

**Bridges Preparatory Board of Directors
Minutes of the Monthly Board Meeting, 1/18/2022
Held via Zoom Call**

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

A. CALL TO ORDER, ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

a. Upon determining the presence of a quorum, Chairman Angelo called the meeting to order at 5:31 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 Fraser to adopt agenda with removal of item 4, seconded by Vice Chair Merrick, motion carried.

e. **MOTION** made by Director Gault to enter an executive session, seconded by Director Yearce, 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 Vice Chair Merrick to end executive session, seconded by Director Fraser, motion carried.
- E. **PUBLIC MEETING**
 - a. **CEO REPORT (Mr. McCulloch)**
 - a. BPS had an excellent month. CEO McCulloch invited everyone to follow BPS on Facebook as they are continuing to showcase each letter of the alphabet and its representation at BPS.
 - b. Door decorating contest went well by homerooms. Winners are
 - 1. K-2 - Ms. Sullivan
 - 2. 3-5 - Mrs. Glauser
 - 3. 6-8 - Mrs. Smith
 - 4. 9-12 - Ms. Peterlin
 - 5. Support – Nurse Christy and Nurse Renee
 - c. Varsity boys’ basketball is having a great season. First time ever to be in region 1A state top 10.
 - d. Currently have 4 middle school wrestlers that have qualified for the state tournament.
 - e. NJHS, NHS, and Student Government did a great job with candygram sales. Students sold and made 1839 candy grams.
 - f. BPS had over 120 students who raised over \$200 each. The students will be able to pie CEO McCulloch, their administrator, and Mr. Fitzgerald. This will take place on February 4th @ 12:30 PM (weather permitting).
 - g. BPS has been chosen as a national finalist by the Equity and Engagement Academy. CEO McCulloch was asked to present to their panel on January 12th about our K-12 programs, paths of study, and equity of access to STEM and Social-Emotional opportunities.
 - h. Today teachers had a planning day to prepare to support students for virtual learning.
 - i. Tomorrow will be the start of virtual learning. CEO McCulloch and BPS staff ask that everyone remain focused and work hard during this temporary pause in face-to-face learning.
 - j. Currently we are in open enrollment. BPS has had 434 applications to date.
 - k. CEO McCulloch will be canceling the tour of school for January 20th. There are plans to have 3 tours to make up for this on January 25th, 26th, and 27th.
 - l. Current enrollment is 1212 students with 2 offers out.
 - b. **PTO REPORT (Kim Gardner)**
 - a. 9th Annual Block Party will be held on April 2nd at Port Royal Community Garden.
 - b. January 25th will be Spirit Night at Hearth Woodfire Pizza.
 - c. February 4th will be Spirit Night at Glowcountry.
 - d. February 8th will be next PTO meeting.
 - e. February 11th will be the Buccaneer Ball
 - c. **ATHLETICS REPORT9**
 - a. No report
 - d. **CHARTER RENEWAL (Mr. McCulloch)**
 - a. Charter committee will meet on February 7th, 2022, to discuss goal development and look at template that the charter alliance is recommending.
 - e. **CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT (Tom Angelo)**
 - a. Still waiting USDA to approve loan for Gym expansion.
 - b. Playground will be finished in the next week.
 - f. **TREASURER’S REPORT**
 - a. Treasurer McNeil presented the financial report for the month of December, the details of which are available on a separate document.
 - b. **MOTION** made by Director Merrick to accept the December financials report with the stated corrections, seconded by Director Gault, motion passed without dissent.
 - g. **Announcements / Good of the Order**

- h. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. MOTION made by Director Gault to approve the minutes from the December 14th, 2021, with mentioned corrections, seconded by Director Angelo, motion passes.**
- i. NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. Application Count**
 - 1. CEO McCulloch presented the numbers of current applications**
 - b. School times 2022/23**
 - 1. CEO McCulloch presented stats of votes on the preferred start times from BPS families.**
 - 2. MOTION made by Secretary Brown to approve Option 2 seconded by Director Taggart, motion passed.**
 - c. School Calendars 2022/23**
 - 1. CEO McCulloch presented the stats of votes of the preferred calendar from BPS families.**
 - 2. MOTION made by Director Merrick to approve Option 1 seconded by Director Yerace, motion passed.**
 - d. Procurement Policy**
 - 1. Caroline Lovell presented recommendations of the Procurement Policy that have come down from the State Charter School District.**
 - 2. MOTION made by Director Gault to adopt the procurement policy that the state charter district and increase CEO spending limit to \$10,000 seconded by Director Angelo, motion passed.**
- j. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - a. none**
- k. Public Comment**
 - a. none**
- l. ADJOURNMENT**
 - a. Next regular meeting confirmed for January 22nd, 2022 @ 9:00 AM**
 - b. MOTION made by Director Taggart to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Gault motion passed without dissent. Meeting officially adjourned at 7:16 PM.**

Approved by the Board: _____

Board Secretary or Board Chairperson Signature: _____