

**Bridges Preparatory Board of Directors
Minutes of the Monthly Board Meeting, 2/21/2023.
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, Jessica Mullen

- A. CALL TO ORDER, ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM**
 - a. Upon determining the presence of a quorum, Chairman Angelo called the meeting to order at 5:30 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 Gault to enter an executive session, seconded by Vice Chair Merrick motion carried.**
- E. MOTION made by Director Gault to end executive session, seconded by Vice Chair Merrick, motion carried.**
- F. Adoption of Agenda**
 - a. **MOTION made by Director Gault to adopt the adjusted agenda to have the second reading of the budget above Executive Session, seconded by Treasurer Fraser, motion carried.**
- G. NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. **Second reading of budget**
 - a. Melissa Kiddy presented the updated budget for the 2023-2024 School year. Discussion was had on the budget.
 - b. **MOTION made by Chairman Angelo to approve the proposed budget for the 2023-2024 School Year. Seconded by Treasurer Fraser, motion passed.**
- H. MOTION made by Director Gault to enter an executive session, seconded by Vice Chair**

Merrick motion carried.

I. 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.

J. MOTION made by Director Gault to end executive session, seconded by Director Guerrero, motion carried.

K. Adoption of Agenda

- a. MOTION made by Director Gault to adopt the adjusted agenda to add item AA for HR20230221, seconded by Vice Chair Merrick, motion carried.**

L. PUBLIC MEETING

a. CEO REPORT (Mr. McCulloch)

- i.** On January 19th, BPS held “Ask the Experts” night. This was well attended. Thank you to our guidance department for organizing and thank you Director Guerrero for being on the panel.
- ii.** Homecoming week was a tremendous success. Student had a great time with their team and theme days.
- iii.** On January 26th, BPS held its on-site visit with our authorizer. The district was complimentary of the rigor in our classrooms and the overall positive culture. They were complimentary of our ambassadors. Great job everyone!
- iv.** February 1st marked the beginning of Black History Month, our students have been engaged in activities, and Dr. Lee read to a number of classrooms to share some of the history of Black History month. BPS will continue to post our activities all month.
- v.** On February 2nd our 5th grade students displayed their knowledge with their states of matter presentations.
- vi.** February 6th-10th marked our school counselors week. Our amazing counselors were celebrated through the week with treats and appreciation from our school.
- vii.** On February 10th and 11th our PTO sponsored evenings for our students and families with our Buccaneer Balls.
- viii.** Current enrollment is 1261 with 0 offers out, we have 422 on our waitlist and tomorrow will be an exciting day for many families as we will hold our lottery. We have received 675 new applications for next year.

b. PTO REPORT

- i.** The annual Buccaneer Balls were held on February 10th and 11th.
- ii.** Tomorrow will be MOES Spirit night.
- iii.** PTO Spirit wear is available now.
- iv.** A planning meeting will be held for coordinating staff appreciation week, the Talent show, and a MS dance in May.

c. ATHLETICS REPORT

- i.** n/a

d. CHARTER RENEWAL (Mr. McCulloch)

- i.** BPS will be presenting to the state board on March 9th.

e. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT (Tom Angelo)

- i.** Still waiting on USDA for final signatures and final appraisal should be in tomorrow.

f. TREASURER’S REPORT

- i.** Treasurer Fraser presented the financial report for the month of January, the details of

which are available on a separate document.

1. MOTION made by Director Brown to approve the January financials, seconded by Director Guerrero, motion passed.
- g. Announcements / Good of the Order
- i. n/a
- h. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
- i. MOTION made by Director Gault to approve the minutes from the 1/17/23 and 2/7/2023 with the mentioned adjustments, seconded by Director Taggart, motion passes.
- i. NEW BUSINESS
- i. HR Item HR20230221
 - a. MOTION made by Vice Chair Merrick to approve option A. Seconded by Director Gault. Motion passed.
 - ii. E-Rate
 1. CEO McCulloch presented the current E-Rate consulting contract. The recommendation is to go with the proposed contract.
 - a. MOTION made by Director Guerrero to approve the E-rate consulting contract. Seconded by Director Taggart. Motion passed.
 - iii. Security/Branding – Front Doors/Gym/Fencing
 1. CEO McCulloch presented information about branding and security.
 - a. MOTION made by Director Merrick to approve the proposed security branding. Seconded by Director Taggart. Motion passed.
 - iv. Retire/Rehire Salary Schedule
 1. CEO McCulloch presented the proposed Salary Scale for retired/rehire teachers.
 - a. MOTION made by Director Fraser to approve the proposed Retire/Rehire Salary Schedule. Seconded by Director Guerrero. Motion passed.
 - v. Charter Amendments
 1. CEO McCulloch presented the proposed charter amendments. The first for changing the address on the charter. The second amendment to change the Senior Project to a Senior International Contribution and not be a requirement to graduate. The third charter amendment change the intent to return the new student enrollment packet from 10 days to 5 calendar days.
 - a. MOTION made by Director Fraser to approve all the proposed charter amendments. Seconded by Director Yearace. Motion passed.
 - vi. Calendar Options
 1. CEO McCulloch presented the proposed calendar options.
 - a. MOTION made by Director Merrick to table this topic to get further information from the CEO about the need for all the half days and presented a third option. Seconded by Director Guerrero. Motion passed.
 - vii. Card Readers
 1. CEO McCulloch presented information about card readers for the back fences as parking will be used in the back.
 - a. MOTION made by Director Brown to approve the proposed cost to install required badge readers. Seconded by Director Fraser. Motion passed.
- j. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
1. n/a
- k. ADJOURNMENT
- i. Next regular meeting confirmed for March 14th, 2023 @ 5:30 PM
 - ii. MOTION made by Director Yearace to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Chucta, motion passed without dissent. Meeting officially adjourned at 8:33 PM.

Approved by the Board: _____

Board Secretary or Board Chairperson Signature: _____