

**Bridges Preparatory Board Meeting
Minutes of the Monthly Board meeting on February 20, 2018
1100 Boundary Street Lunchroom, Beaufort SC 29902**

Upon determining the presence of a quorum, Chairman Matthews called the meeting to order at 5:44 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	By phone			
8	David Gault	Director at Large	X			
9	Kelly McCombs		X			

Staff Members in Attendance:

HOS Chris Wilson, Dr. Herbst, Jessica Mullen, Joan Drury, Tim Drury, Rachel Bolt, Jamie Dyas, Betsy Smith, Diana Price, Chris Littleton, Sarah Murphy, Caroline Lovell

Others in Attendance:

John Williams, Publicist, Melissa Kiddy

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 Director Gault to enter Executive Session at 5:46 pm, seconded by Director Pacheco, motion passed without dissent.

MOTION made by Director McCombs to emerge from Executive Session, seconded by Treasurer Corbin, motion passed without dissent. Public Meeting convened at 6:37 pm.

II. MISSION STATEMENT

The Bridges Preparatory Mission Statement was recited aloud by Director Matthews

III. PUBLIC MEETING

a. STUDENT PRESENTATION

b. STAFF RECOGNITIONS

Diana Price, HS Science teacher, named BPS Teacher of the Year

c. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION made by Director Pacheco to approve the agenda with amendments (no need for reserve bank account and approval for fifth grade day trip to Pooler, GA), seconded by Treasurer Corbin, 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 that six male students and two female students along with their three chaperones had arrived from Chong Quin, China, and had been spending the week at BPS as well as visiting the area. He recognized the efforts of Director Brooke Pacheco for opening her home to the Chinese students and their chaperones and hosting a Lowcountry boil.

Mr. Wilson reported that the school calendar will be presented for the Board to vote on at the March Board Meeting.

ii. PTO REPORT

Sarah Murphy reported on update for the Shrimp and Grits Block Party. There are still openings for chefs and sponsors for the event.

Chairperson Matthews offered a challenge to all board members to contribute toward a five hundred dollar sponsorship to help the PTO's efforts.

iii. OUTREACH REPORT

None

iv. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairperson Matthews reported that BPS had received the SC Public School Charter District approval to excuse the two remaining makeup days lost because of the snow storm.

v. TREASURER'S REPORT

Melissa Kiddy of McKay Kiddy gave the financial report for January 2018, stating that the month's total income was \$ 514,957 and from July to January \$ 3,267,990. Total expenses for January were \$ 395,119 and from July to January \$ 3,205,303. Net income for January was \$119,838 and from July to January \$ 62,687. Bridges ADM as of the 45 day count was 664 students versus 662 students at prior year 135 days count. The WPU (Weighted Pupil Units) increased from 780 WPU to 801 WPU. Thus, the January funding increase is a result of the add-on weighting adjustments (High Achieving, Academic Assistance and Pupils in Poverty). Supplies have a larger percent of budget used year to date due to increased spending in the first half of the school year. Spending has decreased significantly over the last 3-4 months and currently is at 98% of annual budget. The amount of the surplus is expected to grow over the next few months. They are also currently working on next year's school budget.

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

vi. **FACILITIES REPORT**

Chairperson Matthews presented the report for Director Miley, stating that BPS is submitting in March the modular drawing for the new school for next year to OSF's for approval.

f. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION made by Director Pacheco to accept the minutes for January 23, 2016, seconded by Treasurer Corbin; motion passed without dissent.

g. **VOTES**

- i. **MOTION** made by Director Pacheco to suspend the lease for the Carol Waters Building June 30, 2018, seconded by Director Gault; motion passed without dissent.
- ii. **MOTION** made by Director Gault to pursue leasing for another year at the Green Street facility to house grades six and seven and allowing the gym to remain open between 4-8 p.m. for a community basketball court, seconded by Director Pacheco, motion passed without dissent.
- iii. **MOTION** made by Director Gault to remove the modular from the Boundary Street campus by June 30, 2018, seconded by Director Pacheco; motion passed without dissent.
- iv. **MOTION** made by Director Gault to have FWA to complete preparing the graphics for a sign to be placed at the new school site at a cost not to exceed \$2450, seconded by Director Pacheco; motion passed without dissent.
- v. **MOTION** made by Director Gault to seek bids for a permanent sign or billboard to be placed at the new school site, seconded by Director Pacheco; motion passed without dissent.
- vi. **MOTION** made by Director Pacheco to approve the sixth and seventh grades' overnight field trip to Patriots Park in Charleston, seconded by Director McCombs; motion passed without dissent.
- vii. **MOTION** made by Director Gault to approve the fifth grade day trip to the Nighty Eights Museum in Pooler, GA, seconded by Director McCombs; motion passed without dissent.

h. **OLD BUSINESS**

Chairperson Matthews gave an update on the sign and graphics to be put on Highway 170 in March and announced that the ground breaking ceremony for the new school will be the first part of May.

i. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

A parent voiced her concern about student safety issues for changing classes in the learning cottages planned for the new school site and outside activities.

j. **ADJOURNMENT**

Next regular meeting confirmed for March 20, 2018 at Boundary Street – (changed to March 19, 2018, due to Interim HOS's schedule).

MOTION made by Director Pacheco to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Treasurer Corbin, motion passed without dissent. Meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm.

Approved by the Board:

3/19/2018

Board Secretary or Board Chairperson Signature:

D. Matthews
Margaret B. Burbock