

**North Star Academy Charter School of Newark**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**6:00 p.m., Monday January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019**  
**West Side Park Campus (571 18th Ave)**

*The trustees were in attendance: Rick Rieder, Lawrence Evans, Ravi Bellur, Jamey Verrilli, Bob Howitt, Ezdehar Abubatab, Scott Sleyster, Trisha Scipio-Derrick, Also attending were: Michael Ambriz, Michael Mann, Juliana Worrell, Serena Savarirayan, Karin Gerald, Giana Solomon, Elizabeth Lynch Absent trustees: Paul Bambrick-Santoyo, Tom Redburn, Nicole Bearce.*

The meeting was called to order at 6:24 p.m. by Mr. Ambriz, who noted that the meeting had been duly publicized, as required by law, in the Star Ledger and Luso Americano.

It having been moved and duly seconded, the trustees voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Board meeting.

Mr. Ambriz presented the recommendation from the NSA Student Hearing Committee. The committee recommended that student IB be suspended for 30 days (returning on January 29<sup>th</sup>); NC be suspended for 30 days (returning on February 13<sup>th</sup>); student DC be suspended for 30 days (returning on February 13<sup>th</sup>); and student CI be suspended for 45 days (returning on March 29<sup>th</sup>). After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the aforementioned recommendations.

Our Instructional Team gave an update on our recent IA performance across all gradespans. Ms. Worrell noted ES students are now taking different exams in Newark than NYState. IA 1 was more of a universal assessment, IA 2 is focused on PARCC aligned content, which account for some drops. Ms. Savarirayan reviewed IA 2 Math data. North Star Students outperformed other Uncommon Schools in all grades. Mr Mann reviewed HS data; the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of IAs just concluded. The 2 North Star campuses had the highest results across all of Uncommon. Mr Mann expressed concern about Spanish 1 data and several teacher transitions at Lincoln Park. He shared North Star's anticipated performance on AP exams.

Mr. Ambriz presented an update on Uncommon Schools. He shared an updated timeline for the new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Uncommon Schools and North Star. He also shared an update on the Home Office Services Survey (HOSS) results. This survey is how the Home Office measures its success within the region and schools. The presentation provided a snapshot of current satisfaction levels within North Star.

Ms. Zee shared a parent update advocacy. She shared the new strategies parents have taken for student recruiting. , the parents have been out recruiting students. They have stopped knocking on doors, which has sometimes solicited negative response. Newark Universal Enrollment is open through February 15. Elementary schools celebrated Kwanza in December, and all schools are preparing to celebrate Black History Month.

Mr. Ambriz presented the personnel hires Angelica Johnson, Brenda Linard, and Sheena Watkins for NSA Leadership/ Shared Regional Team; Lucy Yeboah, Luis Arroyo, Paul Maldonado, and Timeese Townes-Pratt for Washington Park HS; Jabari Denson for Lincoln Park HS; Annelise Evans for Downtown MS; Mahmoud Abouelmakarem, Dejeunee Fields, Elizabeth Takyi, and James

Moretto for Clinton Hill MS; Ashley Tranquille for Central Ave MS; Genivie Middleton-Williams for West Side Park MS; Ezera Washington, Keisha Little, and Laura Rumolo for Alexander Elementary School; and Kristina Curran for Lincoln Park ES. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the hiring of the aforementioned individuals.

Mr. Ambriz presented the resolution to authorize the signing of checks and printing signatures. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as outlined in the Resolution for Signing of Checks and Printing of Signatures.

Mr. Ambriz presented the preliminary resolution to award and execute a contract for furniture bidding. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as outlined in the Preliminary Resolution to award and execute Contract for BID FURN-2019.

Mr. Ambriz presented the preliminary resolution to award and execute a contract for copy service. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as outlined in the Preliminary Resolution to award and execute Contract for BID COPY-2019.

Mr. Ambriz presented the preliminary resolution to award and execute a contract for janitorial service. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as outlined in the Preliminary Resolution to award and execute Janitorial Service Contract-2019.

Mr. Ambriz presented the final resolution to award and execute a contract for snow removal. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as outlined in the Final Resolution to Award Snow Removal CONTRACT for Lampley 2019.

Mr. Ambriz presented the resolution to approve the uniform state Memorandum of Agreement. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the Resolution as outlined in Resolution to approve and execute the Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement between Education and Law Enforcement Officials.

Mr. Ambriz presented the resolution to approve a settlement agreement between NWC and NSA. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously by roll-call vote to approve the settlement as outlined in Resolution to approve SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT between NIGERIA WOMACK-COLEMAN and NORTH STAR ACADEMY.

Mr. Ambriz shared updates from the Finance Committee and shared that Uncommon hired a new CFO, who started in January.

Mr. Ambriz opened the floor for public comments; there were none.

Mr. Ambriz presented the Financial Report. The following subjects were discussed:

- Revised FY19 State Budget.

- Check Register and Purchase Orders, 11/1/18 – 12/31/18
- Treasurer's Report, 11/1/18 – 12/31/18

It having been moved and duly seconded, the trustees voted unanimously to approve resolutions to accept the aforementioned resolution and reports.

Mr Ambriz reminded board members they will need to complete NJDOE Ethics Nondisclosure forms this spring.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING IS Monday, MARCH 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm, AT THE NORTH STAR CENTRAL AVE MS CAMPUS (72 Central Ave). Larry will bring dinner.