

**Bridges Preparatory Board of Directors  
Minutes of the Monthly Board Meeting, 9/20/2022  
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**

- A. CALL TO ORDER, ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM**
  - a. Upon determining the presence of a quorum, Chairman Angelo called the meeting to order at 5:37 PM.
- B. PUBLIC MEETING**
  - a. **MISSION STATEMENT**
    - a. The Bridges Preparatory Mission Statement was recited aloud by Vice Chairman Merrick.
  - b. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
  - c. **STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT**
    - a. 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**
    - a. n/a
- C. MOTION made by Director Brown to enter an executive session, seconded by Director Taggart, 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 Yerace to end executive session, seconded by Director Fraser, motion carried.**

**F. PUBLIC MEETING**

**a. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

- a. Motion made by Director Yerace to adopt agenda with an addition of item G in New business, seconded by Director Ketchie, motion carried.

**b. CEO REPORT (Mr. McCulloch)**

- b. The first 7 weeks of school have gone well. BPS is fully staffed, and school culture is very strong.
- c. There is a lot of excitement at BPS with changes that have been made to continue to focus on whole-child development. We want our families to engage with BPS through our social media channels.
- d. Mrs. Hallstetters 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classroom had our administration model the PLTW challenge of a teamwork build. The middle school volleyball team placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and bought home some hardware. The elementary classes used the new LU Interactive PE system and love it! Mr. Wagner's Health Sciences class learned and experienced Parkinson's disease interactions. The Varsity and JV Volleyball teams were able to experience a college level game at The College of Charleston.
- e. Mrs. Mohead was recognized for her milestone in education. She is a leader, inspirer, and a person who truly fosters an educational environment where all students succeed.
- f. BPS is gearing up for the Shrimp and Grits Festival on September 30<sup>th</sup>.
- g. Boosterthon will kick off on September 26<sup>th</sup> with a DJ during car-rider line. The color runs will be held on October 7<sup>th</sup>. Last year BPS raised over \$100,000, and we will look to surpass this with our amazing school community.

**c. PTO REPORT**

- h. Shrimp and Grits to be held on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Please come out and join us.
- i. PTO Spirit wear online store is open.
- j. We had Spirit Night at Dairy Queen on September 15<sup>th</sup>.
- k. The Officers for PTO have been elected for the year.

**d. ATHLETICS REPORT**

- l. Combined with CEO report

**e. CHARTER RENEWAL (Mr. McCulloch)**

- m. Charter committee will meet on October 10<sup>th</sup> @ 4PM.

**f. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT (Tom Angelo)**

- n. The board will be selecting a contractor in the New Business section. Once things get started it will go very quickly

**g. TREASURER'S REPORT**

- o. Treasurer McNeil and Director Ketchie presented the financial report for the month of August, the details of which are available on a separate document.
  - 1. MOTION made by Director Gault to accept the September financials report, seconded by Vice Chair Merrick, motion passed without dissent.

**h. Announcements / Good of the Order**

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

**i. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- q. MOTION made by Director Gault to approve the minutes from the July and August meeting with the correction of 8-16-2022 as a regular meeting and not a special meeting, seconded by Director Merrick, motion passes.

**j. NEW BUSINESS**

**r. CEO Review Committee**

- 1. MOTION made by Director Fraser to accept the following Directors to be on the CEO Review Committee Director Gault, Brown, Fraser, and Merrick, seconded by Director Taggart, motion passed.

- s. **Charter Renewal**
  - 1. CEO McCulloch presented information about the status of renewing our charter with the Public Charter School District.
    - MOTION made by Secretary Brown to table the Charter Renewal item until such time it is removed, seconded by Chair Angelo, Vice Chair Merrick recused himself from vote. The motion carried.
- t. **Graduation Date**
  - 1. CEO McCulloch presented the recommended date of June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 PM.
- u. **Gym Bids**
  - 1. MOTION made by Director Taggart option 2 who is Gillian Construction for the contractor, seconded by Director Fraser, motion carried.
- v. **Cheerleading**
  - 1. CEO McCulloch presented information about having a middle school and varsity cheer groups.
- w. **Backpack Policy**
  - 1. CEO McCulloch presented a new Backpack Policy defined by each school level.
- x. **Nominating Committee**
  - 1. Director Yerace presented the nominating committee review information.
    - MOTION made by Secretary Brown to approve the candidates. Seconded by Chair Angelo. Directors Merrick, Fraser, and McNeil abstained from vote. Motion passed.
- k. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
  - 2. n/a
- l. **ADJOURNMENT**
  - y. Next regular meeting confirmed for October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ 5:30 PM
  - z. MOTION made by Vice Chair Merrick to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Taggart, motion passed without dissent. Meeting officially adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Approved by the Board: \_\_\_\_\_

Board Secretary or Board Chairperson Signature: \_\_\_\_\_