

**Bridges Preparatory Board of Directors**  
**Minutes of the Monthly Board Meeting, 10/26/2020**  
**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	Rebecca Polk	Vice Chair	x			
3	Shawna Doran	Treasurer	x			
4	Bryan Merrick	Secretary	x			
5	Jon Brown	Director at Large	x			
6	Mark Rennix	Director at Large	x			
7	David Gault	Director at Large	x			
8	Joe Cooper	Director at Large	x			
9	Gordon Sproul	Director at Large	x			

**Staff Members in Attendance: Various virtual attendees**

**Others in Attendance: Virtual attendance**

**A. CALL TO ORDER, ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM**

- a. Upon determining the presence of a quorum, Chairman Angelo called the meeting to order at 6:37pm.

**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. 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**
  - i. **MOTION** made by Director Brown to adopt the agenda with the additions of an IT contract, elementary school construction meeting decision-making appointees, and a graduation date, seconded by Director Sproul, motion passed without dissent.
- e. **CEO REPORT (Mr. McCulloch)**
  - i. **Fall Break well deserved for students and staff alike.**
  - ii. **Boosterthon began this morning in the drop off line with a DJ on campus. Huge fundraising effort with lots of incentives and fun. Socially distanced run to end the event.**
  - iii. **On September 22, BPS held our first National Elementary Honor Society induction.**
  - iv. **Groundbreaking tomorrow morning (Oct. 27) for the elementary school.**
  - v. **1070 current enrollment.**
  - vi. **Special thanks to the Bridges Community for its kindness and consideration while Mr. McCulloch's family was quarantined and handling health concerns.**
- f. **PTO REPORT (Kim Gardner)**
  - i. **PTO collected food items for the local food pantry. Partnered with Ameris.**
  - ii. **Family Fall Night is this Friday (10/30) with food trucks, vendors, live music and a Trunk or Treat.**
  - iii. **Tomorrow night (Oct. 27) is spirit night at Hearth Pizza.**
  - iv. **Next Tuesday (Nov. 3) is spirit night at Moe's.**
  - v. **Thursday, Nov. 5 is spirit night at Glowcountry Golf.**
  - vi. **BiLo bags fundraiser program still ongoing for our school.**
  - vii. **Next PTO meeting is the 10th of November.**
- g. **ATHLETICS REPORT (Blake Gruel, AD)**
  - i. **Fall season ended before Fall break. Middle school volleyball, great success for year one.**
  - ii. **Cross-country grew to 21 runners this Fall.**
  - iii. **Basketball tryouts on Monday with the addition of middle school boys and girls.**
  - iv. **Spring baseball will have its inaugural season this year. Looking for a home field.**
  - v. **Cornerstone Physical Therapy has been providing athletic training.**
  - vi. **Fall banquet on Thursday, October 29.**
- h. **OUTREACH REPORT**
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- i. **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT (Tom Angelo)**
  - i. **Closed the loan on the elementary school, groundbreaking tomorrow, site prep next week.**
- j. **TREASURER'S REPORT**
  - i. **Treasurer Doran gave the financial report for the month of September, the details of which are available on a separate document.**
  - ii. **MOTION made by ViceChair Polk to accept the September financials report, seconded by Director Brown, motion passed without dissent.**
- k. **FACILITIES REPORT**

- i. included in Chair report
- I. ANNOUNCEMENTS / GOOD OF THE ORDER
  - i. Reminder of elections starting tomorrow.
- m. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
  - i. MOTION made by Director Brown to approve the minutes from the September 15 meeting, seconded by Treasurer Doran, motion passes.
  - ii. MOTION made by ViceChair Polk, to approve the minutes from the October 13 meeting, seconded by Director Sproul, motion passes.
- n. NEW BUSINESS
  - i. Ken Martin (Martin, Smith and Company) presented our annual audit review. The full audit is available on a separate document.
  - ii. MOTION made by Director Gault to accept the audit report from Martin, Smith and Company, seconded by Director Cooper, motion carried.
  - iii. MOTION made by Director Brown to enter into an MOU with USC-B for dual-enrollment options for our students, seconded by Treasurer Doran, motion carried.
  - iv. MOTION made by Director Gault to amend the charter to eventually assign 6 sections per grade to Bridges student enrollment according to the proposed schedule provided by Mr. McCulloch, seconded by Director Cooper, Secretary Merrick abstained, motion carried.
  - v. MOTION made by Secretary Merrick to approve the Bridges Commitment to Excellence bonus, seconded by ViceChair Polk, Director Cooper abstained, motion carried.
  - vi. MOTION made by ViceChair Polk to continue with A3 under state contract for our IT services and construction of the elementary school, seconded by Director Gault, motion carried.
  - vii. MOTION made by Director Gault to appoint Angelo, Polk and McCulloch to make timely decisions at elementary school construction meetings without the need of board approval, seconded by Director Brown, Polk/Angelo abstained, motion carried.
  - viii. MOTION made by ViceChair Polk to hold the 2021 BPS Graduation at the school on May 29 at 4:00pm, seconded by Treasurer Doran, motion carried.
- o. PUBLIC COMMENTS
  - i. none
- p. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
  - i. Appointment / Election process
- q. ADJOURNMENT
  - i. Next regular meeting confirmed for June 16, 2020 @ 5:30pm.
  - ii. MOTION made by Director Brown to adjourn the meeting, seconded by ViceChair Polk, motion passed without dissent. Meeting officially adjourned at 7:26pm.

Approved by the Board: 11/17/2020

Board Secretary or Board Chairperson Signature: 