

**Bridges Preparatory Board of Directors**  
**Minutes of the Monthly Board meeting on October 20, 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 6:07pm.

**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, Jen Bryant, Tim Drury, Joan Drury, Casey Chucta, Jessi Mullen, Trish Torres, Amy Painton, Taylor Hunt, Rachael Bolte, Sally Purser, Taylor Whitson, Patrice McRae

**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 Vice Chairperson Miley to enter Executive Session at 6:07pm, seconded by Secretary Corbin, motion passed without dissent.

**MOTION** made by Director Feuerbacher to emerge from Executive Session, seconded by Vice Chairperson Miley, motion passed without dissent. Public Meeting convened at 6:45pm.

**II. MISSION STATEMENT**

The Bridges Preparatory Mission Statement was recited aloud by Director Matthews

**III. PUBLIC MEETING**

**a. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

**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. REPORTS**

**i. HOS REPORT**

Recognition of Irby Rentz for his dedication to getting the school ready for Hurricane Matthew and then returning early to get it ready for school to resume.

Teachers and Bus Driver on 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip for overcoming mechanical issues with the bus, fixing the problem and returning to school while keeping the kids calm

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4<sup>th</sup> Graders to volunteer at the Beaufort Strong event to thank the local First Responders for getting the area back to habitable so we could all return.

6<sup>th</sup> Graders for performing community outreach by helping to unload Red Cross food truck at the Baptist church.

Dr. Ithomitis explained to attendees and the Board that he was seeking approval for three Learning Exchange Opportunities. These opportunities pair our teachers with overseas teachers where they complete a project and learning from each other about their methods. Possible topics could be Paideia, math teaching, etc. At the end of the project, our teachers travel to the overseas school and observe and present and their counterparts do the same for our school. These opportunities are with Edinburgh Academy in Scotland, Pinewood American International School of Thessaloniki in Greece, and International School of Genoa in Italy. These exchanges can also lead to foreign exchange opportunities for our students and vice versa.

**ii. PTO REPORT**

Amy Painton provide the PTO Report.

Yankee Candle fundraiser extended to October 25<sup>th</sup> due to evacuation.

PTO meeting is October 25<sup>th</sup> at Bridges Preparatory School Boundary Street Campus

Celebrated end-of-quarter a little early with Kona Ice.

Thanked those that supported Chic-Fil-A spirit night.

T-Shirt/Jacket orders placed with local vendor will be ready soon. Delayed a bit due to Hurricane Matthew.

**iii. OUTREACH REPORT**

None given this month.

**iv. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

Chairperson Matthews stated the Board hopes everyone is safe with no damage but if anyone needs help, please let us know and we will see what we can do.

As everyone knows from what BCSD is doing, there is the issue of missed days. We are looking at several scenarios for making up the missed days (See Attached). Please do not inundate Dr. Ithomitis or the teachers with emails and phone calls because we will let everyone know when we know.

**v. FACILITIES REPORT**

Vice Chairperson Miley reported that he met with SC DOT who is requesting a traffic study prior to any kind of approval. This study is schedule to begin next week and will take a few weeks to conclude and then be submitted to SC DOT.

**vi. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Will do September and October at November's meeting.

**d. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** made by Director Feuerbacher to accept the minutes for September 22, 2016, seconded by Secretary Corbin, motion passed without dissent (Vice Chairperson Miley abstained due to absence).

**e. VOTES**

- i. **MOTION** made by Secretary Corbin to approve the Edinburgh Academy and Bridges Preparatory School learning exchange opportunity, seconded by Vice Chairperson Miley, motion passed without dissent.
- ii. **MOTION** made by Secretary Corbin to approve the International School of Genoa and Bridges Preparatory School learning exchange opportunity, seconded by Vice Chairperson Miley, motion passed without dissent.
- iii. **MOTION** made by Secretary Corbin to approve the Pinewood American International School of Thessaloniki and Bridges Preparatory School learning exchange opportunity, seconded by Director White, motion passed without dissent.



- iv. **MOTION** made by Director Feuerbacher to approve the contract for the Reading Interventionist, seconded by Secretary Corbin, motion passed without dissent.
- v. **MOTION** made by Director Feuerbacher to approve HR-19, seconded by Vice Chairperson Miley, motion passed without dissent.
- vi. **MOTION** made by Secretary Corbin to approve the expenditure of \$2600 to secure the USCB auditorium for the winter play with the understanding that the first \$2600 of ticket sales comes back to the school, seconded by Vice Chairperson Miley, motion passed without dissent.

**f. MEET THE CANDIDATES**

A meet the candidates question and answer session, sponsored by the PTO, was held.

Candidates are: Caroline Lovell, Marty Miley, Dee Matthews, Gregory Brinker, Michael Herbaugh and Brooke Pacheco. With the approved expansion to 9 members, the stakeholders will be electing 5 of the 6 to the Board.

**g. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**h. ADJOURNMENT**

Confirmed next regularly scheduled meeting for November 17, 2016 which will include counting of the Board election ballots.

**MOTION** made by Vice Chairperson Miley to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director White, motion passed without dissent. Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.

Approved by the Board: 17 Nov 2016

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

