

**Bridges Preparatory Board of Directors
Minutes of the Monthly Board Meeting, 11/29/2022
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	Chiffon McNeil	Treasurer		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	Chris Ketchie	Director	x			

Staff Members in Attendance: Gary McCulloch, Caroline Lovell, Jessica Mullen, Kim Gardner, Eric Hayes, Chad Bearden

A. CALL TO ORDER, ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

a. Upon determining the presence of a quorum, Chairman Angelo called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM.

B. PUBLIC MEETING

a. **MISSION STATEMENT**

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

b. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

c. **STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT**

1. 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. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. n/a

C. MOTION made by Director Merrick to enter an executive session, seconded by Director Fraser 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 Fraser to end executive session, seconded by Director Taggart,

motion carried.

F. PUBLIC MEETING

a. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

- i. Motion made by Director Merrick to adopt agenda with the removal of item B in New Business and A in Unfinished business, and addition of item G in New business, seconded by Director Ketchie, motion carried.

b. CEO REPORT (Mr. McCulloch)

- i. Red ribbon week went well. Kindergarten held an ABC Fashion Show, as well as creating their own Pumpkin Patch fall Day due to the busing challenges. Thanks to the kindergarten parents and teachers for creating a memorable day.
- ii. 5th Graders built Terrariums to explore how gravity interacts with the earth's 4 spheres and the water cycle. The 3rd Grade engaged in PLTW by learning about earthquakes and the development of building structures. The high school biology classes developed and identified cell wall structures.
- iii. The 4th grade students went to Camp Leopold. Students engaged in activities around wildlife, wetlands, ecology, as well as leadership and team building exercise.
- iv. In athletics our BPS Boys and Girls Volleyball teams had successful seasons where they made it to the regional tournaments. The middle school girls placed 3rd in the regional tournament. The cross-country team competed at the state level this year. BPS is transitioning to winter sports, and all are encouraged to come out and support the Basketball, cheerleading, and wrestling teams as they compete.
- v. PTO was recognized for doing a great job on the Shrimp and Grits Cook-off.
- vi. A recognition ceremony for Veterans Day was held to include various events as well as a video of the many military staff and families that are part of BPS.
- vii. A Thank You to the "Light the Night" committee for their collaboration around a successful event that was supported by many in the school community.
- viii. BPS leadership is working on the 5-year strategic plan currently. Each leadership team has been charged with identifying 4 values that they believe represents BPS. Once this list is compiled a survey will be sent out to BPS families to select their top 4 values out of the compiled list. The top 4 values will be used to develop behaviors, beliefs, and pillars that every employee, parent, board member, and student will be able to identify with and demonstrate in our 5-year strategic plan. CEO McCulloch will then solicit community members to serve on committees for each of our strategic goals.
- ix. Current enrollment is 1263 with 4 offers out, we have 1028 applications to date.
- x. School tours for prospective families will begin at the middle of December and run through the end of January.

c. PTO REPORT

- i. October 12th Kona Ice was at the school to celebrate the end of quarter.
- ii. On October 25th a costume shop was hosted at the school and that night was also Spirit night at Hearth Pizza.
- iii. For Staff Appreciation in October everyone received a Cinnabon.
- iv. On October 28th the Shrimp and Grits Cook-off event was held.
- v. November 16th was the day for staff appreciation and the treat was Honey Backed ham lunches for everyone. Spirit night was that night as well at MOES.
- vi. PTO financials for 2021-2022 to the CPA
- vii. In December there will be Spirit Night at Dairy Queen on the 8th from 4-9 PM
- viii. The Public PTO meeting will be held on December 13th at 6 PM.

d. ATHLETICS REPORT

- i. Included in CEO Report

e. CHARTER RENEWAL (Mr. McCulloch)

- i. Charter committee will meet on December 5th @ 4PM with intent to submit the charter for renewal.

- f. **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT (Tom Angelo)**
 - i. Waiting on USDA for final approval to build gym so the builder can begin their process. The hope is to be able to tell the builder to start around 1st of January 2023.
- g. **TREASURER'S REPORT**
 - i. Director Ketchie presented the financials for September and October.
 - 1. MOTION made by Director Merrick to approve the September financials, seconded by Director Fraser, motion passed.
 - 2. MOTION made by Director Merrick to table the approval of the October financials until additional information is provided. Seconded by Director Taggart. Motion passed.
- h. **Announcements / Good of the Order**
 - i. Director Merrick thought it was great to see the Girls running group training beside the Cross-Country teams.
- i. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - i. MOTION made by Director Ketchie to approve the minutes from the October 11th and 25th meetings, seconded by Vice Chair Merrick, motion passes.
- j. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - i. **Budget Amendment**
 - 1. Brice West presented updated budget. Discussion was had about the changes of the budget.
 - a. MOTION made by Director Brown to approve the amended budget as presented, seconded by Director Fraser, motion passed.
 - ii. **Security – update in policy and procedures for safety**
 - 1. Officer Hayes presented information of some of the recommended updates for the security policies.
 - a. MOTION made by Chairman Angelo to accept the updated Building and Student policy with the modification of Board Members to be part of Unaccompanied group, seconded by Director Gault. Director Gault, Chairman Angelo, Director Fraser, Director Yerace voted in favor. Director Brown, Merrick, Taggart, and Ketchie voted not in favor. Motion failed.
 - b. MOTION made by Director Taggart to accept the updated Building and Student Access policy with tabling Board Member access until review and additional information from Charter District, seconded by Director Gault. Director Taggart, Ketchie, Merrick, Brown, and Gault voted in favor. Director Yerace, Angelo, and Fraser voted not in favor. The motion passed. This item has now been moved to Unfinished business for next month.
 - iii. **Expansion Proposals**
 - 1. CEO McCulloch presented new proposed expansion models.
 - a. MOTION made by Director Ketchie to add a section in K and 9th Grade, Director Taggart seconded. Motion passed.
 - iv. **Board of Director Election Results**
 - 1. Director Taggart announced the election results as follows:
 - a. Bryan Merrick received 26%
 - b. Jorge Guerrero received 23%
 - c. Casey Chucta received 23%
 - v. **Board of Directors Appointment**

1. MOTION made by Chairman Angelo to nominate Michelle Fraser to be the appointed Director. Seconded by Director Gault, motion passed.

k. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

i. n/a

l. ADJOURNMENT

i. Next regular meeting confirmed for December 13th, 2022 @ 5:30 PM

ii. MOTION made by Director Brown to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Yerace, motion passed without dissent. Meeting officially adjourned at 9:47 PM.

Approved by the Board: _____

Board Secretary or Board Chairperson Signature: _____