

North Star Academy Charter School of Newark
Board of Trustees Meeting
6:00 p.m., Monday May 20th, 2019
Vailsburg Campus (24 Hazelwood Ave)

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:14 p.m. by Mr. Reider, 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 March 18th, 2019 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 6:19 pm.

Mr. Kingsland presented an overview of his work with Charter Schools.

Mr. Brett Peiser and Mr. Bob Howitt presented an update on the revised Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Uncommon Schools and North Star Academy. Mr. Howitt shared his notes on the negotiations and edits for the current MOU draft.

Mr. Ambriz presented an update on the recent discipline incidents before the NSA Student Hearing Committee.

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 7:31pm

Mr. Bambrick-Santoyo presented an update on K-12 Quarterly Dashboard. He shared updates on state testing results, noting that all applicable Newark and Camden schools grew year over year in 5th and 7th grade. A majority of North Star elementary schools performed above the average of all Uncommon Schools.

Mr. Ambriz shared an update on recent discipline incidents before the NSA Student Hearing Committee. The committee recommended that student SJ be suspended for 45 days (returning on 5/30/19); student MF be suspended for 30 days (returning on 5/8/19); student FE be suspended for 20 days (returning on 4/25/19); student IJ be suspended for 45 days (returning on 5/22/19); student JM be suspended for 30 days (returning on 5/8/19); student NC be suspended for 30 days (returning on 5/8/19); and student MF be suspended for 32 days (through end of school year) (returning on 8/19/19). After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the aforementioned recommendations.

Mr. Ambriz presented the personnel hires Diakil McCray for NSA Leadership/ Shared Regional Team; Aisha Granados, Suzzette Kaddah, and Julian Forde for Lincoln Park HS; Shira Hendler for Vailsburg MS; Nakira Boyce for West Side Park MS; Yvette Wade, Jaron Julien, Johnnattan

Avenado, and Hilary Weitze for Central Ave MS; Farrah Erik and Naijasia Thomas for Vailsburg ES; Denise Muyibi for Fairmount ES; and Mary Wicke Schultz and Ajibola Famuyide for Liberty ES. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the hiring of the aforementioned individuals.

Ms. Gerald presented the resolution to approve 2019-2020 Board Meeting Calendar. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as outlined in the 2019-2020 Board Meeting Calendar

Ms. Gerald presented the resolution to approve 2019-2020 School Calendar. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as outlined in the 2019-2020 School Calendar.

Ms. Gerald presented the resolution to approve the preliminary resolution to renew multi-campus food service vendor contract. . After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as outlined in the Preliminary Resolution to renew multi-campus food service vendor contract.

Ms. Gerald presented the resolution to award and execute the Paraprofessional and Teacher Assistants agreement for North Star Academy Charter School of Newark, Inc. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as outlined in the Resolution to award and execute the Paraprofessional and Teacher Assistants agreement for North Star Academy Charter School of Newark, Inc.

Ms. Gerald presented the resolution to award and execute Service Agreement for North Star Academy Charter School of Newark, Inc. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as outlined in the Resolution to award and execute Service Agreement for North Star Academy Charter School of Newark, Inc.

Ms. Gerald presented the resolution to approve NJSIAA Membership. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as outlined in the Resolution to approve NJSIAA Membership.

Ms. Gerald presented the HIB Investigation Incident Reports. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the HIB Investigation Report conclusions.

Ms. Gerald presented the resolution to authorize the Affirmative Action Team to conduct the Needs Assessment and develop a Comprehensive Equity Plan. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as outlined in the Resolution authorizing the Affirmative Action Team to conduct the Needs Assessment and Develop a Comprehensive Equity Plan.

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

Mr. Ambriz shared updates from the Finance Committee and presented the Financial Report. The following subjects were discussed:

- Annual Charter School Fiscal Questionnaire
- Line of Credit
- State Contract Approved Vendors
- Preliminary 2019-20 State Budget
- Check Register and Purchase Orders, 3/1/19 – 4/30/19
- Treasurer's Report, 3/1/19 – 4/30/19

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 of North Star's HS Graduation at NJPAC on Thursday June 6th at 6:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 pm.

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING IS Monday, June 17th at 6:00 pm, AT THE NORTH STAR Regional Offices (18 Washington Pl). Tom will bring dinner.