

Bridges Preparatory Board of Directors
Minutes of the Monthly Board Meeting, 1/19/2021
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	Rebecca Polk	Vice Chair	x			
3	Chris Ketchie	Director	x			
4	Bryan Merrick	Secretary	x			
5	Jon Brown	Director	x			
6	Mark Rennix	Director		x		
7	David Gault	Director	x			
8	Joe Cooper	Director	x			
9	Gordon Sproul	Director	x			

Staff Members in Attendance: Gary McCulloch, Caroline Lovell, Kelly Masotti, John Kabel

Others in Attendance: Virtual attendance

A. CALL TO ORDER, ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

- a. Upon determining the presence of a quorum, Chairman Angelo called the meeting to order at 5:40pm.
- b. MOTION made by Director Merrick to enter into an executive session, seconded by Director Cooper, motion carried.

B. 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.

C. MOTION made by Director Polk to end executive session, seconded by Director Merrick, motion carried.

D. PUBLIC MEETING

a. MISSION STATEMENT

- i. The Bridges Preparatory Mission Statement was recited aloud by Chairman Angelo.

b. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

c. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

- i. 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

- i. **MOTION** made by Director Brown to adopt the agenda, seconded by ViceChair Polk, motion carried.

e. CEO REPORT (Mr. McCulloch)

- i. Great return process coming back to school
- ii. High school students returned today in Phase 3 of the reopening plan. Thank you to the board, faculty, families, and students for the support with the reentry plan.
- iii. Positive Covid numbers are 3 staff and 10 students from the last board meeting to today.
- iv. This Friday 1-22-2021 our 5th grade students leave for the Kennedy Space Center. They will enjoy an experience of America's progress and vision for space travel. They will be sleeping under the rockets. A big thank you to Mrs. Madden for coordinating this trip.
- v. We have had 41 tours to date and will have more tours as the application period is open until January 31st. There will be a total of 6 tours in January for families that are looking to apply. The tour dates will be January 21st, 28th, and 29th.
- vi. Our current enrollment is 1069. As of right now we have received 404 applications with 12 days remaining in the enrollment period.
- vii. Continue to share our enrollment application period that ends January 31st. Also current families must complete their intent to return form by January 31st.

f. PTO REPORT (Kim Gardner)

- i. Holiday family help project was a huge success. We raised \$2008.00 to assist families during the holiday season.
- ii. Planning for the 2021 block party is in the works. More info coming soon.
- iii. Hearth Wood Fire Pizza spirit night is tonight from 5PM to 9PM!

g. ATHLETICS REPORT (Blake Gruel, AD)

- i. We are in the last three weeks of basketball season.
- ii. Our new online ticketing system for sport events has been working very well.
- iii. The athletic trainer program with Cornerstone has been great.
- iv. Spring sports training begins in February.

h. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT (Tom Angelo)

- i. Numbers are up with enrollment.
- ii. All foundation and most of the steel is up. Roofers to be here February 1st to start their work. The plan is to be dried in by

- i. **TREASURER'S REPORT (Joe Cooper)**
 - i. Treasurer Cooper presented the financial report for the month of November, the details of which are available on a separate document.
 - ii. **MOTION** made by Director Merrick to accept the November financials report, seconded by Director Polk, motion passed without dissent.
- j. **CHARTER RENEWAL REPORT**
 - i. Each month we will begin to update the community on the effort to revise and update our school charter in preparation to submit for renewal in 2023.
- k. **ANNOUNCEMENTS / GOOD OF THE ORDER**
 - i. No new items.
- l. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - i. **MOTION** made by Director Cooper to approve the minutes from the December 15, 2020 meeting, seconded by Director Ketchie, motion passes.
- m. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - i. Charter amendments
 - 1. Priority status based on criteria to be updated
 - 2. Change the address on the charter to reflect new campus
 - 3. Update election process to be electronic based.
 - 4. Update grades from K-6th to K-12th.
 - 5. **MOTION** made by Director Cooper to approve the amendments, seconded by Director Merrick, motion passes.
 - ii. Lottery and number of sections for the 2021/22 school year
 - 1. Recommendation by Gary McCulloch to adjust grades based on demand.
 - 2. **MOTION** made by Director Brown to approve the amendments, seconded by Director Polk, motion passes.
- n. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
 - i. none
- o. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - i. Appointment / Election process
- p. **ADJOURNMENT**
 - i. Next regular meeting confirmed for February 16, 2021 @ 5:30pm.

ii. **MOTION** made by Director Polk to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Ketchie, motion passed without dissent. Meeting officially adjourned at 7:30pm.

Approved by the Board: 2/14/21

Board Secretary or Board Chairperson Signature: 