

**North Star Academy Charter School of Newark**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**6:00 p.m., Monday March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
**Central Avenue Campus (72 Central Avenue)**

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

*Also attending were: Michael Ambriz, Serena Savarirayan, Mike Mann.*

The meeting was called to order at 6:22 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 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Board meeting.

A motion was made to move to executive session to discuss confidential student discipline issues for two students. It having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:24 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 7:01 pm.

Mr. Ambriz recommended that student **F.H.** be expelled from North Star Academy effective immediately. Mr. Ambriz recommended that student **A.S.** be expelled from North Star Academy effective immediately. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Ambriz's recommendations.

Mr. Paul Bambrick-Santoyo gave a presentation on "Who Gets In and Why?" to depict what it takes for students to get into college and why the state of college counseling and alumni support at North Star Academy. He gave a summary of the state of the high school's college counseling efforts, the state of Alumni counseling (including persistence rates), and ways that North Star communicates our students' academic successes to colleges (SAT scores and AP participation). The 2017-2018 High School initiatives address College Access, SAT and AP, GPA, and Increasing Rigor.

The leadership team presented the personnel hires of Kiki Erhariefe Washington Park High School; Jessica Urban for Downtown Middle School; Michelle Burgos and Melinda Costa Fernandez for Clinton Hill Middle School, Vicky Chau, Renee Orefice, and Chloe Webb for Vailsburg Elementary School; Christine Morales for West Side Park Elementary School, and Elizabeth Estevez for Liberty Elementary School.

Mr. Ambriz presented the resolution to approve the 2017-18 board meeting calendar. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as outlined in the Resolution to Approve 2017-18 Board Meeting Calendar.

Mr. Ambriz presented the resolution to approve the 2017-18 school calendar. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as outlined in the Resolution to Approve 2017-18 School Calendar.

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 2017-18 Elementary, Middle, and High School Parent Handbook (incl. Code of Conduct).

Mr. Ambriz presented the 2017-18 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 2017-2018 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 2017-2018 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 2017-2018 School Business Administrator.

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 preliminary resolution to award and execute contract for building repairs at 43 Alexander Street. 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 Renovation Repairs at 43 Alexander Street.

Mr. Ambriz presented the preliminary resolution to award and execute contract for furniture 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 Furniture Vendor.

Mr. Ambriz presented the preliminary resolution to award and execute contract for 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 Janitorial Services.

Mr. Ambriz presented the resolution to appoint Karin Gerald as the public agency compliance officer. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as outlined in the Resolution to Appoint Public Agency Compliance Officer.

Mr. Ambriz presented the resolution to approve the written complaint 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 Written Complaint Policy.

Mr. Ambriz presented the resolution to approve financing and leasing of 571 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as outlined in the Resolution to Approve Financing and Leasing of 571 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Mr. Ambriz presented the Finance and Facilities committee update, highlighting the preliminary budget for the 2017-18 school year.

Mr. Ambriz presented the resolution to approve the preliminary 2017-18 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 2017-18 Budget.

Mr. Ambriz presented the resolution to approve the line of credit renewal. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as outlined in the Resolution to Approve Line of Credit Renewal.

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

- Check register and Purchase Orders, 1/1/17 – 2/28/17
- Budget and Secretary's Report, 1/1/17 – 2/28/17
- Treasurer's Report, 1/1/17 – 2/28/17

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING IS Monday MAY 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 6:00 pm, at the Alexander St/ES 6 Campus. Larry will bring dinner.