

**Bridges Preparatory Board of Directors
Minutes of the Monthly Board Meeting 11/14/2023.
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		

Staff Members in Attendance: Gary McCulloch, Jessica Mullen, Caroline Lovell

- 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 Guerrero to enter an executive session, seconded by Director Fraser. 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 Fraser to end executive session, seconded by Director Taggart, motion carried.**
- G. Adoption of Agenda**
 - a. **MOTION made by Director Fraser to adopt agenda with removal of 5-year growth,**

seconded by Director Guerrero. Motion passed.

H. PUBLIC MEETING

a. CEO REPORT (Mr. McCulloch)

- i. BPS is into Boosterthon, and final fundraising numbers will be in by end of this week.
- ii. Celebration of students was held with 5 fun runs on November 9th.
- iii. BPS hosted County Treasurer Maria Walls. On her 3 visits she engaged BPS students about the importance of understanding taxes, where they go, and electing strong leaders to represent you. She played a fun tax game with kids to represent where their money goes and the leaders that make those decisions.
- iv. On 10/31 BPS students gave our Varsity Volleyball girls a motivational send off for the Lower State Championship's. They won in straight sets to capture BPS's first Lower State Championship and moved to the State Championship on 11/4. The ladies played hard and were the state runner up. Congrats on a great season.
- v. On 11/8 BPS gave the Girl's and Boy's Cross Country teams a school send off as each of the teams qualified for the State Championships on 11/11. Both teams did a great job with Varsity girls placing 5th and Varsity boys placing 10th. We also had a middle school student Elise Thompson who finished 9th at the state at the Varsity 1A level. Congratulations on a great season.
- vi. On 11/2 we had a special guest "Davy the Ghost Pirate" at our November huddles to promote the Bridges Prep/Savannah Ghost Pirate night that will be on 11/18. Students of the month were recognized for exhibiting the pillars of Community and Courage for the month of October. The huddle message for November was focused on Acceptance and Engaging.
- vii. On November 9th the student government president and vice president raised the American flag that was flown in Afghanistan on July 4th, 2011. It was flown aboard an AE-6B Prowler in support of combat missions. Other members of student government then raised the South Carolina Flag, and then our school flag to honor our Veterans.
- viii. Current enrollment is 1357 students with 549 on the wait list. We have received 1123 applications.

b. PTO REPORT

- i. The November PTO meeting was rescheduled to November 28th.
- ii. Staff received a Longhorn lunch on November 9th.

c. ATHLETICS REPORT

- i. Included in CEO Report

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

- i. N/A

e. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT (Tom Angelo)

- i. Skeleton of a gym has taken place. Block walls are up. Progress is going well. Tentative April 1st move in date.

f. TREASURER'S REPORT

- i. Financials were not ready for this meeting.

g. Announcements / Good of the Order

- i. Director Angelo congratulated Director Guerrero

h. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- i. MOTION made by Director Merrick to approve the minutes from the 11/24/2023 board meeting minutes with the stated correction, seconded by Director Yerace, motion passes.

i. NEW BUSINESS

i. Gavins Law Policy

- a. CEO McCulloch presented information about the required education regarding Gavins Law Policy. This was an informational item.

ii. Bylaws Committee

1. CEO McCulloch presented a recommendation to create a Bylaws Committee to review the bylaws for the next 10 years.

- a. MOTION made by Director Merrick to table this item, seconded by Director Guerrero. Motion passed.
- iii. Insurance Update
 - 1. Caroline Lovell presented information for Insurance quote regarding BPS commercial insurance. This was an information item at this time.
- iv. Facilities Position
 - 1. CEO McCulloch presented information on a new Maintenance Technician.
 - a. MOTION made by Director Gault to approve the new position with a salary range of \$35k-65k. Seconded by Director Guerrero. Motion passed.
- v. Election Results
 - 1. Director Merrick presented the election results for the Board of Directors seats. The winners were Tom Angelo, Jonathan Brown, Anna Beckham, James Dustin Ducket.
 - a. MOTION made by Director Fraser to approve the election results. Seconded by Director Guerrero. Motion passed.
- j. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - 1. 2+ year Growth Proposals
 - a. MOTION made by Director Gault to move the proposal to discussion, seconded by Director Taggart. Motion passed.
 - b. Discussion was had about the proposed 2-year growth proposals now being a 5-year growth proposal.
 - c. MOTION made by Director Brown to adopt the Alternative growth plan with delays in construction. Seconded by Director Guerrero. Director Gault abstained. Director Yerace voted Neah. Motion passed.
- k. ADJOURNMENT
 - i. Next regular meeting confirmed for December 12th, 2023 @ 5:30 PM
 - ii. MOTION made by Director Guerrero to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Fraser, motion passed without dissent. Meeting officially adjourned at 7:29 PM.

Approved by the Board: _____

Board Secretary or Board Chairperson Signature: _____