

Bridges Preparatory Board of Directors
Minutes of the Monthly Board meeting on July 26,2016
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 6:18pm.

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, Sanders, Hodges, Trish Torres, Jessi Mullen, Tim Drury, Joan Drury, Debbie Hamner, Melissa Imlay

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 Secretary Corbin to enter Executive Session at 6:19pm, seconded by Treasurer Lovell, motion passed without dissent.

MOTION made by Director Feuerbacher to emerge from Executive Session, seconded by Vice Chairperson Miley, motion passed without dissent. Public Meeting convened at 7:26pm.

II. MISSION STATEMENT

The Bridges Preparatory Mission Statement was recited aloud by Director Matthews

III. PUBLIC MEETING

a. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION made by Director Protz to approve the agenda, seconded by Vice Chairperson Miley, motion passed without dissent.

b. 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.

c. PUBLIC RECOGNITION

Dr. I recognized Boys and Girls Club for being such a great partner and offering free drop off to parents at 7:00am every morning.

Also recognized were Joan, Tim and Irby for organizing pickup and disposal of broken furniture which is saving the school about \$1500 in costs.

d. REPORTS

i. HOS Report

Meet the headmaster socials were held on July 19 and 20. They were well-attended and attendees asked questions and were given Dr. I's vision for the school.

School enrollment is 603 students with waiting lists in all but Grades 4,5 and 9.

Teacher workshops will be held the week of August 8 when the teachers return to school.

Our funding is \$5820 base per student for this school year.

The state is giving every teacher in SC \$275 for classroom supplies this year.

Some of the \$35 activity fee is to fund school supplies, shortening the lists for parents to go buy.

School open houses to be staggered this year on August 11 so that parents with more than one child may attend all sessions needed.

ii. PTO REPORT

Trish Torres reported that the PTO had met with Dr. I to get approval for this year's fundraising efforts. The block party will be April 8th, 2017 back in Port Royal.

iii. OUTREACH REPORT

Amy Roberts not here but Chairperson Matthews explained to attendees what the Outreach Committee does in the community.

iv. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairperson Matthews gave Amy Roberts and the PTO kudos for their continuing efforts with Bridges promotion and fundraising. She also recognized John Williams for his tireless efforts with Bridges PR and the website design/management.

She indicated the Board had hoped to have an exciting announcement but everything is not quite ready. Explained everyone on the Board would like to talk about it but last time an announcement was made, we lost it to another party.

Read program was a great success, kids improved their MAP scores. Great job by Sanders, Kelly Grace, Dyas, and Means teaching the kids.

We are embarking on a new F-1 Visa program which will enable students from foreign countries to come to Bridges Preparatory School and eventually for our students to go to other countries to attend school.

v. FACILITIES REPORT

Clean-up day on Saturday which has to be hauled to the Snake Rd Landfill because we are considered a business.

vi. TREASURER'S REPORT

Completing audit right now, Financials to be presented in August.

e. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION made by Director Protz to accept the minutes for May 20, 2016 with the changing of town to city on page 2, seconded by Treasurer Lovell, motion passed without dissent.

MOTION made by Director Feuerbacher to accept the minutes for May 25, 2016, seconded by Director Protz, motion passed without dissent.

MOTION made by Director Protz to accept the minutes for June 28, 2016, seconded by Director Feuerbacher, motion passed without dissent.

f. VOTES

i. **MOTION** made by Director Feuerbacher to accept the F-1 Program and approve the fee associated therewith, seconded by Vice Chairperson Miley, motion passed without dissent.

ii. **MOTION** made by Treasurer Lovell to accept the employment contract changes as presented, seconded by Secretary Corbin, motion passed without dissent.

- iii. **MOTION** made by Director Feuerbacher to appoint Secretary Corbin as Board Liaison to the HOS Technology Committee, seconded by Treasurer Lovell, motion passed without dissent.
- iv. **MOTION** made by Secretary Corbin to appoint Treasurer Lovell and Director Protz as Board Liaisons to the HOS Finance Committee, seconded by Vice Chairperson Miley, motion passed without dissent.
- v. **MOTION** made by Treasurer Lovell to appoint Director Feuerbacher and Director Protz as Board Liaisons to the HOS Community Committee, seconded by Vice Chairperson Miley, motion passed without dissent.
- vi. **MOTION** made by Director Feuerbacher to accept the Bridges Preparatory Federal Policy, seconded by Secretary Corbin, motion passed without dissent.
- vii. **MOTION** made by Secretary Corbin to accept the Bridges Preparatory Board Governance Policy, seconded by Director Protz, motion passed without dissent.
- viii. **MOTION** made by Director Feuerbacher to accept the HOS recommended 9 month contract with WHHI Television, seconded by Vice Chairperson Miley, motion passed without dissent.
- ix. **MOTION** made by Secretary Corbin to accept the change in the staggered start times approve June 28, 2016 to now be Kindergarten-Third Grade, 8:00am-3:00pm and Fourth Grade-Ninth Grade, 8:30am-3:30pm, seconded by Director Feuerbacher, motion passed without dissent.

g. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

h. ADJOURNMENT

Will most likely be a called meeting for next week to approve school policies. Will adhere to FOIA when we know the day.

Next regularly scheduled meeting was confirmed for August 18, 2016.

MOTION made by Vice Chairperson Miley to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Protz, motion passed without dissent.

Approved by the Board: 18 Aug 2016

Board Secretary or Board Chairperson Signature: 