

**Bridges Preparatory Board of Directors  
Minutes of the Monthly Board Meeting, 7/11/2023.  
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	Jorge Guerrero	Director		x		
4	Michelle Fraser	Treasurer	X			
5	Jon Brown	Secretary	X			
6	Beth Taggart	Director	X			
7	David Gault	Director		x		
8	Dawn Yerace	Director	x			
9	Casey Chucta	Director	x			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.**
- C. PUBLIC COMMENT**
  - a. n/a**
- D. MOTION made by Director Chucta to enter an executive session, seconded by Director Yerace. Motion carried.**
- E. 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.**
- F. MOTION made by Director Brown to end executive session, seconded by Director Chucta, motion carried.**
- G. Adoption of Agenda**
  - a. MOTION made by Director Fraser to adopt agenda, seconded by Director Taggart.**

Motion passed.

**H. PUBLIC MEETING**

**a. CEO REPORT (Mr. McCulloch)**

- i. On August 1<sup>st</sup> BPS will be welcoming 160+ employees, and 1360+ students on August 9<sup>th</sup>.
- ii. High school orientation for 9<sup>th</sup> grade will be on July 27<sup>th</sup>.
- iii. Current enrollment is 1353 students with 6 offers out. BPS waitlist is at 630. Also have received 999 new applications for next year.

**b. PTO REPORT**

- i. N/A

**c. ATHLETICS REPORT**

- i. N/A

**d. 10-Year Celebration Committee (Mr. McCulloch)**

- i. N/A

**e. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT (Tom Angelo)**

- i. Things are going well. Site prep is just about done. Utilities are being connected. Progress is being made.

**f. TREASURER'S REPORT**

- i. Reports not available currently.

**g. Announcements / Good of the Order**

- i. N/A

**h. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- i. MOTION made by Director Fraser to approve the minutes from the 6/27/2023 board meeting minutes, seconded by Director Taggart, motion passes.

**i. NEW BUSINESS**

**i. Family Handbook**

1. CEO McCulloch presented updated information about the updated Family Handbook. Discussions were had about the updates to the Family Handbook.
2. MOTION made by Director Merrick to approve the Family Handbook for the 2023-2024 school year with the suggested changes, seconded by Director Brown. Motion passed.

**ii. PPL**

1. CEO McCulloch presented information about PPL. Discussion was had about the information.
  - a. MOTION made by Director Merrick to adopt the PPL (Paid Parental Leave) policy that has been approved by the State of South Carolina, seconded by Director Fraser. Motion passed.

**iii. Food Vendor**

1. CEO McCulloch presented information about the recommended company to serve BPS food service needs. Discussion was had about the guidebook.
  - a. MOTION made Director Brown to approve the contract with vendor for food service, Director Taggart seconded it. Motion passed.

**iv. Kitchen Equipment**

1. Information was presented about recommended kitchen equipment upgrades to move meals towards hot meals in the food service area. Discussion was had.
  - a. MOTION made Director Merrick to table the Kitchen Equipment item, seconded by Director Yerace. Motion passed.

**v. Under brushing of New Property**

1. MOTION made by Director Brown to move forward with the under brushing of the first 10 acres, seconded by Director Merrick. Motion passed.

**j. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. N/A

**k. ADJOURNMENT**

- i. Next regular meeting confirmed for August 15th, 2023 @ 5:30 PM**
- ii. MOTION made by Director Merrick to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Taggart, motion passed without dissent. Meeting officially adjourned at 7:22 PM.**

Approved by the Board: \_\_\_\_\_

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