

North Star Academy Charter School of Newark
Board of Trustees Meeting
6:00 p.m., Monday June 12th, 2017
Washington Park High School Campus (13 Central Avenue)

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Mr. Bambrick-Santoyo, 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: Rick Rieder, Bob Howitt, Scott Sleyster, Jamey Verrilli, and Thomas Redburn, each with two-year terms expiring June 30, 2019. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the Board voted to unanimously to renew the aforementioned Board members and their terms. Mr. Sleyster, Mr. Howitt, Mr. Verrilli, and Mr. Redburn abstained.

It having been moved and duly seconded, the trustees voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the May 15th, 2017 board meeting.

A motion was made to move to executive session to discuss confidential a student discipline issue for one student. It having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:20 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 6:35 p.m.

Mr. Ambriz recommended that student EP be suspended for 45 days returning to school on Sept. 22. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the aforementioned recommendation.

Mr. Mann presented six seniors from the Class of 2017 to share with the Board their experience at North Star. Each of the seniors 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 Board then asked a series of questions, including:

- How do you see striking the balance of being fully prepared to succeed academically and some of the non-academic activities that students shared as suggestions?
- What is it about college that concerns you the most?
- Where can you see opportunities for NSA to raise consciousness for students outside of Debate?

The leadership team presented the personnel hires of Makael Burrell and Angela Thomas for the school leadership team; Jada Anderson, Aja Flewelen, Joshua Hersh, Olivia Kantwill, Todd Levine, Duncan Miller, Melissa Ransome, Miyokee Saint Florant, Brandy Stubblebine for Washington Park High School; Satarupa Das, Lenny James, Ebonee Johnson, Asha Singh, Rebecca Toledo, Ashanti Wallace for Lincoln Park High School; Easterling Equel for Clinton Hill Middle School; Antoinette Gayle, Neha Kapadia, Carlye McQueen, Brian Pullen, Jazmine Rogers-Thompson, Abdul-Latif Tabrikah for Vailsburg Middle School; Katie Butrie, Nicole Colombo, Terra Jiang, Lauren McMullen, Marliss Platt, and Joshua Simmons for West Side Park Middle School; Sarah Gonzalez, Tamara Jones, Emily Kellogg, Asha Lindsey, Deirdre Ramos, Rebeka Smith, and Taylor Smith for Central Ave Middle School; Deena Abdelmonem, Dayana Carballeda, Stacey Croussett, Jasmine Fogarty, Tee-Ahna Gilmore, and Johnathan Nunez for Vailsburg Elementary School; Sevil Coklar,

Hazel Fraiter, Alexandra Locke, Vanessa Melara, Marisa Mercuri, Katherine Palmer, Esther Ryang, Alexandra Sullivan, and Shataya Woods for West Side Park Elementary School; Tanisha Philippe for Fairmount Elementary School; Chelsea Columbo, Kennedy Garner, and Caroline Gonzalez for Liberty Elementary School; Bryce Alexander, Alexandra Baxter, Erin Cain, Sara Carley, Diamond Clarke, Kamani Cook-Christian, Emilie Corsie, Jamie Harold, Anisha Patel, Kelli Scruggs, Amanda Souza, and Jazzmiah Watkins for Alexander St. Elementary School; and Lindsay Brown, Shaila Camilo, Victoria Garcia, Camille Handy, Brittany Jenkins, Christina Lim, Sakinah McQueen, Amy Polay, Nicole Sandner, Quincey Schenck, and Courtney Stone for Elementary School 6.

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 2017-18 officers, appointments and following regulatory requirements:

Board President	Rick Rieder
Board Vice-President	Michael Ambriz (ex-officio)
Board Secretary	Paul Bambrick-Santoyo
Treasurer of School Monies	Lindsay Matovich Herbst
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	Scott Loeffler, Public School Accountant, with an annual fee of \$26,000
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 2017-18 School Year. Mr. Redburn abstained from the vote.

Mr. Ambriz presented the resolution to approve NJEIF Safety Grant Application. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as outlined in the Resolution to Approve NJEIF Safety Grant Application.

Mr. Ambriz presented the resolution to authorize the Leverage Leadership Performance Model. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as outlined in the Resolution to Authorize Leverage Leadership Performance Model. Mr. Verrilli refrained from the vote.

Mr. Ambriz presented the final resolution to renew contract for after school enrichment programs. 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 Contract for After School Enrichment Programs.

Mr. Ambriz presented the resolution to approve the preliminary 2017 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 2017 Annual Report.

Mr. Ambriz presented the resolution to approve 2017-18 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 2017-18 North Star Academy Personnel Policies.

Mr. Ambriz presented the resolution to approve meal prices for 2017-18. 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.

After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the aforementioned recommendations.

Mr. Ambriz presented a resolution to approve the final 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 Final 2017-18 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 2017-18 Title I schoolwide Plan. 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 Title I Schoolwide Plan.

Mr. Ambriz presented the resolution to authorize use of 2016-17 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 2016-17 Federal Funds for Employee Salaries.

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 2017-18 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, 5/1/17 – 5/31/17
- Budget and Secretary's Report, 5/1/17 – 5/31/17
- Treasurer's Report, 5/1/17 – 5/31/17
- 2017-18 Personnel and Leadership Plans
- 2017 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 9:20 p.m.

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING IS Monday AUGUST 15TH, 2017 at 6:00 pm, AT THE NORTH STAR CLINTON HILL CAMPUS (600 Clinton Avenue). Bob will bring dinner.