift in our school taking place in our school. Mr. McCulloch commended the board and the staff for believing in the vision. Mr. McCulloch continued his report on teachers' involvement in professional development about Marzano's guaranteed vocabulary. Deb Moore, along with our admin operating as a unified team, has lead this effort. They are receiving great feedback from our faculty of educators about the performance of the admin team thus far. Caroline Lovell was recognized for her efforts in pulling off our first Huddle, bringing about the start of a tradition, delivering a consistent message to the entire student body, focused around the pillars of character. As an extension, the admin staff is seeing these same discussions take place in the morning meetings. Anti-Bullying was also discussed at the first Huddle and was an emotional experience for many. Students of the month were recognized and these students will be rewarded with a lunch at Outback Steakhouse. The first annual Bridges Golf Tournament fundraiser is on Saturday, November 16. We are hoping to have two faculty teams, one student team and many other foursomes of local businesses, school friends, supporters, and families.**
- f. PTO REPORT**
 - i. **Amy Painton reported that officer elections will take place in the October meeting. The PTO is revising bylaws as a 501c3, they are viewable online, regarding "red tape" of elections and volunteering guidelines. The PTO has seen a small decline in membership and volunteers, so they will begin to promote membership...staff members are free. Bridges was selected to participate in the BiLo Community bags program. BiLo will donate \$1 for bags purchased this month and next. The PTO is having a food drive in cooperation with Ameris Bank. Oct 17 is Meet the Candidates before the next board elections, hosted by the PTO @ 7pm. Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night is the same night. October 22 is the Hearth Pizza spirit night from 5-9. The PTO Spiritwear sale went well and will happen again.**

g. OUTREACH REPORT

- i. none

h. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

- i. Chairman David Gault reported that he went to Columbia to meet with the SCPCSD, and they echoed Mr. McCulloch's message that they were very impressed with our school. The meeting was to seek approval of our charter amendment to increase the number of sections per grade in our charter and we were approved unanimously. USDA loan application was delayed because of a single day of negative cash balance last year. The USDA asked us to answer three follow-up questions for explanation. Board elections are upcoming, everyone should know that service on the board is a lot of rewarding work and if you are hoping to be elected, please be prepared to be actively involved. We had a 16 year old student apply to be a board member. As a board, we commend the student, but the laws prevent official membership. Mr. McCulloch presented an idea for a student representative on the board, which was supported by all of the board members.

i. TREASURER'S REPORT

- i. Treasurer Rebecca Polk presented both August and September financials. Jesse Mullen presented the details of the September revenue with an explanation about items broken down into separate lines.
- ii. MOTION by ViceChair Angelo to approve the August and September financial reports, seconded by Director Doran, motion passed without dissent.

j. FACILITIES REPORT

- i. ViceChair Angelo reported the following current construction statuses: sheet rock ceilings in building C, completed framing at front entrance, painting interior and exterior, Palmetto Glass is installing at the main entrance to the school, lockers have been installed. October 2 was the OSF overhead inspection, we did very well, ceiling tiles can now be installed, floor tile will be a final step, grease traps are set to be delivered.

- k. Charter Update - Amy Painton reported that the Charter committee has been working previously to update goals and objectives, adjusting academic program goals, setting more achievable goals, updating the behavior plan. The charter committee has not met yet this school year, but will return to its duties soon. Our current charter expires in 2023.

- l. Capital Fund Raising Committee - Director Joe Cooper presented current ideas for fundraising.

m. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- i. MOTION made by Secretary Merrick to approve the minutes from the September 12 meeting, seconded by Director McCombs, motion passed without dissent.

n. NEW BUSINESS

- i. Faculty member Mary Lewis proposed a travel opportunity for the 11th grade students to London, England next June-July. The travel partner for the trip is EF (Education First Educational Tours). Trip will be well-chaperoned and lots of fundraising will be done to reduce the cost. Trip can offer college credit, it's a very interactive trip, very STEM oriented.

- ii. MOTION made by Director Cooper to approve the trip to London, seconded by Director Doran, motion passed without dissent.
- iii. Ken Martin presented the audit of the financial statements of Bridges Preparatory School for the year ended June 30, 2019.
- iv. MOTION made by ViceChair Angelo to accept the audit, seconded by Director McCombs, motion passed without dissent.
- v. MOTION made by Director McCombs to table agenda items C and D, seconded by ViceChair Angelo, motion passed without dissent.
- vi. MOTION made by Director Cooper to commence application proceedings with BB&T if our response to the national USDA office is not submitted within the week, seconded by Secretary Merrick, motion passed without dissent. Treasurer Polk recused herself from the discussion and the vote.
- vii. MOTION made by Chairman Gault to authorize Caroline Lovell to shop insurance premiums and to renew before our current policy expires, which will take place before our next scheduled meeting, seconded by ViceChair Angelo, motion passed without dissent.

o. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- i. none

p. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- i. none

q. ADJOURNMENT

- i. MOTION made by Treasurer Polk to schedule the next meeting for November 12 at 5:30pm, seconded by Director McCombs, motion passed without dissent.
- ii. MOTION made by ViceChair Angelo to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Cooper, motion passed without dissent. Meeting officially adjourned at 8:50.

Approved by the Board: 11/12/2019

Board Secretary or Board Chairperson Signature: _____

