

North Star Academy Charter School of Newark
Board of Trustees Meeting
6:00 p.m., Monday August 12th, 2019
18 Washington Place

The trustees were in attendance: Rick Rieder, Bob Howitt, Paul Bambrick-Santoyo, James Verrilli, Ezdehar Abuhatab, Nicole Bearce, Ravi Bellur Absent trustees: Trisha Scipio-Derrick, Scott Sleyster, Tom Redburn, Larry Evans. Also attending were: Karin Gerald, Mike Mann, Elizabeth Lynch

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 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 June 17th Board meeting.

Mr. Bambrick-Santoyo presented the State of North Star, which is the annual review of North Star's State test data, summary progress against its 2018-19 strategic goals, and identification of 2019-20 priorities. He reviewed the NJSLA, PSAT, SAT, and AP academic assessment results from the 2018-19 year. Finally, Mr. Bambrick-Santoyo highlighted the instructional and operational priorities of North Star for the 2019-20 school year.

Ms. Abuhatab shared the Parental Involvement Report. She shared details about a program students several HS students participated in at Worchester Polytechnic Institute this summer. Students were excited to share their learnings in biomedical technologies. The program culminated in the students building a functioning battery-free pacemaker, which they hope can be applicable in developing countries.

The leadership team presented the personnel hires Rachel Siegel for the school leadership team; Dunique Charles, Anie Dameus, Shanik Gilmore, Adassa Nedd, Je'ahna Petties, Scion Wellington for Alexander Elementary School; Monique Fletcher, Joeline Garlo, Aisha Godfrey, Karina Herrera, Shenika McPherson, Brandon Miller; Mikal Odom, Teanna Owens, Samiyah Salih for Liberty Elementary School; Don Edwards, Julissa Fernandez, Zollyann Howell, Crystal Mair, Llyasha Moore, Lucy Pensado, Christina Russo, Shawana Wilson for Lincoln Park Elementary School; Genesis Pena for Vailsburg Elementary School; Joseph Babcock, Abigail Blumkin, Mariola Chery, Jose Diaz, Shavon Haughton, Taylor Higgins, Mariah Jukes, Allison Lebo, Dennis Reily, Larica Rose, Kelly Wu for Clinton Hill Middle School; Nadiyah Chase, Tanya Simon for Central Middle School; Melissa Camilo, Gwendolyn Gunn-Ingram, Alli Kelly-Blackwood, Marie Lyle, Alexis Perry, Jenna Vallo for Downton Middle School; Janelle Joseph, Kaitlyn Kingman, Christopher Pritting for Lincoln Park Middle School; Matthew Berkowitz, Nikkie Burnett, Brandi Byrd, Marquise Jefferson, Kevin Pereira for Vailsburg Middle School; Ebonee Cannon-Whitmore, Jasmine Regalado, Dioris Smith, Breonna Williams for West Side Park Middle School; Ikemefuna Ahaneku, Abraham Campoverde, Christel Charles, Patrick Geiger, Jessie Guillen, Olivia Innamorato, Stacy Marshall, Eric Osorio, Luis Rodriguez, Jinghua Shi, Alexandra Walker, Joshua Weiss for Lincoln Park High School; and Emmanuel Ankrah, Kelly Braunais, Angela Dohrmann, Danielle Fields, Joseph Maher, Shadeira Nesmith, Roydon Pellew, Robert Sarakin, Shallie Socorro, Lisette Turitz for Washington Park High School. 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 final 2018-19 Annual Report for approval. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2018-19 annual report as described in Resolution to Approve Final 2018-19 Annual Report.

Ms. Gerald presented the resolution to approve Executor of Contracts. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2018-19 annual report as described in Resolution to Approve Executor of Contracts.

Ms. Gerald presented the resolution to approve the NJCBVI Contract for Special Education Services. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2018-19 annual report as described in Resolution to Approve the NJCBVI Contract for Special Education Services.

Ms. Gerald presented the resolution to approve the ERESC Contract for Special Education Services. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2018-19 annual report as described in Resolution to Approve the ERESC Contract for Special Education Services.

Ms. Gerald presented the resolution to approve the MCGA Contract for Special Education Services. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2018-19 annual report as described in Resolution to Approve the MCGA Contract for Special Education Services.

Ms. Gerald presented the resolution to approve the WA Contract for Special Education Services. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2018-19 annual report as described in Resolution to Approve the WA Contract for Special Education Services.

Ms. Gerald presented an update from the Discipline Committee. The committee recommends that student CD be suspended for 30 days (returning on 9/24/2019). After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the aforementioned recommendation.

Ms. Gerald presented an Advocacy Update. She shared an update on the current status of state legal matters.

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

Ms. Gerald presented a resolution to approve Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) consolidated application. After discussion, it having been moved and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as described in Resolution to Approve Elementary and Secondary Education Act Consolidated Application.

Ms. Gerald presented a resolution to approve Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) application. After discussion, it having been moved and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as described in Resolution to Approve Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) Application.

Ms. Gerald presented a resolution to authorize use of federal funds for employee salaries. After discussion, it having been moved and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as described in Resolution to Authorize Use of Federal Funds for Employee Salaries.

Ms. Gerald presented a resolution to approve line of credit. After discussion, it having been moved and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as described in Resolution to Approve Line of Credit.

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

- Budget and Secretary's Report, as of 6/30/19
- Check register and Purchase Orders, 6/1/19 – 6/30/19
- Treasurer's Report, 6/1/18 – 6/30/19

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING IS Monday, SEPTEMBER 16th at 6:00 pm, AT THE NORTH STAR LIBERTY/ FAIRMOUNT CAMPUS (108 South 9th Street). Bob will bring dinner.