

**Bridges Preparatory Board of Directors
Minutes of the Monthly Board Meeting, 10/11/2022
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			x
9	Chris Ketchie	Director	x			

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

A. CALL TO ORDER, ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

- a. Upon determining the presence of a quorum, Chairman Angelo called the meeting to order at 5:39 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 Fraser to enter an executive session, seconded by Vice Chair Merrick, 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 Merrick to end executive session, seconded by Director Fraser, motion carried.

F. PUBLIC MEETING

a. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

- i. Motion made by Director Merrick to adopt agenda with the swap of item A and F, and addition of item G in New business, seconded by Director Taggart, motion carried.

b. CEO REPORT (Mr. McCulloch)

- i. First quarter of the school year has gone well. Currently we are fully staffed.
- ii. Changes have been made to teams to promote engaging classrooms that focus on whole-child development. CEO McCulloch ask BPS families to keep up and engage the school through all social media channels.
- iii. The Pat Conroy Literacy Center presented a donation to our elementary media center.
- iv. Our two-week fundraiser allowed us to raise \$89,500 and the school will keep \$58,000 of that. CEO McCulloch is look at other ways to do the fund-raising programs so the school can retain 100% of the profits.
- v. On September 26th National Junior Honor Society inducted 50 new members. This is BPS's largest induction to date.
- vi. On September 27th, Chairman Angelo, Director Brown, Director Merrick, Mr. Tooman, and Mr. Young attended the "Kids First Conference" for Charter Schools. It was a great couple of days of networking and highlighting accomplishments of the Charter Schools in South Carolina.
- vii. This week our NHS is partnering with Ameris Bank to host the 6th annual food drive. Please help support this program to fight hunger in the community.
- viii. Communication was sent out yesterday regarding Rachels Challenge that will be held on October 27th. There will be assemblies for all grades and will end with a gathering in the evening for the parents to hear about the challenge as well.
- ix. We currently have 1016 applications, and we have 1272 confirmed seats, with on offer out.

c. PTO REPORT

- i. On October 12th Kona Ice will be here for the end of quarter celebration
- ii. On October 25th there will be a Costume Shop from 3:30 to 5:30 PM
- iii. Spirit night at Hearth Firewood Pizza from 5 to 9 PM
- iv. Shrimp and Grits cook off at Widgeon Point on October 28th from 5 to 9 PM

d. ATHLETICS REPORT

- i. n/a

e. CHARTER RENEWAL (Mr. McCulloch)

- i. Charter committee will meet on October 24th @ 4PM with intent to renew based on board decision.

f. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT (Tom Angelo)

- i. USDA approved the additional monies for the gym based on bids.

g. TREASURER'S REPORT

- i. No financials this month due to monthly meeting held before financial report was compiled.

h. Announcements / Good of the Order

- i. Chairman Angelo mentioned about Mr. Hayes being part of the staff and doing a great job.

i. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- i. MOTION made by Director Gault to approve the minutes from the September meeting with the noted change of item U, seconded by Vice Chair Merrick, motion passes.

j. NEW BUSINESS

i. Audit

- 1. Ken Martin presented the yearly financial audit of BPS's.

- a. MOTION made by Director Fraser to accept the financial audit, seconded by Director Taggart, motion passed. Secretary Brown abstained from vote.

ii. Bullying Policy

1. CEO McCulloch presented information about the proposed bully policy.
Discussion was had about the current policy.
- iii. Resident Inspector
 1. Caroline Lovell presented information of the resident inspector that submitted a bid.
 - a. MOTION made by Director Brown to accept the bid for resident inspector, Director Fraser seconded. Motion passed
- iv. Chapter 1 and 17 Inspectors
 1. MOTION made by Vice Chair Merrick to accept the bid from Dennis Corp for the Chapter 1 and 17 Inspectors, seconded by Director Fraser, motion carried.
- v. E-Learning Days
 1. CEO McCulloch presented information about how we have 5 E-Learning days for the year and how they can be used.
- vi. Charter Renewal
 1. MOTION made by Director Gault to renew with the South Carolina Public Charter School District, Secretary Brown seconded. Vice Chair Merrick abstained. Motion passed.
- vii. Board Matter
 1. MOTION made by Director Gault to proceed with Board Matter 10112022. Seconded by Director Taggart. Motion passed.
- k. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - i. n/a
- I. ADJOURNMENT
 - i. Next regular meeting confirmed for November 29th, 2022 @ 5:30 PM
 - ii. MOTION made by Vice Chair Merrick to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Taggart, motion passed without dissent. Meeting officially adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Approved by the Board: _____

Board Secretary or Board Chairperson Signature: _____