

North Star Academy Charter School of Newark
Board of Trustees Meeting
6:00 p.m., Monday March 19th, 2018
Central Avenue Campus (72 Central Avenue)

The trustees were in attendance: Rick Rieder, Nicole Bearce, Trisha Scipio, Ezdehar Abuhatab, Bob Howitt, Larry Evans, and Thomas Redburn. Absent trustees: Ravi Bellur, Scott Sleyster, Paul Bambrick-Santoyo, Jamey Verrilli

Also attending were: Michael Ambriz, Kelly Dowling, Juliana Worrell, Mike Mann.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 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 January 22nd , 2018 Board meeting.

Ms. Amethyst Charette and Anna Taylor from the Washington Park High School College Access Team presented the strategy to increase the number of college acceptances for the senior class. This year, the College Access Team encouraged students to apply for Early Decision. At the time of the board meeting:

- 95% of the Class of 2018 has been admitted to a four-year college.
- 123 seniors submitted 1106 applications to 180 different colleges and universities.
- 53% of students who applied to early action or early decision were accepted (7% higher than last year)

Ms. Charette and Ms. Taylor presented trends around North Star alumni's persistence rate. 85% of North Star alumni are persisting in 4-year colleges. Those who are not persisting generally fall under one or more of the following buckets: they attended colleges with low UM graduation rates, more students are dropping from STEM majors, had lower motivation than their peers while at WPHS, are SPED students, or had weak parental support. Ms. Charette and Ms. Taylor also presented the goals for the 2018-19 College Guidance Goals which include: revamping the 11th and 12th grade College Readiness curriculum, increase parent engagement, continue to leverage data tools, and coordinate with the Skills Room to identify additional pathways for our SPED students; and Alumni Support goals which include: piloting a group meeting model, increase more touch points with alumni through technology, mentoring, providing more professional development opportunities, create an alumni support handbook, and continue capturing more alumni video for use for current students at Washington Park and Lincoln Park High School.

The leadership team presented the personnel hires of Ankita Banga for Washington Park High School; Wendy Bateman for Lincoln Park High School; John Leone, Jacklyn Torres, and Tanya Volkert for West Side Park Elementary School

Mr. Ambriz presented the resolution to approve the 2017-18 elementary, middle, and high school parent handbook (including code of conduct). 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 Elementary, Middle, and High School Parent Handbook (incl. Code of Conduct).

Mr. Ambriz presented the 2018-19 Title I parent involvement policy and school-parent compact for approval by resolution. After discussion, it having been moved and seconded, the Board voted

unanimously to accept the resolution as outlined in the Resolution to Approve the 2018-2019 Title I Parent Involvement Policy and School-Parent Compact.

Mr. Ambriz presented the resolution to appoint 2017-2018 auditor. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as outlined in the Resolution to Appoint 2017-2018 Auditor.

Mr. Ambriz presented the resolution to appoint 2018-2019 school business administrator. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as outlined in the Resolution to Appoint 2018-2019 School Business Administrator.

Mr. Ambriz presented the resolution to approve resignation of treasurer. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as outlined in the Resolution to approve Resignation of Treasurer.

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 final resolution to award contract for charter multi-campus HVAC services. 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 Contract for Charter Multi-Campus HVAC Services.

Mr. Ambriz presented the preliminary resolution to award and execute contract for Bid Jan-2018 multi-campus janitorial services 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 Bid and Execute Contract for Bid Jan-2018 Multi-Campus Janitorial Services.

Mr. Ambriz presented the preliminary resolution to award and execute contract for Bid Waste Mgmt-2018: multi-campus waste management 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 and Execute Contract for Bid Waste-Mgmt-2018: Multi-Campus Waste Management Service Vendor.

Mr. Ambriz presented the preliminary resolution to award and execute contract for 108 S. 9th Street interior and exterior renovations. 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 and Execute Contract for 108 S. 9th Street Interior and Exterior Renovations.

Mr. Ambriz presented the final resolution to award and execute contract for e-rate vendor. 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 Contract E-Rate Vendor.

Mr. Ambriz presented the resolution to approve pre-AP program agreement. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as outlined in the Resolution to Approve Pre-AP Program Agreement.

Mr. Ambriz presented the resolution to approve contract with NJPAC. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as outlined in the Resolution to Approve Contract with NJPAC.

Mr. Ambriz presented the Finance and Facilities committee update, highlighting the preliminary budget for the 2018-19 school year.

Mr. Ambriz presented the resolution to approve the preliminary 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 Preliminary 2018-19 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.

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

- Check register and Purchase Orders, 1/1/18 – 2/28/18
- Budget and Secretary's Report, 1/1/18 – 2/28/18
- Treasurer's Report, 1/1/18 – 2/28/18

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING IS Monday MAY 14th, 2018 at 6:00 pm, at the Liberty/Fairmount Campus.