

**Bridges Preparatory Board Meeting
Minutes of the Monthly Board meeting on March 19, 2018
1100 Boundary Street Lunchroom, Beaufort SC 29902**

Upon determining the presence of a quorum, Chairman Matthews called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

Board Member Attendance

	Name	Office	Present	Absent	Arrived Late	Departed Early
1	Dee Matthews	Board Chairman	X			
2	Marty Miley	Vice Chairman	X			
3	James Corbin	Treasurer			X	
4	Peggy Feuerbacher	Secretary	X			
5	Calvin White	Director at Large		X		
6	Brooke Pacheco	Director at Large	X			
7	Tom Angelo	Director at Large	X			
8	David Gault	Director at Large	X			
9	Kelly McCombs	Director at Large		X		

Staff Members in Attendance:

HOS Chris Wilson, Dr. Herbst, Jessica Mullen, Joan Drury, Tim Drury, Jamie Dyas, Jessica Hint, Amy Painton, Chris Littleton, Erin Ruth, and Caroline Lovell

Others in Attendance:

John Williams, Publicist, Melissa Kiddy, Jim Wegmann

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

(*Conducted in executive session in accordance with South Carolina Code of Laws, Title 30, Chapter 4, Section 30-4-70 (a)(1), for the "discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of... employee[s]" and (2) Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and proposed sale or purchase of property. . . .)

MOTION made by Vice Chairman Miley to enter Executive Session at 5:43 pm, seconded by Director Pacheco, motion passed without dissent.

MOTION made by Director Gault to emerge from Executive Session, seconded by Director Angelo, motion passed without dissent. Public Meeting convened at 6:49 pm.

II. MISSION STATEMENT

The Bridges Preparatory Mission Statement was recited aloud by Chair Matthews

III. PUBLIC MEETING

a. STUDENT PRESENTATION

None

b. STAFF RECOGNITIONS

None

c. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION made by Director Pacheco to approve the agenda with amendments (Under New Business: remove item f, table item h and i, under Old Business: item f), seconded by Director Gault, motion passed without dissent.

d. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

Chairperson Matthews stated that the media was notified of the meeting, including the listing on BPS website. It was done within the 48 hour requirement.

e. REPORTS

i. HOS REPORT

Mr. Wilson reported on two assemblies presented by Bikers Against Bullies for the Upper and Lower schools. These hour-long assemblies discussed self-respect, tolerance, and compassion. Students received posters, stickers and the bikers rode three motorcycles into the gym.

He also reported on the National School Walkout on March 17. Students were given an option to have the event in the gym. The Upper School Students read about the 17 students and faculty killed in the Parkland, FL shooting. There were 17 empty chairs representing those killed, each with a lit candle. Instead of Walkout, they called it WalkUp. It was encouraging each other to WalkUp to at least 17 students and say something nice, invite them to sit at lunch with them, etc. Middle and Elementary School students who participated were offered an opportunity to write their legislators.

ii. PTO REPORT

Amy Painton reported an update for the Shrimp and Grits festival in Port Royal on April 28. There are still openings for chefs and sponsors for the event and applications for vendors and sponsors are still being accepted. Also, volunteers are still needed to help with the event.

iii. OUTREACH REPORT

BPS was represented at the Saint Patrick's Day festival at the town center. Volunteers included art students who painted faces. The next Outreach event will be at the Shrimp and Grits festival on Paris Avenue in Port Royal on April 28.

iv. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairperson Matthews reported that BPS sent out its first monthly newsletter. In it, the Board will attempt to answer questions put to it.

v. TREASURER'S REPORT

Melissa Kiddy of McKay Kiddy gave the financial report for February 2018, stating that month's total income was \$ 521,843 and from July to February \$ 3,789,831. Total expenses for February were \$ 446,356 and from July to February \$ 3,651,658. Net income for February was \$75,487 and from July to February \$ 138,173. Mrs. Kiddy also presented a preliminary budget for the next school year. Several adjustments must be made, as well as consideration for ways to lower expenses to stay within spending guidelines. Unknown expenses are expected to be paid with the new school site being built. Director Miley brought up the necessity of a capital campaign as a means of helping to fund the new school.

MOTION made by Treasurer Corbin to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Director Pacheco; motion passed without dissent.

vi. FACILITIES REPORT

Vice Chairperson reported that the Board is waiting for OSF's approval for the design of the modulars for the new school next year. The wetland site permits have been given to OCRM and the Board hopes to have the permits next week. The SCDOT is still reviewing the site plans. Bid packages for the new school site will be ready for solicitations first week in April, along with a utilities packet for site work for the whole campus.

f. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION made by Director Pacheco to accept the minutes for February 20, 2018, seconded by Secretary Feuerbacher; motion passed without dissent.

g. VOTES

- i. **MOTION** made by Director Pacheco to approve a SPED consultants' contract, seconded by Secretary Feuerbacher; motion passed without dissent.
- ii. **MOTION** made by Director Gault for the Board to do its due diligence and initiate a search for HOS for the 2019-2020 school year to be in compliance with BPS's charter, seconded by Vice Chairperson Miley; motion passed without dissent.
- iii. **MOTION** made by Secretary Feuerbacher to get a third bid for Workman's Compensation Insurance, seconded by Vice Chairperson Miley; motion passed without dissent.
- iv. **MOTION** made by Director Pacheco to accept the first school 2018-2019 calendar with modifications for the month of December, seconded by Vice Chairperson Miley; motion passed without dissent.

h. OLD BUSINESS

Tabled

i. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Greg Brinker, parent, expressed a concern that it took the school three days to send out notification to parents about a safety issue at the school. He brought up the issue of security and asked if students participated in "shelter in place" or shooter drills, and asked that several security measures be put in place. He also expressed concern that several classrooms didn't have enough books or workbooks for each student. He, himself, bought his child what was needed.

j. ADJOURNMENT

Next regular meeting confirmed for April 17, 2018 at Boundary Street.

MOTION made by Vice Chairperson Miley to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Pacheco, motion passed without dissent. Meeting adjourned at 9:04 pm.

Approved by the Board: 3/27/2018
Board Secretary or Board Chairperson Signature: Matthew

Margaret B. Feuerbacher