

North Star Academy Charter School of Newark
Board of Trustees Meeting
6:00 p.m., Tuesday May 15th, 2018
108 S. 9th Street (Liberty/Fairmount Campus)

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 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 19th, 2018 Board meeting previously distributed to the Board members.

Mr. Ambriz recommended that student JR be suspended for 45 days. Mr. Ambriz also recommended that student JW be suspended for 45 days. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the aforementioned recommendations.

Mr. Bambrick-Santoyo shared an achievement update. North Star Academy has been in the throes of state testing with PARCC and AP exams. When comparing Interim Assessment 4 results from last year to this year, North Star schools are performing 2% higher in English and Language Arts and the same in math. The goal for 2018-19 is to increase SAT scores as higher SAT Scores are directly correlated to higher persistence rates in college.

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

The leadership team presented the personnel hires of Krystal Guillaume for Downtown Middle School; and Carolyn Cimusz and Janet Nieves for West Side Middle.

Mr. Ambriz presented a resolution to approve the 2018-19 Board Meeting Calendar. After discussion, it having been moved and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as described in Resolution to Approve the 2018-19 Board Meeting Calendar.

Mr. Ambriz presented a resolution to approve the 2018-19 school calendar. After discussion, it having been moved and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as described in Resolution to Approve the 2018-19 School Calendar.

Mr. Ambriz presented a resolution to approve NJSIG membership renewal. After discussion, it having been moved and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as described in Resolution to Approve NJSIG Membership Renewal.

Mr. Ambriz presented a resolution to approve application of the NJEIF Safety Grant. After discussion, it having been moved and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as described in Resolution to Approve NJEIF Safety Grant.

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 award bid and execute contract for BID 108 S. 9th Street interior and exterior renovations. After discussion, it having been moved and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as described in Resolution to Award Bid and Execute Contract for BID 108 S. 9th Street Interior and Exterior Renovations.

Mr. Ambriz presented a resolution to award bid and execute contract for BID 559 Broad St. renovations. After discussion, it having been moved and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as described in Resolution to Award Bid and Execute Contract for BID 559 Broad St. Renovations.

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

Mr. Ambriz presented a preliminary resolution to award bid and execute contract for BID 10 Washington Place renovations. After discussion, it having been moved and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as described in Preliminary Resolution to Award Bid and Execute Contract for BID 10 Washington Place Renovations.

Mr. Ambriz presented a resolution to approve settlement agreement for student M.R. After discussion, it having been moved and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as described in Resolution to Approve Settlement Agreement for Student M.R.

Mr. Ambriz presented a resolution to approve application of NJSIAA membership. After discussion, it having been moved and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as described in Resolution to Approve NJSIAA Membership.

Mr. Ambriz presented a resolution to approve professional services agreements with Essex Educational Services Commission. After discussion, it having been moved and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as described in Resolution to Approve Professional Services Agreements with Essex Educational Services Commission.

Mr. Ambriz presented a resolution to approve 3-year bilingual/ESL program plan. After discussion, it having been moved and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve 3-Year Bilingual/ESL Program Plan.

Mr. Ambriz presented a final resolution to contract for charter multi-campus enrichment services. After discussion, it having been moved and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as described in Final Resolution to Contract for Charter Multi-Campus Enrichment Services.

Mr. Ambriz presented a resolution to award bid and execute 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 Award Bid and Execute Contract with Multi-Campus Food Service Vendor.

Mr. Ambriz presented a resolution to certify implementation of corrective action plan for FY17. 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 for FY17.

Mr. Ambriz presented a resolution to approve annual charter school fiscal questionnaire for FY18. After discussion, it having been moved and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as described in Resolution to Approve Annual Charter School Fiscal Questionnaire for FY18.

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

- Budget and Secretary's Report, 3/1/18-4/30/18
- Check Register and Purchase Orders, 3/1/18-4/30/18
- Treasurer's Report, 3/1/18-4/30/18

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.

Mr. Ambriz shared that he will be transitioning to the Chief of Operations role at Uncommon Schools. North Star will remain his focus until a replacement is in place. The Board of Trustees commended Michael for a tremendous 10 years of service.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING IS Monday JUNE 11TH, 2018 at 6:00 pm, AT THE NORTH STAR WASHINGTON PARK HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS (13 Central Avenue). Scott will bring dinner.