



**Bridges Preparatory Board of Directors  
Minutes of the Monthly Board Meeting on November 27, 2018  
Held at Bridges Preparatory Main Campus, 1100 Boundary Street, Beaufort SC 29902**

Upon determining the presence of a quorum, Chairman Matthews called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm.

**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	David Gault	Director at Large	X			
7	Kelly McCombs	Director at Large	X			
8	Brooke Pacheco	Director at Large	X			
9	Tom Angelo	Director at Large	X			

**Staff Members in Attendance:**

HOS Chris Wilson, Tim Drury, Joan Drury, Jessi Mullen, Caroline Lovell, Amy Painton, Erin Ruth, Chris Littleton, Amanda Sanders, Chrissy Schatzle, Wendy Walsh, Kim Gardner

**Others in Attendance:**

John Williams, Publicist; Emilee Baker, State Charter Representative; Christian Kata, Ameris Bank; Attorney Jim Wegmann; Rebecca Polk, Board Candidate; John Brown, Board Candidate; Shawna Doran, Board Candidate; Joe Cooper, Board Candidate

**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 McCombs to enter Executive Session at 5:32 pm, seconded by Director Angelo, motion passed without dissent.

**MOTION** made by Vice Chairperson Miley to emerge from Executive Session, seconded by Treasurer Corbin, motion passed without dissent. Public Meeting re-convened at 6:05pm.

**II. MISSION STATEMENT**

The Bridges Preparatory Mission Statement was recited aloud by Director Matthews

**III. PUBLIC MEETING**

**a. STAFF RECOGNITIONS**



None

**b. 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.

**c. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**MOTION** made by Director Pacheco to approve the agenda, seconded by Director McCombs, motion passed without dissent.

**d. HOS REPORT**

HOS Wilson reported that the BPS basketball season starts December 4th and will have nine home games. MAP testing will begin the first week in December for grades K -8. He also thanked the Board for the groundbreaking ceremony at the new school site and commented on how important it was for the Upper School students to be a part of it.

**e. PTO REPORT**

Amy Painton reported that the tumbler orders were expected to arrive this week and would be distributed in the homerooms. The classroom sponsorships drive for the BPS Block Party in March has been extended, with prizes to be awarded to the winning classrooms. Ms. Painton and Ms. Mia Music presented flowers, gifts, and plaques to Joan Drury for her service as Board liaison, and outgoing Board Members: Vice Chair Marty Miley for his commitment in overseeing development of the new school site, Director Calvin White for his devotion and time served on the Board, and Chair Dee Matthews for her complete dedication and time commitments overseeing the Board's responsibilities.

**f. OUTREACH REPORT**

None

**g. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

Chairperson Matthews reported on the hiring of Dr. Gary McCulloch, effective July 1, 2019, and his commitment to spend ten days at BPS prior to his hiring date to oversee the school's budget and become acquainted with personnel. In the past for River Oaks, Dr. McCulloch raised over two hundred thousand dollars for River Ridge Academy and it is her belief his expertise will benefit BPS.

**h. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Corbin gave the financial report for October 2018, stating that IDEA revenue allocation for the current fiscal year had been reduced by 20% from \$87,507 to \$72,737 due to a miscalculation by SCPCSD when calculating the individual school allocation at the beginning of the year. ADM as of the 45-day count was 704, which was below the budgeted ADM of 709. October revenues exceeded expenditures by \$42,048. Total expenses for October were \$473,416 and from July to October \$1,788,858. Total income for October was \$515,466, bringing October's profit YTD Net Income to \$248,997.

**MOTION** made by Director Angelo to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Director McCombs; motion passed without dissent.

**i. FACILITIES REPORT**



Vice Chairperson Miley reported FWA Group would be inspecting materials that Hood Construction were using at the new school site and that the closing of the USDA loan should occur within the next couple of weeks.

**j. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** made by Treasurer Corbin to accept the minutes for October 29, 2018 with the change of the PTO Block Party date from March 19 to March 9, seconded by Vice Chairperson Miley; motion passed without dissent.

**MOTION** made by Director McCombs to accept the minutes for the November 1, 2018 Special Called Meeting with a change showing Director Gault left early, seconded by Director Gault; motion passed without dissent.

**MOTION** made by Director Pacheco to accept the minutes for November 12, 2018, seconded by Director Gault; motion passed without dissent.

**MOTION** made by Director Pacheco to accept the minutes for November 19, 2018, Special Board Meeting, seconded by Director Gault; motion passed without dissent.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

**i. BPS Report Card (SDC)**

HOS Wilson reported that the SC Department of Education had sent notice that there was a computer error resulting incorrect calculations, therefore setting a new date for releasing the school's report card to November 29, 2018.

**ii. SEAT TIME FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

HOS Wilson reported that with block scheduling there were 138 hours in a semester, of which a student must be present for 120 hours. He proposed a Saturday school date to make up recovery seat time at a cost of ten dollars per course for each student.

**MOTION** made by Director Gault to authorize BPS administration to provide recovery seat time for all High School students and to take all necessary actions to ensure BPS is in compliance with SC Department of Education and state law; seconded by Vice Chair Miley; motion passed without dissent.

**iii. BPS ANNUAL REPORT**

HOS Wilson reported that the BPS annual report was not yet ready but would be when due at the end of December. He would also send all Board Members a hard copy when he received it from the Charter.

**iv. CORPORATE RESOLUTION FOR CONSTRUCTION**

**MOTION:** At this Board of Directors Meeting of Bridges Preparatory School, a South Carolina Non-profit Corporation, held on November 27, 2018, at 1100 Boundary Street, Beaufort, South Carolina, upon motion duly made by Director Gault, seconded by Director Pacheco, and unanimously approved by an authorized quorum of the Board:

IT WAS RESOLVED, that Delores Matthews, Board Chairman or James Corbin <sup>1</sup>, Treasurer, or David Gault. Board member, are hereby authorized to execute all documents associated with the two (2) construction loans in the amounts of \$17,250,000.00 Dollars (Loan 1) and \$2,000,000.00 Dollars (Loan 2), collectively referred to as the ("Loans"), with Ameris Bank



in accordance with the Loan Commitments issued by Ameris Bank on November 6, 2018. Specifically, Delores Matthews or James Corbin or David Gault are authorized to execute all documents for the Loans to include but not be limited to, notes, mortgages, financing statements, Assignment of Leases and Rents, Borrower Certification, affidavits, etc. associated with or required by Ameris Bank as part of their loan closing process.

<sup>1</sup> Either Delores Mathews OR James Corbin OR David Gault is authorized to sign the necessary documents. This footnote is to clarify that this Resolution does not require "both" signatures, only the signature of one of the individuals listed.

**v. BOARD ELECTION RESULTS**

Counting of Election Ballots for four positions on the Board by Jim Wegmann showed the following results: John Brown 55 votes, Joe Cooper 87 votes, Shawna Doran 100 votes, Bryan Merrick 128 votes, Brooke Pacheco 48 votes, Rebecca Polk 112 votes. Judge Grimsley will swear in Joe Cooper, Bryan Merrick, Shawna Doran and Rebecca Polk who were elected to the Board at the next board meeting. Chairperson Matthews congratulated the candidates and thanked all candidates for their commitment and time. She also thanked Director Pacheco for her commitment and service on the Board.

**b. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**c. ADJOURNMENT**

V. Next regular meeting confirmed for December 18, 2018.

**MOTION** made by Director Angelo to adjourn the meeting, seconded Vice Chairperson Miley, motion passed without dissent. Meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.

Approved by the Board: 12/18/18

Board Secretary or Board Chairperson Signature: Matthews

Margaret B. Flumbach 12/18/2018