

Bridges Preparatory Board Meeting
Minutes of the Monthly Board meeting on December 14, 2017
1100 Boundary Street Lunchroom, Beaufort SC 29902

Upon determining the presence of a quorum, Chairman Matthews called the meeting to order at 6:01 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	Kelly McCombs	Director at Large	X			
7	David Gault	Director at Large	X			
8	Brooke Pacheco	Director at Large	X			
9	Tom Angelo	Director at Large	X			

Staff Members in Attendance:

Dr. Ithomitis, Dr. Herbst, Tim Drury, Joan Drury, Jennifer Bryant, Chris Wilson, Jessica Mullins, Jennifer Badgett, Chris Bolten, Rachael Littleton, Caroline Lovell

Others in Attendance:

Judge Grimsley, John Williams, Publicist,

I. MISSION STATEMENT

The Bridges Preparatory Mission Statement was recited aloud by Director Matthews.

II. PUBLIC MEETING

a. STUDENT PRESENTATION

None

b. STAFF RECOGNITIONS

Dr. Ithomitis recognized the outstanding production of *Alice in Wonderland* and gave special recognition to the time and talent of the play's director, Casey Chucta as well as all the students who participated in its production.

Dr. Ithomitis also recognized Kindergarten and Fourth grade teachers for collaborating together on a project that had Fourth grade students interview kindergarten students on what they wanted for Santa Claus and then write letters from elves in reply. Presenting the lesson and its results were teachers Rachael Littleton, Chris Bolton, and Jennifer Badgett.

c. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

d. SWEARING-IN CEREMONIES

Judge Grimsley officiated in swearing in the newly elected Board Members re-elected Board Members: Tom Angelo, David Gault, Kelly McCombs, Peggy Feuerbacher, and Calvin White.

MOTION made by Vice Chairperson Miley to approve the agenda with amendments, seconded by Secretary Feuerbacher, motion passed without dissent.

e. 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.

f. REPORTS

i. HOS REPORT

Dr. Ithomitis recognized Caroline Lovell, Chris Wilson, Dr. Herbst, and Jennifer Bryant for the hard work in helping BPS to run smoothly.

Dr. I reported on the formation of the Upper School's newspaper club, "Buccaneer Bulletin."

He also announced that BPS's Nation Honors Society was chartered and the Faculty Committee chosen. With the charter bylaws written, a roll out plan was being put into place.

He also presented an agenda for administrative budget meetings.

To address the hiring freeze, Dr. I presented an updated Grade Distribution for grades 2-10 for core subjects and asked the Board to revisit the hiring freeze until more data can be presented.

ii. PTO REPORT

None

iii. OUTREACH REPORT

None

iv. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairperson Matthews expressed everyone's excitement over the number of candidates who ran for the Board in last month's election and welcomed new members to the Board, Tom Angelo, David Gault, and Kelly McCombe.

v. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Corbin gave the financial report for November, 2017, stating that month's total income was \$470,739 and from July to November \$2,279,824. Total expenses for November were \$416,376 and from July to November \$2,229,559. Net income for November was \$54,363 and from July to November \$50,265.

vi. FACILITIES REPORT

Vice Chairperson Miley reported that detailed plans were submitted to OFS for approval on the modular planned for classes beginning in September, 2018, and that bid requests had been sent out to three modular manufactures.

g. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

i. MOTION made by Treasurer Corbin to accept the minutes for December 5, 2017, Special Board Meeting, seconded by Secretary Feuerbacher, motion passed without dissent.

ii. MOTION made by Treasurer Corbin to accept the minutes for November 16, 2017, seconded by Secretary Feuerbacher, motion passed without dissent.

III. 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 Treasurer Corbin to enter Executive Session at 6:33 pm, seconded by Director Gault, motion passed without dissent.

MOTION made by Secretary Feuerbacher to emerge from Executive Session, seconded by Treasurer Corbin, motion passed without dissent. Public Meeting convened at 8:57 pm.

IV. NEW BUSINESS VOTES

MOTION made by Secretary Feuerbacher to vote accepting the nominated slate of current officers as follows: Dee Matthews, Chair; Marty Miley, Vice Chair; James Corbin, Treasurer; and Peggy Feuerbacher, Secretary; seconded by Director Pacheco, motion passed without dissent.

MOTION made by Treasurer Corbin to approve payment from general operating funds for work done by FWA Group and to reimbursed at a later date from Ameris Bank loan, seconded by Vice Chairperson Miley, motion passed without dissent.

MOTION made by Secretary Feuerbacher to accept HR 29, seconded by Treasurer Corbin, motion passed without dissent.

MOTION made by Secretary Feuerbacher to accept HR 30 - school transitional plan, seconded by Treasurer Corbin, motion passed with eight votes and Director Pacheco abstaining.

V. OLD BUSINESS

MOTION made by Director Pacheco to rescind the motion to freeze salaries until Board has budget data to support it, seconded by Secretary Feuerbacher, motion passed without dissent.

a. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

b. ADJOURNMENT

Next regular meeting confirmed for January 25, 2018.

MOTION made by Secretary Feuerbacher to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Treasurer Corbin, motion passed without dissent. Meeting adjourned at 9:03 pm.

Approved by the Board: 1/23/18

Board Secretary or Board Chairperson Signature: Matthews

Margaret Feuerbacher