

Bridges Preparatory Board of Directors
Minutes of the Monthly Board Meeting, 9/21/2021
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	Chris Ketchie	Treasurer	x			
4	Bryan Merrick	Director	x			
5	Jon Brown	Secretary	x			
6	Mark Rennix	Director		x		
7	David Gault	Director	x			
8	Joe Cooper	Director	x			
9	Gordon Sproul	Director	x			

Staff Members in Attendance: Gary McCulloch, Trish Maichel, Amanda Sanders, Kim Gardner, Caroline Lovell

A. CALL TO ORDER, ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

- a. Upon determining the presence of a quorum, Chairman Angelo called the meeting to order at 5:40 pm.
- b. MOTION made by Director Sproul to enter an executive session, seconded by Director Gault, motion carried.

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. MOTION made by Director Merrick to end executive session, seconded by Director Polk, motion carried.

D. 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

- 1. Motion made by Director Cooper to adopt agenda with correction of tabling item G, seconded by Director Gault, motion carried.**

e. CEO REPORT (Mr. McCulloch)

- i. The school is off to a wonderful start to the school year. CEO would like to commend our educators and families for working hard to support one another from our instructional expectations, car-rider lines, down to our quarantining support. The school community is doing an excellent job.**
- ii. Open house was attended by many eager families looking forward to a new school year.**
- iii. The athletics teams are in full swing and are becoming very competitive. Our Varsity volleyball team is 6-0 in regional play.**
- iv. Miss Bussey and CEO McCulloch too the Cross-Country team to USCB in the first run of our new busses that are now on campus. All were excited about the new bus additions.**
- v. The K-2 playground will have the final touches of turf going down this week.**
- vi. The current enrollment is 1216 students with 5 offers out.**
- vii. CEO McCulloch would like to thank all of the school families for all of their support. There have been many conversations from pick-up, to quarantining, to praying for him on 170, to admiration of all that our faculty does in providing a warm and nurturing environment. We are very fortunate to have such a positive environment that can truly grow our next leaders in a K-12 atmosphere. The input as parents is very important to the CEO , as well as the schools growth. He would like to invite any interested parents to a school improvement meeting that is called "Coffee and Conversation". The first meeting will be from 10:45-12:15 on Friday October 15th in the Elementary Media Center. He looks forward to engaging in the constructive discussions to chart our school on a path to excellence.**

f. PTO REPORT (Kim Gardner)

- i. First PTO meeting last Tuesday**
- ii. Had Moe's spirit night**
- iii. Spirit wear orders are still being filled**

g. ATHLETICS REPORT

- i. N/A**

h. CHARTER RENEWAL (Mr. McCulloch)

- i. Get items from Gary**

i. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT (Tom Angelo)

- i. Everything seems to be working well in new elementary building.**
- ii. Playgrounds are being completed**
- iii. Received a letter about a concern where we did not have the amendment change posted for 30 days before the vote of the amendment change. We will respond to this concern.**

j. TREASURER'S REPORT

- i. Treasurer Ketchie presented the financial report for the month of July, the details of which are available on a separate document.**
- ii. MOTION made by Director Merrick to accept the August financials report with the stated corrections, seconded by Director Cooper, motion passed without dissent.**

k. Announcements / Good of the Order

- i. Vice Chair Polk is stepping down as of Friday due to personal decisions.**
- ii. Director Merrick applauded the staff dealing with the car line drop off and pick up.**

l. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- i. MOTION made by Vice Chair Polk to approve the minutes from the August 17th, 2021, meeting with the noted correction, seconded by Director Cooper, motion**

passes.

m. NEW BUSINESS

i. Survey for Staff and Parents

1. **MOTION made by Director Gault to form a committee to explore the questions and companies to send to teachers, staff, parents, and students. The committee is to consist of Director Cooper to Chair, Treasurer Ketchie and Director Merrick, as well as an administrative, faculty, and high school student. Motion seconded by Director Merrick; motion passed without dissent.**

ii. Crossing Guard

1. **Information given from CEO regarding hiring a Crossing Guard. The money is in budget to cover this.**

iii. Sick Days

1. **MOTION made by Director Gault to give all employees of Bridges Prep get 5 extra sick days and if you do not have to use them, they will roll the days to your PTO bank, seconded by Chairman Angelo, the motion passed without dissent.**

iv. Dual Modality Teaching

1. **Information given from CEO regarding feedback from staff**

v. Busing

1. **Item is merged with item vi.**

vi. School Times

1. **MOTION made by Director Gault to allow CEO to send out survey regarding busing and school times; seconded. Motion passed.**

vii. Substitute Pay

1. **Director Cooper motioned to table this item; Director Merrick seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.**

viii. FOIA Policy

1. **MOTION made by Director Cooper to come up with a FOIA policy using the mentioned example policies as a template, Chairman Angelo seconded. Motion passed without dissent.**

ix. Board of Directors Election

1. **Director Sproul gave information on status of the committee and status of where everything is.**

n. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- i. **none**

o. Public Comment

- i. **none**

p. ADJOURNMENT

- i. **Next regular meeting confirmed for October 26th, 2021 @ 5:30 PM**

- ii. **MOTION made by Director Polk to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Secretary Brown motion passed without dissent. Meeting officially adjourned at 8:12 PM.**

Approved by the Board: _____

Board Secretary or Board Chairperson Signature: _____