

North Star Academy Charter School of Newark
Board of Trustees Meeting
6:00 p.m., Monday May 15th, 2017
43 Alexander Street (Alexander Campus)

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mr. Paul Bambrick Santoyo, 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 March 20th, 2017 Board meeting previously distributed to the Board members.

A motion was made to move to executive session to discuss confidential student discipline issues related to proposed suspensions. It having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:31 p.m.

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 7:05 p.m.

Mr. Ambriz recommended that student KU be suspended for 30 days returning to school on June 8. Mr. Ambriz recommended that student AR be suspended for 30 days returning to school on June 8. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the aforementioned recommendations.

Mr. Josh Phillips presented on the State of Uncommon, highlighting where Uncommon, and specifically Newark, stands among the 2020 5 Year Vision.

Mr. Bambrick-Santoyo shared an achievement update. North Star Academy has been in the throes of state testing with PARCC and AP exams. Ms. Kelly Dowling shared that overall students felt very prepared and confident going in and coming out of PARCC testing. There were no surprises in terms of content on the test which confirmed the strength of our aligned curriculum. Mr. Mann highlighted where the top 20 HS seniors are going and where Washington Park stands among high school rankings.

Ms. Zee and Ms. Scipio shared a brief parent update.

The leadership team presented the personnel hires of Kathryn Mattson and Andrew South for Washington Park High School; Christine Felix and Tomeka Mapp for Downtown Middle School; Katherine Oldfield for Clinton Hill Middle School; Katie Lupica for Vailsburg Middle School; Raymond Blanks for West Side Park Middle School; Chante Alston for Central Ave Middle School; Theodore Nhemie for Fairmount Elementary School; and Valerie Mayes-Charles for Liberty Elementary School.

Mr. Ambriz presented a resolution to award and execute contract for furniture, fixtures, and equipment vendor. After discussion, it having been moved and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as described in Resolution to Award and Execute Contract for Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment.

Mr. Ambriz presented a resolution to renew contract with multi-campus food service vendor. After discussion, it having been moved and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as described in Resolution to Renew Contract with Multi-Campus Food Service Vendor.

Mr. Ambriz presented a resolution to approve 2017-18 High School parent handbook. After discussion, it having been moved and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as described in Resolution to Approve 2017-18 High School Parent Handbook.

Mr. Ambriz presented a resolution to approve policies and procedures for eligibility under Idea Part B. After discussion, it having been moved and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as described in Resolution to Approve Policies and Procedures for Eligibility under IDEA Part B.

Mr. Ambriz presented a resolution to award and execute contract for 43 Alexander renovations. After discussion, it having been moved and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as described in Resolution to Award and Execute Contract for 43 Alexander Renovations.

Mr. Ambriz presented a resolution to award RFP for lead testing and execute contract for lead testing provider. After discussion, it having been moved and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as described in Resolution to Award RFP for Lead Testing and Execute Contract for Lead Testing Provider.

Mr. Ambriz presented a resolution to review the HIB (Harrassment, Intimidation, and Bullying) investigation forms. The recommendation of the HIB investigation of EM is no further action as this was not found to be HIB. After discussion, the board agreed with this recommendation. The recommendation of the HIB investigation of AA is no further action as this was not found to be HIB. After discussion, the board agreed with this recommendation. After discussion, the board agreed with this recommendation.

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 a resolution to approve i3 budget. After discussion, it having been moved and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as described in Resolution to Approve i3 Budget.

Mr. Ambriz presented a resolution to certify implementation of corrective action plan. After discussion, it having been moved and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as described in Resolution to Certify Implementation of Corrective Action Plan.

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

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

- Budget and Secretary's Report, 3/1/17-4/30/17
- Check Register and Purchase Orders, 3/1/17-4/30/17
- Treasurer's Report, 3/1/17-4/30/17

It having been moved and duly seconded, the trustees voted unanimously to approve resolutions to accept the aforementioned reports. The board certifies that there are no overexpenditures of funds, budget line transfers are reviewed and approved, and the bill list is approved.

Mr. Ambriz opened the floor for public comments. There were none.

Barbara Martinez gave the advocacy update. She discussed the success of North Star's voter registration campaign, which led to a win for the candidates supporting charter schools in last month's school board election. The next step is to focus on the state level given New Jersey will have a new governor next year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING IS Monday JUNE 12TH, 2017 at 6:00 pm, AT THE NORTH STAR WASHINGTON PARK HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS (13 Central Avenue). Mr. V will bring dinner.