

Bridges Preparatory Board of Directors
Minutes of the Monthly Board meeting on September 12, 2019
Held at Bridges Preparatory Main campus, 1100 Boundary Street, Beaufort SC 29902

Upon determining the presence of a quorum, Chairman Gault called the meeting to order at 6:01pm .

Board Member Attendance

	Name	Office	Present	Absent	Arrived Late	Departed Early
1	David Gault	Board Chairman	X			
2	Tom Angelo	Vice Chairman	X			
3	Rebecca Polk	Treasurer	X			
4	Bryan Merrick	Secretary		X		
5	Joe Cooper	Director at Large	X			
6	James Corbin	Director at Large	X			
7	Shawna Doran	Director at Large	X			
8	Peggy Feuerbacher	Director at Large	X			X
9	Kelly McCombs	Director at Large	X			

Staff Members in Attendance:

Gary McCulloch, Erin Ruth, Chris Littleton, Deborah Moore, Amanda Sanders,

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

(*Conducted in executive session in accordance with South Carolina Code of Laws, Title 30, Chapter 4, Section 30-4-70 (a)(1), for the “discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of... employee[s]” and (2) Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and proposed sale or purchase of property. . . .)

MOTION made by Vice Chair Angelo to enter Executive Session at 6:03pm, seconded by Director Cooper, motion passed without dissent.

MOTION made by Vice Chair Angelo to emerge from Executive Session, seconded by Director Doran, motion passed without dissent. Public Meeting re-convened at 7:17 pm.

II. Opening Ceremonies

a. MISSION STATEMENT

The Bridges Preparatory Mission Statement was recited aloud by Chairman Gault

b. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Agenda amended to add item e. Discussion of Bus situation

MOTION made by Vice Chair Angelo to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Director Polk, motion passed without dissent.

c. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

Chairperson Gault stated that the media was notified of the meeting, including the listing on BPS website. It was done within the 48 hour requirement.

d. REPORTS

i. HOS REPORT

Gary McCulloch gave the HOS report.

Reported Bridges has had a great first month. Thanks to the hurricane, we've had two first days of school and the campuses continue to operate smoothly in spite of the weather.

Morning meetings are well-received by the kids and the teachers are paying attention to creating relationships to encourage the social, emotional and academic development.

Emphasis is connecting with the kids to get them hooked on learning.

Progress reports on September 27th instead of 20th due to hurricane.

Open houses to be held on the 16th and 18th of September beginning at 5:00pm.

Character Pillars are focus and require reinforcement for buy-in.

October to be anti-bullying month with a theme of Unity.

MAP testing complete for 3-8th grades.

Gave a shout out to Irby Rentz for his hard work getting the technology in place for the school year and his continued work in rolling out the new laptops.

Communication at the school is at a whole new level for this year.

Director Doran recognized the hard work of Kelly Masotti in getting the activities on social media to share the story of Bridges and expand the brand.

ii. PTO REPORT

In absence of PTO representation, Vice Chair Angelo reported there was a large turnout for the PTO meeting, they spent the summer rewriting their by-laws and the annual Shrimp and Grits festival is March 7, 2020.

iii. OUTREACH REPORT

None Given.

iv. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairperson Gault reported that we continue to wait and hear from USRDA on the status of our new loan application for the elementary school. Met with OSF in Columbia and subsequently obtained approval on the plans for the elementary school. Sent two Board members to PADEPT training.

v. TREASURER'S REPORT

August financials not in yet.

Annual audit was Thursday, September 12. Auditor does most of the preliminary work with Melissa Kiddy and everything looks good right now.

vi. FACILITIES REPORT

Vice Chairperson Angelo reported. Interior of the new school continues to be completed. Brick veneer on the exterior is complete. Sewer is almost done. Permanent power is now connected and the HVAC units have been started. Board and batten is progressing. Inspection slated for October 2nd. USRDA visited the site and were impressed with the school.

e. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION made by Director McCombs to accept the minutes for August 6, 2019, seconded by Director Corbin, motion passed without dissent.

f. VOTES

i. **MOTION** made by Vice Chair Angelo to approve the corporate resolution for Enrollment Growth Increase, seconded by Director Cooper, motion passed without dissent.

ii. **MOTION** made by Director Doran to approve the HOS plan to relocate 5th-7th grades from Boundary campus to Port Royal campus in January, seconded by Director Corbin, motion passed without dissent.

iii. **MOTION** made by Vice Chair Angelo to approve HOS hurricane make-up plan, seconded by Director McCombs, motion passed without dissent.

- **DISCUSSION**

- Polled staff and 73% educators approved plan
- Use weather day on 12/20 as a half day
- Use weather day on 3/13 as a half day
- Add 10 minutes to master schedule for 3rd Quarter (42 days) to make-up remaining 420 minutes without needing Saturday school.

iv. **MOTION** made by Director Corbin to approve the 6th grade overnight field trip in April, seconded by Director Doran, motion passed without dissent.

- Director Corbin brought up the current Field Trip Policy enacted by the Board 3 years ago. Resulted in a new motion to amend the Agenda to add an item f. Field Trip Approval.

v. **MOTION** made by Director Corbin to approve the purchase of a bus from Boys and Girls club, explore purchasing 2nd 18 passenger bus and selling our current bus, seconded by Treasurer Polk, motion passed without dissent.

- HOS brought to Board attention that current bus was in the shop requiring \$4,000 in repairs and was down again about a week later.
- Indicated that Boys and Girls club has bus that needs upholstery work they would be willing to sell.
- Also, requested possibly looking to get a second 18 passenger bus.
- Adding two 18 passenger busses would eliminate the need for a specialized driver, allowing for flexibility with athletics.
- Additionally, would like to explore selling current bus and apply those funds toward the new/used bus.

vi. **MOTION** made by Vice Chair Angelo to retract current field trip policy and allow HOS to approve overnight and out-of-state field trips given the current requirements of an Administrator to be on those trips, also, International Trips would require Board approval, seconded by Director Cooper, motion passed without dissent.

g. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

h. ADJOURNMENT

While discussing the next meeting, it was discovered that a second omission was made from the Agenda. Motion made by Director Corbin to add item g. Electronic Board Voting to the agenda, seconded by Vice Chair Angelo, motion passed without dissent.

MOTION made by Director Polk to try to get Electronic Voting for Board Elections up for this election next month, seconded by Director Cooper, motion passed without dissent.

Next meeting was set for October 10th with a meet the candidates for October 17th.

MOTION made by Director Corbin to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director McCombs, motion passed without dissent. Meeting adjourned at 8:24pm.

Approved by the Board: 10/10/2019

Board Secretary or Board Chairperson Signature: _____

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David E. Jones", written over a horizontal line.