

Bridges Preparatory Board of Directors
Minutes of the Monthly Board meeting on December 13, 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 5:35pm.

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			
8	Greg Brinker	Director at Large	X			
9	Brooke Pacheco	Director at Large	X			

Staff Members in Attendance:

Dr. Ithomitis, Jamie Dyas, Patricia Bolden, Jessi Mullen, Jen Bryant, Irby Rentz, Michael Glaze, John O'Connell, Amy Painton

Others in Attendance:

John Williams, Publicist, Judge Jim Grimsley

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 5:36pm, 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 6:36pm.

II. PUBLIC MEETING

a. MISSION STATEMENT

The Bridges Preparatory Mission Statement was recited aloud by Director Matthews

b. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairperson Matthews.

c. STUDENT PRESENTATION

Mr. O'Connell's 5th Grade Girls Mock Stock Market Team was recognized for finishing 2nd in the State of SC. The girls presented how they chose their stocks and how the "game" worked. They will be travelling to Columbia to accept their trophy for finishing 2nd in the State.

d. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION made by Vice Chairperson Miley to approve the agenda, seconded by Director White, 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 gave the floor to student, Nathan Gore. Mr. Gore presented a proposal to start a Chess Club sponsored by teacher Rachael Bolte. Initially there are 10 students expressing interest. This would be an after-school club available to all grades. Their major goal is to play chess and teach chess to the younger students.

Dr. Ithomitis turned the floor to Irby Rentz, IT Admin, to present a proposal to purchase 60 additional Chromebooks from CDW utilizing the sales tax refund that we have accrued. Upon public discussion amongst the Board, the Chairperson asked how many would need to be purchased to bring the ratio to 1 to 1. Irby indicated an additional 60 would allow us to have a 1 to 1 ratio.

Dr. Ithomitis had Coach Bolden show off the new Basketball uniforms which are reversible and the home side utilizes the green from the Bridges colors.

MOTION made by Secretary Corbin to approve the Head of School proposal to purchase 60 Chromebooks with the sales tax refund from CDW and also to add an additional 60 units to bring the total to 120, seconded by Vice Chairperson Miley, motion passed without dissent.

ii. PTO REPORT

Amy Painton gave the report. The Yankee Candle fundraiser was a great success with the total dollar amount to be forthcoming. Kids participated in the Helping Hands for Change fundraiser and now the PTO is switching gears to full-time Block Party preparations.

iii. OUTREACH REPORT

None Given

iv. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairperson Matthews gave accolades to Nathan for standing up and presenting his proposal. She indicated that the clubs are something the Head of School has the authority to approve but appreciates the learning experience the students go through to develop and present a proposal to a Board.

Chairperson Matthews was presented with a gavel for her service as Chairperson for 2016 and another gavel to be used by the Chairperson for the meetings.

The Chair recognized Secretary Corbin to provide the results from the officer elections held in the Executive Session. The results were unanimous with Dee Matthews being elected Chairperson, Marty Miley retaining the Vice Chairperson position, Caroline Lovell remains the Treasurer and James Corbin continues to hold the Secretary Position.

v. TREASURER'S REPORT

The financials for Nov-Dec will be presented in January.

vi. FACILITIES REPORT

Vice Chairperson Miley gave the update on the facilities. The Boundary Street Campus' roof is currently being evaluated by contractors for the submission of bids to patch and replace the

roof. The Board recognizes that the building needs to be in good shape to be sold when the time comes so repairs need to be done correctly.

The preliminary traffic study has been submitted, there were no real surprises in it. The DOT person that approves it, Mike James, is on vacation until the 5th of January.

MOTION made by Vice Chairperson Miley to approve moving forward with the next stage of due diligence on the new school location, seconded by Director Feuerbacher, motion passed without dissent.

g. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

h. NEW BUSINESS

The newly elected 5 members were sworn in by Judge Grimsley.

Annual report was presented and indicates a healthy school. Chairperson Matthews gave Kudos to Dr. Ithomitis, Jessi Mullen and Jen Bryant for their hard work in compiling the report.

MOTION made by Director Feuerbacher to accept the annual report, seconded by Director Pacheco, motion passed without dissent.

i. VOTES

i. **MOTION** made by Treasurer Lovell to approve HR21 as presented by Dr. Ithomitis, seconded by Vice Chairperson Miley, motion passed without dissent.

ii. **MOTION** made by Treasurer Lovell to approve the formation of a Chess Club, seconded by Secretary Corbin, motion passed without dissent.

j. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

k. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION made by Vice Chairperson Miley to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Pacheco, motion passed without dissent. Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.

Approved by the Board: 17 Jan 2017

Board Secretary or Board Chairperson Signature:

