

**Bridges Preparatory Board of Directors  
Minutes of the Monthly Board Meeting, 2/22/2022  
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, Caroline Lovell, Jessica Mullen, Taylor Hunt**

**A. CALL TO ORDER, ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM**

a. Upon determining the presence of a quorum, Chairman Angelo called the meeting to order at 5:43 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**

1. Motion made by Director Gault to adopt agenda with addition of item D, seconded by Director Fraser, motion carried.

e. **MOTION** made by Director Ketchie to enter an executive session, seconded by Vice Chair Merrick, 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 Gault to end executive session, seconded by Vice Chair Merrick, motion carried.**
- E. PUBLIC MEETING**
  - a. CEO REPORT (Mr. McCulloch)**
    - a. Had an excellent month at BPS. February is Black History Month. Mr. McCulloch encourages all families to follow our Facebook page and school news where BPS is continuing to highlight the amazing accomplishments and contribution to US History by African Americans.
    - b. Multiple tours of the school for potential families have taken place. Additional dates will be provided for more tours.
    - c. NJHS and NHS induction took place on February 8<sup>th</sup>, and it was a wonderful time.
    - d. On February 9<sup>th</sup>, our alumni returned for our Homecoming Basketball games and the crowning of our Homecoming Court.
    - e. Celebrations continued February 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> with our Buccaneer Balls for the school. Many BPS families expressed that a great time was had by all.
    - f. On February 14<sup>th</sup> BPS took a positive step toward keeping our close contact students in school. BPS moved forward with the Test-To-Stay alternative in our DHEC guidance, while providing each student with 2 testing kits to support close contacts with the test required from days 5-7 to stay in school. Thank you to all our school community for your continued support.
    - g. Varsity boys' basketball team received a send off from our K-12 school that they will not forget, as they traveled to Johnsonville on February 17<sup>th</sup>. This was our first team to compete in the state tournament. They played their hearts out. Thank you to the boys and coaches for a memorable season.
    - h. On February 19<sup>th</sup> our Wrestling Team competed at the state level with all 9 varsity wrestlers making it to the 3<sup>rd</sup> round, and 4 wrestlers making it to the 4<sup>th</sup> round. All 4 were eliminated in the fourth round, just shy of the medal rounds. Congratulations to our coaches and wrestling team for a fantastic first year!
    - i. Mr. McCulloch would like to recognize our first JV and Varsity Cheerleaders and coaches. Their spirit and enthusiasm contributed to an electric atmosphere at our games.
    - j. February 26<sup>th</sup> will be our 3<sup>rd</sup> Bridges Golf Tournament. The weather looks great, and we are excited to have a great time with our business partners and friends.
    - k. Current applications to date are 608.
    - l. Current enrollment is 1211 students with 0 offers out.
  - b. PTO REPORT (Taylor Hunt)**
    - a. Great time at Buccaneer Ball. Everyone had a great time.
    - b. This week PTO is giving a treat to all Teachers
    - c. Glow country on March 4<sup>th</sup>
    - d. Block Party will be on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at Port Royal Community Garden.
  - c. ATHLETICS REPORT**
    - a. Part of CEO report.
  - d. CHARTER RENEWAL (Mr. McCulloch)**
    - a. Charter committee will meet on March 14th, 2022, to discuss next steps on Charter Renewal.
  - e. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT (Tom Angelo)**
    - a. Basketball coach Darrius Brockington won Coach of the Year.
  - TREASURER'S REPORT**
    - b. Treasurer McNeil presented the financial report for the month of January, the details of which are available on a separate document.
    - c. MOTION made by Vice Chair Merrick to accept the January financials report,

seconded by Director Fraser, motion passed without dissent.

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

**g. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. MOTION made by Director Yearce to approve the minutes from the January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022, board meeting with mentioned corrections, seconded by Director Taggart, motion passes.

**h. NEW BUSINESS**

a. Second reading of 2022/23 BPS budget

1. Melissa Kiddy and BPS Administration presented the 2022/23 budget for BPS.
2. MOTION made by Director Gault to approve the budget as presented to the board, seconded by Secretary Brown, motion passed.

b. Applicant Count - Information

1. CEO McCulloch presented stats of the number 608 applications for open seats.

c. Bussing - Information

1. CEO McCulloch presented information about the desire for bussing of students to identified depots.

d. Handbook Policy Firearm

1. MOTION made by Director Gault to approve the proposed amendment to be added to the handbook, seconded by Director Ketchie, motion passed.

**i. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. none

**j. Public Comment**

- a. none

**k. ADJOURNMENT**

- a. Next regular meeting confirmed for March 15th, 2022 @ 5:30 PM

- b. MOTION made by Director Fraser to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Secretary Brown motion passed without dissent. Meeting officially adjourned at 7:35 PM.

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

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