

**Bridges Preparatory Board of Directors
Minutes of the Monthly Board Meeting, 11/16/2021
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	Treasurer	x			
4	Vacant	Director				
5	Jon Brown	Secretary	x			
6	Mark Rennix	Director		x		
7	David Gault	Director	x			
8	Vacant	Director				
9	Gordon Sproul	Director	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 5:38 PM
- b. MOTION made by Director Sproul to enter an executive session, seconded by Vice Chair Merrick, motion carried.

B. 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.

C. MOTION made by Vice Chair Merrick to end executive session, seconded by Director Sproul, motion carried.

D. PUBLIC MEETING

a. MISSION STATEMENT

- i. The Bridges Preparatory Mission Statement was recited aloud by Chairman Angelo.

b. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

c. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

- i. 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 Vice Chair Merrick to adopt agenda as it is written, seconded by Treasurer Ketchie, motion carried.

e. CEO REPORT (Mr. McCulloch)

- i. Had an excellent month at BPS. The month was kicked off with a DJ in the car rider line for Booster-thon. The students and community were energized and the fundraiser goal of \$50,000 was exceeded. The Booster-thon allowed the school to raise \$66,658. Mr. McCulloch would like to thank all the teachers for the special incentives they provided each day to drive the kids to the goals.
- ii. Thank you to our BPS families and school community for the overwhelming support. Thank you to our students for their energy, enthusiasm, and competitive spirit.
- iii. A special thank you to Ms. Masotti for the leadership and organization for the event. The Color Runs and Funruns were amazing.
- iv. We had over 120 students who raised over \$200. These students will be able to pie Mr. McCulloch, their administrators, and Mr. Fitzgerald. Notices will be sent out so families can attend the pieing event.
- v. In a time where social media casts a lot of negativity, it is important to be purposeful and diagnostic with key student ambassadors to instill leadership, service, and recognition intentionally in our school. On November 3rd the following students attended their first "Multiplying Good" conference with fellow high school students around the state: Savanna Warren, Autumn Simpson, Amelia Morris, Emma Fraser, Sebastian Clavio, Kayle Brown, Bailey Bates, Ruby Erikson, and Maylen Brandt. This group of leaders will be responsible for charting a course of school involvement and intentional acts of service in our school and community. Thank you to these students for working on this.
- vi. Tonight, the athletic department is recognizing fall sports. Coach Roger Wilson is being named the Region 6a Volleyball Coach of the Year. Also, Madeline Cook and Kristen Ketola have been named to the All-Region volleyball team. Great job everyone!
- vii. Tomorrow 506 A/B Honor Roll students will be rewarded with Kona Ice.
- viii. We have 8 scholars in our first Cybersecurity Club. This is a partnership with Cybersecurity of America.
- ix. We have 57 students registered for the spring dual-enrollment. The school will need to pay attention to this line item in the upcoming budget as many students are qualifying and choosing this program.
- x. Current enrollment at BPS is 1216 with 5 offers out.
- xi. Mr. McCulloch would like to thank all our BPS families for their support. A "Coffee and Conversation" will be held on December 16th from 10:45-12:45 in the Elementary Media Center.

f. PTO REPORT (Kim Gardner)

- i. MOES Spirit night is November 18th from 5-6PM.
- ii. Dairy Queen Spirit night will be December 2nd from 4-6PM.
- iii. Glowcountry Mini Golf Spirit night will be December 3rd from 2-8PM
- iv. The BPS staff Christmas party will be held on December 10th from 5:30-9:30 PM. All staff and board members are invited.

g. ATHLETICS REPORT

- i. Basketball starts on the 30th of November.

h. CHARTER RENEWAL (Mr. McCulloch)

- i. Charter committee will meet on December 13, 2021 to discuss goal development and look at template that the charter alliance is recommending.

i. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT (Tom Angelo)

- i. Things are going well other than the item that Mr. McCulloch spoke about regarding racial and sexual slurs.
- ii. USDA loan update. All paperwork has been submitted and awaiting response regarding approval.

- j. **TREASURER'S REPORT**
 - i. Treasurer Ketchie presented the financial report for the month of October, the details of which are available on a separate document.
 - ii. MOTION made by Vice Chair Merrick to accept the October financials report with the stated corrections, seconded by Director Gault, motion passed without dissent.
- k. **Announcements / Good of the Order**
 - i. Director Gault mention of the public comment cards. He also mentioned about the outreach programs in place and suggest that we try to do more.
 - ii. Director Joe Cooper submitted his resignation of his board seat in writing.
- l. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - i. MOTION made by Director Gault to approve the minutes from the October 26th, 2021, seconded by Chairman Angelo, motion passes.
- m. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - i. **National Flocabulary Contest**
 - 1. Jaydyen Brown was presented the National Flocabulary award by Mr. Tooman and Ms. Perez. They will be working with the National Flocabulary Group on a TV ad to be shared in the future.
 - ii. **Board of Directors Election results**
 - 1. Director Sproul presented the election results of the Board of Directors. The current winners were Tom Angelo, Jonathan Brown, Dawn Yerace, David Gault.
 - iii. **Appointment for vacant Board of Directors position**
 - 1. MOTION made by Treasurer Ketchie to this item until a special called meeting before the next scheduled board meeting. Vice Chair Merrick seconded the motion, motioned passed without dissent.
 - iv. **Athletic Policy**
 - 1. MOTION made by Vice Chair Merrick to adopt the present Athletic Policy, seconded by Director Gault, motion passed without dissent.
 - v. **Enrollment Projections**
 - 1. MOTION made by Director Gault to adopt Option 2, seconded by Director Sproul, motion passed without dissent.
- n. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - i. none
- o. **Public Comment**
 - i. Public comment was made by Sudena Sturgis regarding concerns of racial situations recently. She is thankful for Mr. McCulloch already addressing the situation but wanted to make sure it was being looked into.
- p. **ADJOURNMENT**
 - i. Special called meeting confirmed for November 30th, 2021 @ 5:30 PM
 - ii. Next regular meeting confirmed for December 14th, 2021 @ 5:30 PM
 - iii. MOTION made by Vice Chair Merrick to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Treasurer Ketchie motion passed without dissent. Meeting officially adjourned at 7:38 PM.

Approved by the Board: _____

Board Secretary or Board Chairperson Signature: _____