

**Bridges Preparatory Board of Directors  
Minutes of the Monthly Board Meeting, 3/15/2022  
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**

- A. CALL TO ORDER, ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM**
  - a. Upon determining the presence of a quorum, Vice Chair Merrick 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 Vice Chair Merrick.**
  - b. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
  - c. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT**
    - a. Vice Chair Merrick 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 Ketchie to adopt agenda, seconded by Director Fraser, motion carried.**
  - e. MOTION made by Secretary Brown to enter an executive session, seconded by Director Yerace, 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 Taggart to end executive session, seconded by Director Fraser, motion carried.**
- E. **PUBLIC MEETING**
  - a. **CEO REPORT (Mr. McCulloch)**
    - a. Had an excellent month at BPS. CEO McCulloch encourages all our families to follow BPS on Facebook and website as our school news is posted where our student and faculty contributions are highlighted.
    - b. Many families are excited and anxious to tour the school after receiving notification of their acceptance for next year. Tours will be on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 22<sup>nd</sup>. There will be additional dates in April and May around testing dates.
    - c. Big Thank You to the 6<sup>th</sup> grade team and the Coastal Discovery Museum for bringing a highly interactive fieldtrip that included dissecting squids.
    - d. On February 26<sup>th</sup> the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Golf Tournament was held. There were over 70 golfers that enjoyed a 70+ degree day. Thanks to everyone for your help. It was a successful event!
    - e. March 1<sup>st</sup> BPS received the shipment of our new concrete games. The delivery included 2 sets of cornhole, one chess set, a 4-person ping-pong set, an 8-person foosball table, and 2 shuffleboard games. The new area will be open shortly.
    - f. On March 3<sup>rd</sup> the Kindergarten students had a visit from BCSO to learn about the positive roles and support that our officers provide in our school community.
    - g. On March 11<sup>th</sup> the Port Royal Maritime Center brought some of our local animals in for an up-close encounter for our 5<sup>th</sup> grade students.
    - h. Congratulations to our Boys Varsity Basketball Coach Darrius Brockington. He was recognized by the coach's poll as the 1A Region Coach of the Year!
    - i. Today BPS celebrated our Teacher of the Year (Mrs. Smith), and our Support Person of the Year (Nurse Christy). Both winners were surprised with balloons, flowers, a trophy, and a gift card. Congratulations to our amazing faculty members!
    - j. BPS currently has 666 applications to date.
    - k. Current enrollment is 1209 students with 1 offer out.
  - b. **PTO REPORT (Taylor Hunt)**
    - a. Block party is on April 2<sup>nd</sup> and look forward to seeing everyone there.
  - c. **ATHLETICS REPORT**
    - a. Nothing to report
  - d. **CHARTER RENEWAL (Mr. McCulloch)**
    - a. Charter committee will meet on April 25th, 2022, to discuss next steps on Charter Renewal.
  - e. **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT (Bryan Merrick)**
    - a. Application for the loan on the gym has been submitted to the State office. Once this is completed it will then go to the National office.
  - f. **TREASURER'S REPORT**
    - a. Director Ketchie presented the financial report for the month of February, the details of which are available on a separate document.
    - b. **MOTION made by Director Yearce to accept the February financials report, seconded by Director Fraser, motion passed without dissent.**
  - g. **Announcements / Good of the Order**
    - a. Vice chair stated it was a great time to be part of the recognition of the teacher of the year and support staff of the year.
  - h. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
    - a. **MOTION made by Vice Chair Merrick to approve the minutes from the February 22nd, 2022, seconded by Director Ketchie, motion passes.**
  - i. **NEW BUSINESS**
    - a. **Renewal with Authorizer**

1. Discussions were had about options for possible discussions with different authorizers.
  2. MOTION made by Secretary Brown to create a Subcommittee to explore the options of Authorizers, seconded by Director Yerace, motion passed. Vice Chair Merrick abstained from the discussion and vote.
- b. Applicant Count - Information
1. CEO McCulloch presented stats of the number 666 applications for open seats.
- c. 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Projections / 3 Year Impact
1. CEO McCulloch presented information about the option for adding an additional 9<sup>th</sup> grade unit of students.
  2. MOTION made by Vice Chair Merrick to table this item until next meeting, seconded by Director Fraser, motion passed without dissent.
- d. Student Clubs
1. CEO McCulloch present information about pausing meetings of faith-based clubs in Elementary school students until a policy can be established.
- j. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
- a. none
- k. Public Comment
- a. none
- l. ADJOURNMENT
- a. Next regular meeting confirmed for April 25th, 2022 @ 5:30 PM
  - b. MOTION made by Director Fraser to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Yerace motion passed without dissent. Meeting officially adjourned at 7:15 PM.

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

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