

**Bridges Preparatory Board of Directors
Minutes of the Monthly Board Meeting, 4/25/2022
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 5:32 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.
 - d. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**
 - a. Motion made by Director McNeil to adopt agenda, seconded by Director Taggart, motion carried.
 - e. **MOTION made by Secretary Brown to enter an executive session, seconded by Director Gault, motion carried.**
- C. 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.

- D. **MOTION made by Director Taggrat to end executive session, seconded by Director Yerace, motion carried.**
- E. **PUBLIC MEETING**
 - a. **CEO REPORT (Mr. McCulloch)**
 - a. Another excellent month at BPS. CEO McCulloch asked for all the BPS families to follow us on Facebook and our website as we continue to highlight the contributions of students and faculty.
 - b. Congratulations to Merielle Poulin, Jenna Fisher, Riley Cowan, and Alivia Hemsworth as they competed in the 1st Beaufort County Juried High School Regional Exhibition. The works of art were beautiful.
 - c. 5th grade students had an opportunity to travel to the Kennedy Space Center to engage in the engineering and STEM challenges, as well as sleeping under the Atlantis Space Craft.
 - d. Congratulations to our PTO for organizing the Block Party. The adult school community enjoyed a great evening of live music and great company.
 - e. Congratulation to our athletic department for organizing and hosting a successful fishing tournament.
 - f. Congratulations to student government for organizing a fundraising drive that collected over 1600 items to benefit CAPA's involvement in the community.
 - g. Thank you to our school community for their involvement in our spirit week for the military children.
 - h. 6th grade students enjoyed their trip to Camp Bob Cooper. Unfortunately, it was shortened due to severe weather, but BPS is working on making it up to the students.
 - i. The second Bridges Science Fair was a wonderful success. Many of our elementary students engaged in showing their talents and experiments.
 - j. Congratulations to BPS teacher of the year Mrs. Juliana Smith. BPS recently learned that she has been selected as a district finalist for teacher of the year.
 - k. BPS currently has 767 applications to date. Next tour dates are on April 28th and 29th.
 - l. Current enrollment is 1201 (7 students moved out of state) students with 4 offers out.
 - b. **PTO REPORT (Mr. McCulloch)**
 - a. PTO had great feedback from the 9th annual block party. Looking forward to next year.
 - b. On 5/2-6 we will have teacher appreciation week
 - c. On 5/6 we will have the talent show @ 6PM
 - d. 5/10 will be the next PTO meeting @ 6PM
 - e. 5/12 will be spirit night at Glowcountry MiniGolf from 2-8 PM
 - c. **ATHLETICS REPORT**
 - a. Nothing to report
 - d. **CHARTER RENEWAL (Mr. McCulloch)**
 - a. Charter committee will meet on May 16th, 2022, to discuss next steps of strategic planning on Charter Renewal.
 - e. **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT (Tom Angelo)**
 - a. USDA came back with some questions, and we have already responded back. We are awaiting on a response from the national office currently.
 - f. **TREASURER'S REPORT**
 - a. Director McNeil presented the financial report for the month of February, the details of which are available on a separate document.
 - b. **MOTION made by Director Yerace to accept the March financials report, seconded by Director Ketchie, motion passed without dissent.**
 - g. **Announcements / Good of the Order**
 - a. Chairman Angelo announced that the JV soccer team went undefeated for the season.
 - h. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. **MOTION made by Director Yerace to approve the minutes from the March 15th,**

2022, seconded by Director McNeil, motion passes.

i. NEW BUSINESS

a. Club Policy

1. CEO McCulloch presented examples of policies that other educational entities have in place for club policies. Discussions were had about the examples.
2. MOTION made by Director Yerace to table this until next meeting to give CEO McCulloch time to compile a rough draft of a policy, seconded by Director McNeil, motion passed.

b. Renewal meetings with Authorizers

1. Discussion was had about forming a board Subcommittee.
2. MOTION made by Director Taggart to form a Subcommittee with Director Gault, Ketchie, with four appointees identified by CEO McCulloch from staff to be on the committee. Seconded by Director Taggart, motion carried.

j. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Application count – Expansion of 9th Grade

1. MOTION made Director Taggart to increase 9th grade by one unit, seconded by Director McNeil, motion passed

k. Public Comment

a. none

l. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Next regular meeting confirmed for May 17th, 2022 @ 5:30 PM
- b. MOTION made by Director Taggart to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Secretary Brown motion passed without dissent. Meeting officially adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Approved by the Board: _____

Board Secretary or Board Chairperson Signature: _____