

**Bridges Preparatory Board Meeting**  
**Minutes of the Monthly Board meeting on November 16, 2017**  
**1100 Boundary Street Lunchroom, Beaufort SC 29902**

Upon determining the presence of a quorum, Chairman Matthews called the meeting to order at 5:30 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	Chris Protz	Director at Large		X		
7	Greg Brinker	Director at Large			X	
8	Brooke Pacheco	Director at Large	X			
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**Staff Members in Attendance:**

Dr. Ithomitis, John Williams, Jim Wegmann, Amanda Sanders, Jennifer Bryant, Cassandra Bolden, Sherri Herbst, Chris Littleton, Jamie Dyas, Tim Drury, Joan Drury, Chris Wilson, Amy Painton, Ashton Converse, Grace Converse, Jennifer Badgett, Rachael Bolt, Diana Price, Casey Checta, Windy Sampson.

**Others in Attendance:**

John Williams, Publicist

**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 Treasurer Corbin to enter Executive Session at 5:31 pm, seconded by Director Pacheco, 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 6:13 pm.

**MOTION** made by Secretary Feuerbacher to enter Executive Session at 8:09 pm, seconded by Director Pacheco, motion passed without dissent.

**MOTION** made by Vice Chairperson Miley to emerge from Executive Session, seconded by Treasurer Corbin, motion passed without dissent. Public Meeting convened at 9:06 pm.

**II. MISSION STATEMENT**

The Bridges Preparatory Mission Statement was recited aloud by Director Matthews

**III. PUBLIC MEETING**

**a. STUDENT PRESENTATION**

**b. STAFF RECOGNITIONS**

**c. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**MOTION** made by Treasurer Corbin to approve the agenda with amendments, seconded by Vice Chairperson Miley, 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**

Dr. Ithomitis recognized Mrs. Hammer and the BPS band for their participation in the Veteran's Day Parade, noting that the BPS was the the only school band in the parade. Dr. Ithomitis is recommending that Board approve a position for a full time SPED teacher to accommodate the increased number of SPED students.

He further outlined a plan to address the state test results, including shifting Upper School staff to Middle School, hiring veteran teachers, and Dr. Herbst meeting with grade level teams to identify areas of students' strengths and weaknesses and develop strategies to help students grow. Also a K-5 Writer's Workshop began this year.

Dr. Ithomitis noted that though BPS scores need improvement, the school performance was the best among the state's charter schools.

**ii. PTO REPORT**

None

**iii. OUTREACH REPORT**

**iv. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

Chairperson Matthews recognized Caroline Lovett for all her efforts and hard work that went into the application and filing of documents for the USADR loan.

**v. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Corbin gave an overview of the McCady Kiddy report for October, explaining that October revenues exceeded expenditures creating a surplus of \$42,723. YTD net income of -\$1,151 is under the annual budgeted surplus of \$234,571.

**vi. FACILITIES REPORT**

During the Town Hall Meeting, Vice Chairperson Miley explained the logistics of BPS's classroom for the 2018-2019 school year: Grades K-2 will be housed at Celadon; grades 3-7 will remain at Boundary; and Phase I for the Middle and High Schools will begin on the new campus in Learning Cottages that will be placed on site.

Grade 11 will offer dual enrollment with Technical College of Low Country and/or University of South Carolina Beaufort, of which three students currently qualify.

When completed, the new facility will house grades K-12 and will accommodate 960 to 1000 students.

**f. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION** made by Treasurer Corbin to accept the minutes for November 17, 2016, seconded by Director Pacheco, motion passed without dissent.

**g. VOTES**

- i. MOTION** made by Vice Chairperson Miley to accept Treasurer Corbin's report , seconded by Director Pacheco, motion passed without dissent.

- ii. **MOTION** made by Secretary Feuerbacher to approve a temporary hiring freeze on all nonessential personnel until new facility is built, seconded by Treasurer Corbin, motion passed without dissent.
- iii. **MOTION** made by Secretary Feuerbacher to approve a salary freeze until new facility is built, seconded by Vice Chairperson Miley, motion passed with Director Brinker dissenting.
- iv. **MOTION** made by Secretary Feuerbacher to approve the out of state band field trip to Carowinds in June, 2018, seconded by Director Pacheco, motion passed without dissent.
- v. **MOTION** made by Vice Chairperson Miley to the letter of conditions from USADR for financing the new facility, seconded by Treasurer Corbin, motion passed without dissent.

**h. NEW BUSINESS**

Counting of Election Ballots for five positions on the Board by Jim Wegmann showed the following results: Tom Angelo 94 votes, James Corbin 95 votes, Peggy Feuerbacher 67 votes, David Gault 50 votes, Kelly McCombs 94 votes, Michael Osteen 35 votes, Chris Protz 50 votes, Calvin White 47 votes. A tie between candidates Gault and Protz will be broken by a run off ballot, the details of which will be determined by Mr. Wegmann's office. Judge Grimsley will swear in those elected to the Board at the next board meeting.

**i. OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**j. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**k. ADJOURNMENT**

Next regular meeting confirmed for December 14, 2017

**MOTION** made by Vice Chairperson Miley to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Treasurer Corbin, motion passed without dissent. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Approved by the Board: 12/14/17

Board Secretary or Board Chairperson Signature: Matthews

Margaret Feuerbacher