

Bridges Preparatory Board of Directors
Minutes of the Monthly Board Meeting, 12/14/2021
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	Bryan Merrick	Vice Chair	x			
3	Chris Ketchie	Director	x			
4	Michelle Fraser	Director	x			
5	Jon Brown	Secretary	x			
6	Beth Taggart	Director	x			
7	David Gault	Director	x			
8	Dawn Yerace	Director	x			
9	Chiffon McNeil	Treasurer	x			

Staff Members in Attendance: Gary McCulloch,

- A. CALL TO ORDER, ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM**
 - a. Upon determining the presence of a quorum, Chairman Angelo called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM
- B. PUBLIC MEETING**
 - a. **MISSION STATEMENT**
 - a. The Bridges Preparatory Mission Statement was recited aloud by Chairman Angelo.
 - b. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
 - c. **STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT**
 - a. 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**
 - 1. Motion made by Gault to adopt agenda as it is written, seconded by Treasurer Ketchie, motion carried.
- C. NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. Swearing in of Board Members Chiffon McNeil, Dawn Yerace, David Gault, Beth Taggart, Jonathan Brown, Michelle Fraser, and Tom Angelo by Judge Brooks.
 - b. **MOTION** made by Director Merrick to enter an executive session, seconded by Gault, motion carried.
- D. 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.

- E. MOTION made by Director Gault to end executive session, seconded by Director Merrick, motion carried.**
- F. PUBLIC MEETING**
 - a. CEO REPORT (Mr. McCulloch)**
 - a. The school has had an excellent month. Follow BPS Facebook site as our classrooms is being showcased.
 - b. On 11/19/2021 Mr. McCulloch was invited to read with Mrs. Badgett's first grade class. They enjoyed fun engagement through a greeting and read SPLAT THE CAT.
 - c. On 11/20/2021 506 Principal and A/B Honor Roll students were recognized with Konda Ice.
 - d. BPS had over 120 students raise over \$200 each. The students will be able to pie Mr. McCulloch, their administrators, and Mr. Fitzgerald on January 7th at 12:30 PM
 - e. On November 23rd BPS held the annual Bridges Palmetto Bowl. The South Carolina Gamecocks prevailed as the winner.
 - f. On November 30th and December 1st, Mr. McCulloch was asked to speak at the Charter Alliance Conference to new and aspiring school leaders. This was a great opportunity to provide leadership and guidance to up and coming administrators, as well as outline the amazing accomplishments of our school.
 - g. Mr. McCulloch would like to thank Catherine and Lilianna for meeting with him about a new drama club for grades 6-12. Their passion and organization are what helped us move this club for a start up after the break.
 - h. Mr. McCulloch encouraged everyone to come out and watch the BPS basketball teams.
 - i. Open enrollment period is about to start. Applications for the 2022/23 school year goes live tomorrow.
 - j. Tomorrow BPS will have 4 billboards going live. They will be positioned on Hwy 21 and State Road 170 The billboards will have High School, Middle School, and Elementary School students on 3 stills with a digital rotation in Okatie.
 - k. Mr. McCulloch will be offering personalized tours on January 6th, 13th, 20th, 26th, and 27th.
 - l. Current open enrollment is 1212 students with 2 offers out.
 - b. PTO REPORT (Kim Gardner)**
 - a. BPS had a wonderful night at the Staff Christmas Party. Thanks to all who attended.
 - b. Upcoming Spirit Nights
 - 1. Glowcountry Mini Golf on 1/7/2022 from 2-8 PM
 - 2. MOES on 1/13/2022 from 5-6 PM
 - 3. Hearth Pizza on 1/25/2022 from 5-9 PM
 - c. Next PTO meeting will be 1/11/2022
 - c. ATHLETICS REPORT**
 - a. No report
 - d. CHARTER RENEWAL (Mr. McCulloch)**
 - a. Charter committee will meet on January 10th, 2022, to discuss goal development and look at template that the charter alliance is recommending.
 - e. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT (Tom Angelo)**
 - a. Things are going well. Concrete 90% done on one playground. Both playgrounds should be completed by end of Christmas break. Fence around the areas should be done by mid-January.
 - b. Plans for gym have been approved and some minor changes will be made.
 - c. USDA loan process has been proceeding forward for closing

- d. Speed bumps and crosswalks are planned to be put in hopefully during the Christmas break.
- f. **TREASURER'S REPORT**
 - a. Treasurer Ketchie presented the financial report for the month of November, the details of which are available on a separate document.
 - b. **MOTION** made by Vice Chair Merrick to accept the November financials report with the stated corrections, seconded by Director Gault, motion passed without dissent.
- g. **Announcements / Good of the Order**
 - a. Director Gault thanked the new board members for volunteering.
- h. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. **MOTION** made by Director Gault to approve the minutes from the November 16th, 2021, and November 30th, 2021, with mentioned correction, seconded by Ketchie, motion passes.
- i. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. **Graduation Dates for 2021/22 School Year**
 - 1. Graduation is planned for Saturday, June 4th @ 3PM in the gymnasium.
 - b. **Insurance Renewal**
 - 1. **MOTION** made by Director McNeil to approve the renewal of Building Insurance, seconded by Director Fraser, motion passed without dissent.
 - c. **Board of Directors Officer Elections**
 - 1. Director Merrick nominated Tom Angelo to be Chair of the Board.
 - Per paper ballot Tom Angelo won the vote.
 - 2. Director Brown nominated Bryan Merrick to be Vice Chair of the Board.
 - Per paper ballot Bryan Merrick won the vote.
 - 3. Director Ketchie nominated Chiffon McNeil to be Treasurer of the Board.
 - Per paper ballot Chiffon McNeil won the vote.
 - 4. Director Angelo nominated Jonathan Brown to be Secretary of the Board.
 - Per paper ballot Jonathan Brown won the vote.
- j. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - a. none
- k. **Public Comment**
 - a. none
- l. **ADJOURNMENT**
 - a. Next regular meeting confirmed for January 18th, 2021 @ 5:30 PM
 - b. **MOTION** made by Director Brown to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Merrick motion passed without dissent. Meeting officially adjourned at 6:54 PM.

Approved by the Board: _____

Board Secretary or Board Chairperson Signature: _____