

North Star Academy Charter School of Newark
Board of Trustees Meeting
5:30 p.m., Tuesday November 7, 2017
18 Washington Place

The trustees were in attendance: Nicole Bearce, Bob Howitt, Rick Rieder, Scott Sleyster, Trisha Scipio-Derrick, Ezdehar Abu-Hatab, Ravi Bellur, and James Verrilli. Absent trustees: Paul Bambrick-Santoyo, Thomas Redburn, Lawrence Evans

Also attending were: Michael Ambriz, Diane Flynn

The meeting was called to order at 5:51 p.m. by Mr. Rieder, who noted that the meeting had been duly publicized, as required by law, in the Star Ledger and El Coqui.

It having been moved and duly seconded, the trustees voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the September 18th, 2017 Board meeting previously distributed to the Board members.

Mr. Ambriz presented the 2017-2018 Parent Council representatives to the Board who will represent the North Star Academy Washington Park High School and Vailsburg Middle School campuses. A motion was called to vote in Trisha Scipio-Derrick and Ezdehar Abu-Hatab as the Parent Council representatives, for a term of one year ending September 30, 2017. It having been moved and duly seconded, the trustees voted unanimously to approve these board members with the aforementioned term length.

Mr. Ambriz presented a resolution to authorize a charter amendment. It having been moved and duly seconded, the trustees voted unanimously to approve the resolution as outlined in Resolution to Authorize a Charter Amendment.

Mr. Ambriz presented the recommendation from the NSA Student Hearing Committee. The committee recommended that student TH be suspended for a total of 15 school days.

After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the aforementioned recommendations.

The leadership team presented the personnel hires of Jillian DeGroot and Tiffany Stanford for all North Star campuses; Ahmad Aljayeh and Nkechi Herod for Lincoln Park High School; Vontica Jordan for Downtown Middle School; John Dysart, Luv Hooks and Asia Jenkins for West Side Park Middle School; Laura Timmerman for West Side Park Elementary School; Bria Antoine for Fairmount Elementary School; and Shantise Byron, Ambreen Hernandez and Danika Silencieux. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the hiring of the aforementioned individuals.

Mr. Ambriz presented a resolution to authorize a charter amendment. It having been moved and duly seconded, the trustees voted unanimously to approve the resolution as outlined in Resolution to Authorize a Charter Amendment.

Mr. Ambriz presented a preliminary resolution to award and execute a contract for Bid HVAC-2018 for multi-campus HVAC maintenance services. After discussion, it having been moved and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as described in Preliminary Resolution to Award and Execute a Contract for Bid HVAC-2018: Multi-Campus HVAC Maintenance Services.

Mr. Ambriz presented a resolution to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between North Star Academy and Newark Public Schools for the Newark Universal Enrollment System. After discussion, it having been

moved and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as described in Resolution to Approve the Memorandum of Agreement between North Star Academy and Newark Public Schools for the Newark Universal Enrollment System.

Mr. Ambriz presented a resolution to enroll in NJ State Interscholastic Athletic Association. It having been moved and duly seconded, the trustees voted unanimously to approve the resolution as outlined in Resolution to Enroll in NJ State Interscholastic Athletic Association.

Mr. Ambriz presented a resolution to review four HIB (Harrassment, Intimidation, and Bullying) investigation forms for students JC, SC, SM, and GTS. The recommendation of the four investigations is no further action as these were not found to be HIB. After discussion, the board agreed with the recommendations.

Mr. Ambriz presented a resolution to certify the Fiscal Year 2016-17 audit. After discussion, it having been moved and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as described in Resolution to Certify 2016-17 Audit.

Mr. Ambriz presented a resolution to approve FY2017 budget transfers. After discussion, it having been moved and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as described in Resolution to Approve FY2017 Budget Transfers.

Mr. Ambriz presented a resolution to approve FY2018 budget transfers. After discussion, it having been moved and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as described in Resolution to Approve FY2018 Budget Transfers.

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

- Check register and Purchase Orders, 9/1/17 – 10/31/17
- Budget and Secretary's Report, 9/1/17 – 10/31/17
- Treasurer's Report, 9/1/17 – 10/31/17

It having been moved and duly seconded, the trustees voted unanimously to approve resolutions to accept the aforementioned reports. The board certifies that there are no overexpenditures of funds, budget line transfers are reviewed and approved, and the bill list is approved.

After conducting a Student Disciplinary Hearing, the Board Discipline HearSC presented a recommendation to the board that student TH be suspended for fifteen days

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 PM.

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING IS Monday JANUARY 23rd, 2016 at 6:00 pm, AT NORTH STAR ALEXANDER STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (43 Alexander Street). Tom Redburn will bring dinner.