

Bridges Preparatory Board of Directors
Minutes of the Board meeting on June 28, 2016
Held at Bridges Preparatory Main campus, 1100 Boundary Street, Beaufort SC 29902

Upon determining the presence of a quorum, Chairman Matthews called the meeting to order at 6:16pm

Board Member Attendance

	Name	Office	Present	Absent	Arrived Late	Departed Early
1	Dee Matthews	Board Chairman	X			
2	Marty Miley	Vice Chairman	X			
3	Caroline Lovell	Treasurer	X			
4	James Corbin	Secretary	X			
5	Calvin White	Director at Large		X		
6	Chris Protz	Director at Large	X			
7	Peggy Feuerbacher	Director at Large		X		

Staff Members in Attendance:

Dr. Ithomitis, Jessi Mullen, Tim Drury, Joan Drury, Amy Painton, Bob Prawell, Trish Torres, Lauren Connelly, Sarah DeLoach

Others in Attendance:

John Williams, Publicist
 Melissa Kiddy, CPA

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 Chairperson Miley to enter Executive Session at 6:16pm, seconded by Director Protz, motion passed without dissent.

MOTION made by Vice Chairperson Miley to emerge from Executive Session, seconded by Secretary Corbin, motion passed without dissent. Public Meeting convened at 7:15pm.

II. PUBLIC MEETING

a. MISSION STATEMENT

The Bridges Preparatory Mission Statement was recited aloud by Director Matthews

b. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED

c. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION made by Treasurer Lovell to move Budget Report to first order of business as courtesy to Melissa Kiddy, CPA who comes from Charleston to be with us, seconded by Director Protz, motion passed without dissent.

MOTION made by Treasurer Lovell to correct agenda and remove “Interim” from in front of HOS under Staff Reports, seconded by Vice Chairperson Miley, motion passed without dissent.

MOTION made by Secretary Corbin to approve the agenda with the prior two changes, 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. TREASURER'S REPORT

Melissa Kiddy went over April and May financials, reported we are being fiscally sound in our policies and spending.

MOTION made by Vice Chairperson Miley to accept the financial report for April and May, seconded by Treasurer Lovell, motion passed without dissent.

Melissa presented the Budget for 2016-17 and highlighted some areas where things could change such as compensation for students depending on the size of the state pool of charter students. Entire budget very conservative and is right on track with healthy percentages for Personnel Expenses and Surplus expected.

MOTION made by Director Protz to approve the Budget for the 2016-17 school year as presented, seconded by Vice Chairperson Miley, motion passed without dissent.

Treasurer Lovell thanked Melissa for keeping us on track with all of the financials and recognized Jessi Mullen for all of her hard work in preparing the Budget.

ii. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairperson Matthews relayed the Board's elation at finally having our new HOS in Dr. Ithomitis. She claimed she works with a phenomenal Board. She also recognized John Williams for the great job he does with our PR. We have awesome students and a great school which is demonstrated by the fact that our students love their school and are happy to be here. Finally, she hopes for the 2016-17 school year to be the best yet while we prepare our students to meet the challenges of the future.

iii. HOS REPORT

Dr. Ithomitis said he is thrilled to be here and will work to make this the best school in the state. He thanked Dee Matthews for "bridging the gap" between Interim HOS and his arrival. Finished by thanking Board for placing their trust in him.

iv. FACILITIES REPORT

Will be doing some renovations at Celadon to satisfy ADA requirements.

v. PTO REPORT

Chairperson Matthews recognized the Bridges PTO for their hard work in being the sole fundraising arm for the school.

Amy Painton reported they are planning and will be getting approval from the HOS for the 2016-17 fundraising calendar. Changing fundraising strategy by cutting out the high effort-low return activities and focusing on more efficient fundraising. Bridges Block Party will be April 8th, returning to Port Royal.

vi. OUTREACH REPORT

No report but Chairperson Matthews reminded all that Amy Roberts works tirelessly on outreach to create goodwill towards Bridges within the community.

f. VOTES

i. **MOTION** made by Treasurer Lovell to approve the contract with FACES to provide Spanish Teacher placement for 2016-17 school year, seconded by Director Protz, motion passed without dissent.

ii. **MOTION** made by Treasurer Lovell to approve the contract with Kelly Services to provide Substitute Teacher Services for 2016-17 school year, seconded by Director Protz, motion passed without dissent.

- iii. **MOTION** made by Treasurer Lovell to approve employment contracts for the 2016-17 school year, seconded by Vice Chairperson Miley, motion passed without dissent.
- iv. **MOTION** made by Vice Chairperson Miley to approve the Charles Lind Brown (Greene Street) lease for 2016-17 as amended, seconded by Secretary Corbin, motion passed without dissent.
- v. **MOTION** made by Secretary Corbin to continue our marketing contract for the 2016-17 school year, seconded by Director Protz, motion passed without dissent.
- vi. **MOTION** made by Secretary Corbin to approve the staggered times: Kindergarten-3rd Grade, 7:45-2:45; 4th Grade – 9th Grade, 8:15-3:15 at their respective locations for the 2016-17 school year, seconded by Director Protz, motion passed without dissent.

g. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

Chairperson Matthews thanked all of the teachers for coming out to the meeting when they really didn't have to be at school.

h. ADJOURNMENT

Confirmed next meeting to be July 21st, 2016.

MOTION made by Vice Chairperson Miley to adjourn meeting, seconded by Director Protz, motion passed without dissent. Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm.

Approved by the Board: 26 July 2016

Board Secretary or Board Chairperson Signature: _____

