

**North Star Academy Charter School of Newark**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**6:00 p.m., Monday September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
**377 Washington Avenue (Lincoln Park Campus)**

*The trustees were in attendance: Rick Rieder, Lawrence Evans, Ravi Bellur, Jamey Verrilli, Bob Howitt, Ezdebar Abuhatab, Tom Redburn, and Scott Sleyster. Absent trustees: Trisha Scipio-Derrick, Paul Bambrick-Santoyo, Nicole Bearce. Also attending were: Kelly Dowling, Michael Ambriz, Michael Mann, Juliana Worrell, Brett Peiser*

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Mr. Rieder, who noted that the meeting had been duly publicized, as required by law, in the Star Ledger and Luso Americano.

Mr. Tom Brinkerhoff, a teacher at Washington Park High School gave a presentation on the North Star Academy's AP Capstone Research class and results from the 2017-18 school year.

Ms. Abuhatab, parent representative, provided a parent update.

It having been moved and duly seconded, the trustees voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the August 13<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

A motion was made to move to executive session. It having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:01 pm.

After declaring a desire to return to open session, it having been moved and duly seconded, the Board voted unanimously to reconvene in open session at 8:16 p.m.

Mr. Ambriz recommended that student AR be suspended for 30 days returning on 10/23/18. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the aforementioned recommendation.

The leadership team presented the personnel hires of Jennifer Da Silva for North Star Leadership, Mei Cruz, Jason Geller, Monim Nadeem for Washington Park High School; Frank Dimaio and Shawn O'Connell for Lincoln Park High School; Ariel Levit, Tamar Samuel-Siegel, and Shanelle Smith for Downtown Middle School; Shawna Akene for Clinton Hill Middle School; Solomon Middleton-Brown for Vailsburg Middle School; and Stephanie Barbarino for West Side Park Middle School; Nancy Louis for Central Ave Middle School; Christina Haberny, Shianne Martinez, and Andrea Neuman for Vailsburg Elementary School; Emily Brick, Angericka Brice, Brianna Smith, Samantha Triano, and Joanna Williams for West Side Park Elementary School; Aniya Lampley and Diana Esparragoza for Liberty Elementary School; Victoria Shack for Alexander Street Elementary School; and Arnecia Henson for Lincoln Park Elementary School. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the hiring of the aforementioned individuals.

Mr. Ambriz facilitated the annual review of North Star's Title I schoolwide plan. Following Mr. Bambrick's review of state and interim assessment data (most recent available) during the State of North Star presentation in the August meeting, Mr. Ambriz proposed that the high student achievement results could be credited to the strategies implemented as part of the 2017-18 Title I schoolwide program, including an elementary school co-teaching model, and supplemental ELA instruction at the middle school level. The committee reviewed the strategies of the 2017-18 schoolwide program, and determined that the priority needs at North Star Academy for the 2018-19 school year are as follows: Closing the Achievement Gap, ELA Instruction, and Math Instruction. It was determined that, in order to continue to address these priority needs, the following strategies would be implemented for the coming school year: a co-teaching model at the

elementary school level, and dual ELA and dual Math instruction at the middle school level. Following discussion, members of the Title I stakeholder committee approved North Star Academy's Title I schoolwide plan for the 2018-19 school year

Mr. Ambriz presented the resolution to approve preferred home health care & nursing services school staffing agreement. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as described in Resolution to Approve Preferred Home Health Care & Nursing Services School Staffing Agreement

Mr. Ambriz presented a resolution to review HIB self-assessment. After discussion, it having been moved and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as described in Resolution to Review HIB Self-Assessment.

Mr. Rieder opened the floor for public comments: There were none.

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

- Budget and Secretary's Report, 7/1/18-8/31/18
- Check register and Purchase Orders, 7/1/18-8/31/18
- Treasurer's Report, 7/1/18-8/31/18

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm.

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING IS Monday, NOVEMBER 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm, AT THE NORTH STAR ALEXANDER STREET CAMPUS (43 Alexander St). Ravi will bring dinner.