

**Bridges Preparatory Board of Directors
Minutes of the Monthly Board Meeting, 4/18/2023.
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	Jorge Guerrero	Director	X			
4	Michelle Fraser	Treasurer		x		
5	Jon Brown	Secretary	X			
6	Beth Taggart	Director	X			
7	David Gault	Director	x			
8	Dawn Yerace	Director	x			
9	Casey Chucta	Director	x			

Staff Members in Attendance: Gary McCulloch, 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 5:34 PM.**
- B. PUBLIC MEETING**
 - a. MISSION STATEMENT**
 - a. The Bridges Preparatory Mission Statement was recited aloud by Chairman Angelo.**
 - 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.**
- C. PUBLIC COMMENT**
 - a. n/a**
- D. MOTION made by Director Guerrero to enter an executive session, seconded by Vice Chair Merrick motion carried.**
- E. 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.**
- F. MOTION made by Director Yerace to end executive session, seconded by Director Guerrero, motion carried.**
- G. Adoption of Agenda**
 - a. MOTION made by Director Merrick to adopt agenda with the addition of item B and C**

in new business, seconded by Director Brown, motion carried.

H. PUBLIC MEETING

a. CEO REPORT (Mr. McCulloch)

- i. Congratulations to Jenny Badgett being named as our Teacher of the Year. She was named a finalist for the District Teacher of the Year. She interviewed in Columbia today.
- ii. Congratulations to BPS elementary students who participated in the American Heart Association's "Kids Heart Challenge". They raised over \$3875!
- iii. The 8th grade students visited the Barrier Islands for an ECO tour where they learned about organisms, habitats, and ecosystems.
- iv. A thank you to Mrs. Burley and faculty for putting together a successful movie night to help raise funds for the senior trip.
- v. The 3rd grade students visited the Port Royal Maritime Museum where they did a tour and identified the importance of Reducing, Reusing, and Recycling.
- vi. On March 22nd BPS held a school-wide Paideia Seminar to embrace the whole-child approach in instruction, while focusing on critical thinking, creativity, and constructive communication.
- vii. The evening of March 30th a math night was held. The even included games and prizes.
- viii. The week of April 3rd we celebrated our assistant principals.
- ix. BPS recognized Brayden Kieffer as his artwork placed 2nd in the Beaufort Jasper Water and Sewer Authority in honor of World Water Day event.
- x. BPS has received word that 9 of our rising sophomores have been accepted into the Accelerate Engineering Program for the Governors School. They will be receiving their welcome packets this week.
- xi. April is the Month of the Military Child. BPS has many military families and faculty members. We have put together a Military Child Spirit Week. The information for the Spirit week is posted on our communication platforms.
- xii. Current enrollment is 1250 with 0 offers out. There are 569 on our waitlist. We have received 827 new applications for next year. BPS has 1366 accepted offers for next year.

b. PTO REPORT

- i. On April 27th will be Spirit Night at Dairy Queen between 4-9 PM.
- ii. On May 9th will be the last public meeting for the year and elections will be held.
- iii. On May 12th the Annual talent show in the MS/HS gym at 6 PM.
- iv. On May 9th the Middle School Dance will be held from 5:30 – 7:30 PM

c. ATHLETICS REPORT

- i. Varsity boys are currently undefeated and have 3 games left before conference play.
- ii. Middle School girls won last night. They are now 3rd in the conference.

d. CHARTER REVIEW (Mr. McCulloch)

- i. The charter renewal group has put together a few ideas together to recognize the charter renewal and the first 10 years of the school's history.

e. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT (Tom Angelo)

- i. Closing on the gym loan next week. Once that is completed the pre-construction meeting will be held and then the contractor has 30 days to start construction.

f. TREASURER'S REPORT

- i. Vice Chair Merrick presented the February and March financial reports.
 - a. MOTION made by Director Taggart to accept the February and March financial reports, seconded by Director Yerace. Motion passed.

g. Announcements / Good of the Order

- i. N/A

h. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- i. MOTION made by Director Guerrero to approve the minutes from the 3/14/2023 and 3/29/2023 board meeting minutes, seconded by Director Merrick, motion passes.

i. NEW BUSINESS

- i. **OT/PT Contract**
 - a. **CEO McCulloch presented an updated contract with vendor for OT/PT services. Vice Chair Merrick recused himself from the discussion.**
- ii. **Real Estate Venture**
 - a. **MOTION made by Director Brown to rescind our offer on the real estate venture. Seconded by Director Yerace. Motion passed.**
- iii. **Corporate Resolution**
 - a. **MOTION made by Chair Angelo to accept the corporate resolution for the purchase of additional property, seconded by Director Taggart. Motion passed.**
- j. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - 1. **2023-24 Calendar Options**
 - a. **MOTION made by Director Merrick to remove the 2023-24 Calendar Options off the table. Director Brown seconded. Motion passed.**
 - b. **Discussion was had about the proposed Calendar options.**
 - c. **MOTION made by Director Merrick to adopt calendar option 3, seconded by Director Chucta. Director Chucta, Merrick, and Yerace voted yeah. Director Gault, Guerrero, Brown, Taggart, and Angelo voted against.**
 - d. **MOTION made by Director Gault to adopt calendar option 2, seconded by Director Guerrero. Director Brown, Gault, and Guerrero voted yeah. Director**
 - e. **MOTION made by Chairman Angelo to adopt calendar option 1, seconded by Director Taggart. Motion passed.**
- k. **ADJOURNMENT**
 - i. **Next regular meeting confirmed for May 16th, 2023 @ 5:30 PM**
 - ii. **MOTION made by Director Merrick to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Guerrero, motion passed without dissent. Meeting officially adjourned at 7:18 PM.**

Approved by the Board: _____

Board Secretary or Board Chairperson Signature: _____