

**Bridges Preparatory Board of Directors**  
**Minutes of the Monthly Board meeting on August 18, 2016**  
**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 6:23pm.

**Board Member Attendance**

	Name	Office	Present	Absent	Arrived Late	Departed Early
1	Dee Matthews	Board Chairman	X			
2	Marty Miley	Vice Chairman	X			
3	Caroline Lovell	Treasurer	X			
4	James Corbin	Secretary	X			
5	Calvin White	Director at Large	X			
6	Chris Protz	Director at Large	X			
7	Peggy Feuerbacher	Director at Large	X			

**Staff Members in Attendance:**

Dr. Ithomitis, Jessi Mullen, Jen Bryant, Taylor Whitson, Tim Drury, Joan Drury, Wendy Sampson, Deb Hammer

**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 Feuerbacher to enter Executive Session at 6:24pm, seconded by Vice Chairperson Miley, motion passed without dissent.

**MOTION** made by Director Protz to emerge from Executive Session, seconded by Vice Chairperson Miley, motion passed without dissent. Public Meeting convened at 7:21pm.

**II. MISSION STATEMENT**

The Bridges Preparatory Mission Statement was recited aloud by Chairperson Matthews

**III. PUBLIC MEETING**

**a. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairperson Matthews led the attendees in the Pledge.

**b. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**MOTION** made by Director Feuerbacher to approve the agenda, seconded by Secretary Corbin, motion passed without dissent.

**c. 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.

**d. REPORTS**

**i. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

Advertisement for Business Director will be placed in the newspaper as response from current strategy hasn't been as strong as we'd like.

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Chairperson Matthews expressed the Board's excitement at being able to announce that we have finally secured a plot of land for our new school of approximately 18 acres.

Vice Chairperson Miley showed the attendees the location on a map. It is located directly across Highway 170 from the BJWSA water tower just before the Wal-Mart.

Dr. I presented a congratulatory cake for attendees to celebrate this milestone in Bridges Preparatory's growth.

Chairperson Matthews spoke about the dedication and hard work this Board has put in to get where we are and that although the land is ours, during due diligence, several agencies would have to approve the school being located on the property.

Finally, but not least, Joan and Tim were recognized for reaching their 44<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary!

**ii. HOS REPORT**

See Attached

Additionally, recognized Cassandra Bolden, PE Teacher for driving bus to/from Celadon each morning and afternoon to help transport our students.

Jessi Mullen reported our Workmen's Comp review was completed with no findings or recommendations.

**iii. FACILITIES REPORT**

Wrapped into Chairperson's Report

**iv. TREASURER'S REPORT**

None

**v. OUTREACH REPORT**

None. Chairperson Matthews indicated the Community Outreach may be changing the avenues for reaching the community with more information in the future.

**vi. PTO REPORT**

None.

**e. NEW BUSINESS**

**i. Bus Transportation**

Dr. Ithomitis and the Board discussed the need for better transportation between the campuses. Dr. Ithomitis presented the Board with three options (can be found in HOS Report at end).

**MOTION** made by Secretary Corbin to approve Dr. Ithomitis to negotiate and secure the purchase of a school bus and insurance not to exceed \$45,000, seconded by Director White, motion passed without dissent.

**ii. Board Election Process**

Explained to attendees that the Board voted to expand the Board Members from 7 to 9 per our By-Laws and Charter over a year ago. The timing to properly name those two members hadn't been right until now. The Charter says that we must begin the process not more than 4 weeks after the start of school. Our nominating committee is in the final stages of coming together and will include John Payne, John Williams, and other community members. Applications for the Board process will be posted to the Bridges Preparatory Website.

**f. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** made by Director Protz to accept the minutes for July 26, 2016, seconded by Treasurer Lovell, motion passed without dissent.

**MOTION** made by Secretary Corbin to accept the minutes for July 27, 2016, seconded by Director Protz, motion passed without dissent.

**g. VOTES**

- i. **MOTION** made by Secretary Corbin to move forward with due diligence on the newly acquired property with a spending limit of \$75,000, seconded by Vice Chairperson Miley, motion passed without dissent.

**h. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

All attendees gave an enthusiastic Hooray!

**i. ADJOURNMENT**

Next regularly scheduled Board meeting was confirmed for September 22, 2016.

**MOTION** made by Director Protz to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Vice Chairperson Miley, motion passed without dissent. Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Approved by the Board: 22 Sept 2016

Board Secretary or Board Chairperson Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*Jan W. Col.*