

North Star Academy Charter School of Newark
Board of Trustees Meeting
6:00 p.m., Monday June 12th, 2018
Washington Park High School Campus (13 Central Avenue)

The trustees were in attendance: Ravi Bellur, Lawrence Evans, Scott Sleyster, Thomas Redburn, Bob Howitt, Jamey Verrilli, Trisha Scipio, Rick Rieder, and Ezdehar Abubatab. Absent trustees: Nicole Bearce, Paul Bambrick-Santoyo. Also attending were: Michael Ambriz, Mike Mann, Barbara Martinez.

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 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.

Mr. Ambriz presented the following trustees for renewals: Paul Bambrick Santoyo, Ravi Bellur, Larry Evans, and Nicole Bearce, each with two-year terms expiring June 30, 2020. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the Board voted to unanimously to renew the aforementioned Board members and their terms. Mr. Evans and Mr. Bellur abstained.

It having been moved and duly seconded, the trustees voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the May 15th, 2018 board meeting.

A motion was made to move to executive session to discuss confidential student discipline issues. It having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:04 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 6:15 p.m.

Mr. Ambriz recommended that student MW be expelled, student ZJ be suspended for 22 days returning on 8/20/18, and student SS be suspended for 30 days, returning 3 weeks into the next school year. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the aforementioned recommendations.

Mr. Mann presented six alumni from the Class of 2016 and 2017 to share with the Board their experience in college and to reflect how their experience at North Star prepared them for college. Each of the alumni told the story of their journey throughout middle and high school, and spoke of the important experiences along the way that shaped their path to college.

The leadership team presented the personnel hires of Abraham Lopez for Washington Park High School; Darlene Akanmu, Sung Hee An, Alexandria Barba, Muneerah Barnes, Gaetan Bondoa, Juan Casillas, Marco Dunwell, Madison Fox, Mark Haley, Wajiha Ijaz, Daniel Smith, Mark Stuhlberg, Alexa Young, Deborah Akinnitire for Lincoln Park HS; Maryam Abdulsalam and Sasha May-Luther for the High Schools, Donyelle Blagburn, Danielle Cambell, Duke Jumah, and Perlaza Sophia for West Side Park MS; Aya Sakar for Central Ave MS; Cassandra Caggiano, Lauren QingXian Comins-Sporbert, Samantha Espiritu, Gina Jadelis, Jania Greenaway, Nathalie Lythus, Amanda Meehan, and Dequanda Price for Vailsburg ES; Javonna Brown, Courtney Dudik, Karli Gnehm, Stephanie Johnson, Janae Jones, Ashley Minnifield, Bailey Okitto, Lazaro Perez, Tamar Polynice, and Katya Wellington for West Side Park ES; Abigail Ansah, Melissa Goldsmith, Shevel Hosein, and Tiffany McPherson for Fairmount Elementary School; Calleigh Higgins, Rita Sisti, Megan Swartz, and Casey Walsh for Liberty ES; Henrietta Nwako for Alexander ES; and Aarion Moore and Roselande Pierre-Louis for Lincoln Park ES.

Ms. Derrick gave the parent involvement update. She mentioned the end of year performances, recent middle school inductees to the Hall of Fame, and upcoming 8th Grade Moving Up ceremony.

Mr. Ambriz presented the 2018-19 officers, appointments and following regulatory requirements:

Board President	Rick Rieder
Board Vice-President	Michael Ambriz (ex-officio)
Board Secretary	Paul Bambrick-Santoyo
Lead Person	Michael Ambriz
Affirmative Action Officer	Jason Russell
Title IX Coordinator	Cynthia Leger
ADHERA Compliance Officer	Karin Gerald
Indoor Air Quality Officer	Karin Gerald
Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Coordinator	Katie Ruddy
HCS/Right to Know Contact Person	Karin Gerald
504 Officer	Gladasia Tatum
Purchasing Agent	Olugbenga Olabintan (Bid Level of threshold – \$36,000) Threshold Limits for Public contracts: \$0-\$5,399 – order; \$5,400-35,999 Quote; \$36,000 and over bid
Custodian of Public Records	Karin Gerald
Health and Safety Officer	Jason Russell
Public Agency Compliance Officer	Karin Gerald
Insurance Risk Manager	New Jersey School Boards Associated Insurance Group
Benefit Agent	Aon Hewitt (at no cost to the Board)
District Auditor	AAFCPA, Public School Accountant, with an annual fee of \$33,000
Board Attorney	Lowenstein Sandler, with a \$0.00 annual retainer
Medical Inspector/School Physician	Dr. Karen Grundy: \$5,500 for up to 10 hours, and \$500 per hour thereafter
Emergency Management Plan	Move that emergency procedures described in the North Star Academy Charter School of Newark faculty personnel policies be approved as recommended by the Lead Person

After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as outlined in the Resolution to Appoint Officials for the 2018-19 School Year. Mr. Redburn abstained from the vote.

Mr. Ambriz presented the resolution to approve the preliminary 2018 annual report. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as outlined in the Resolution to Approve Preliminary 2018 Annual Report.

Mr. Ambriz presented the resolution to approve 2018-19 North Star Academy personnel policies. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as outlined in the Resolution to Approve 2018-19 North Star Academy Personnel Policies.

Mr. Ambriz presented the HIB Self-Assessment Grade Report for board review. After discussion, the board reviewed the document outlined in the HIB Self-Assessment Grade Report for board review.

Mr. Ambriz presented the preliminary resolution to award and execute contract for multi-campus transportation service vendor. 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 Execute Contract for Multi-Service Transportation Service Vendor.

Mr. Ambriz presented the resolution to award and execute paraprofessional and teacher assistants agreement with ERESC. 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 Paraprofessional and Teacher Assistants Agreement with ERESC.

Mr. Ambriz presented the resolution to award and execute paraprofessional and teacher assistants agreement with Mission One. 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 Paraprofessional and Teacher Assistants Agreement with Mission One.

Mr. Ambriz presented the resolution to award and execute contract for 559 Broad Street renovations. 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 Contract for 559 Broad Street Renovations.

Mr. Ambriz presented the resolution to award and execute contract for 10 Washington Place renovations. 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 Contract for 10 Washington Place Renovations.

Mr. Ambriz presented the resolution to award and execute contract for 43 Alexander Street renovations. 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 Contract for 43 Alexander Street Renovations.

Mr. Ambriz presented the resolution to authorize use of federal funds for employee salaries. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as outlined in the Resolution to Authorize Use of Federal Funds for Employee Salaries.

Mr. Ambriz presented the resolution to approve meal prices for 2018-19. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as outlined in the Resolution to Approve Meal Prices for 2018-19.

Mr. Ambriz presented the resolution to authorize contracts with state contract vendors. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as outlined in the Resolution to Authorize Contracts with State Contract Vendors.

Mr. Ambriz presented the final resolution to award and execute waste management service contract. 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 and Execute Waste Management Service Contract.

Mr. Ambriz presented the final resolution to renew janitorial service contract. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as outlined in the Final Resolution to Renew Janitorial Service Contract.

Mr. Ambriz presented the resolution to reject all food service bids. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as outlined in the Resolution to Reject All Food Service Bids.

Mr. Ambriz presented the resolution to approve board videoconferencing policy. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as outlined in the Resolution to Approve Board Videoconferencing Policy.

Mr. Ambriz presented a resolution to approve the final 2018-19 budget. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as outlined in the Resolution to Approve Final 2018-19 Budget.

Mr. Ambriz presented the resolution to approve maximum travel budget. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as outlined in the Resolution to Approve Maximum Travel Budget.

Mr. Ambriz presented the resolution to approve budget transfers. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as outlined in the Resolution to Approve Budget Transfers.

Ms. Barbara Martinez shared an advocacy update.

Mr. Ambriz presented the annual Finance and Facilities committee presentation, highlighting:

- Committee background
- Overview of 2017.18 committee projects and goals, as well as the committee's progress against them
- Facilities deep dive related to future growth needs
- Key budget variances and historical per pupil spending

Mr. Ambriz presented the 2018-19 NSA Strategic Plan, highlighting

- Chief Schools Officers Initiatives
- One School One Mission Initiatives
- Chief Operating Officer Initiatives
- Associate Chief Operating Officer Initiatives

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

- Check register and Purchase Orders, 5/1/18 – 5/31/18
- Budget and Secretary's Report, 5/1/18 – 5/31/18
- Treasurer's Report, 5/1/18 – 5/31/18
- 2018-19 Personnel and Leadership Plans
- 2018 Bonuses

It having been moved and duly seconded, the trustees voted unanimously to approve resolutions to accept the aforementioned reports. Mr. Verrilli abstained from the Personnel and Leadership Plans and Bonuses resolutions.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING IS Monday AUGUST 13TH, 2018 at 6:00 pm, AT THE NORTH STAR 18 WASHINGTON PLACE (600 Clinton Avenue). Tom will bring dinner.