

North Star Academy Charter School of Newark
Board of Trustees Meeting
6:00 p.m., Monday August 13th, 2018
18 Washington Place

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:14 p.m. by Mr. Ambriz, 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 June 11th Board meeting.

Mr. Bambrick-Santoyo presented the State of North Star, which is the annual review of North Star's State test data, summary progress against its 2017-18 strategic goals, and identification of 2018-19 priorities. He reviewed the PARCC, PSAT, SAT, and AP academic assessment results from the 2017-18 year. Finally, Mr. Bambrick-Santoyo highlighted the instructional and operational priorities of North Star for the 2018-19 school year.

The leadership team presented the personnel hires Ryan Phinisee for the school leadership team; Hayat Abdelal, Mirleine Hermann, Athar Javaid, George Maize, Sara Mouhktar, Nicole Nave, Danielle Scott, Mohammed Sebbagh, and Timeese Townes-Pratt for Washington Park High School; Lamont Baldwin, Andres Crespo, Melissa Cowan, Brian Hirschberg, Thanh Nguyen, Wilson Ortiz, Theresa Oweifie, Randall Post, Ana Robles, Andrew Savino, and Ziyahdah Williams for Lincoln Park High School; Zakiya Gantt, Tekisha Kirby, Nicholas Parisi, Katelyn Polson, and Jennifer Rohman for Downtown Middle School; Leandro Bloin, Ed Curtis, Rida Hasan, and Brynetta Hill for Clinton Hill Middle School; Ixhon Allen, Cristel Arce, Courtney Clarke, Shanutia Harrison, Steve Hogle, Victoria Lalama-Cabrera, Solomon Middleton-Williams and Isabella Ruston for Vailsburg Middle School; Elsa Craveiro, Jeremy Gravesande, Elizabeth Meek, Colette Nazon, Morgan Spellman, Diana Theodore, Emilio Tirri, and Skyler Wilburn for West Side Park Middle School; James Morris, Jennifer Nao, and Taylor Penn for Central Avenue Middle School; Deborah Akinnitire, Erin McAloon, Lamar Middleton, Jessica Randis, Mike Scott, Amy Washington and Arielle West for Vailsburg Elementary School; Isaacah Bell, Jessica Gilman, Shard'e Lambert, Aaron Mayers-Cobb, Carolyn Milton, Kalimah Muhammad, Amber Pettaway, Amara Richardson, Darline Rosa Gonzalez, Christina Sansone, Stevenson Simon, and Shadei Terry Coleman for West Side Park Elementary School; Tiara Davis, Keli Eason, Patrick Madaya, Mercy Ochieng, and Alexis Stallings-King for Fairmount Elementary School; Rawda Abdelmenam, Lara Arakelian, Matthew Calandra, Justina Dormelus, Christie Graham, Shakira Ramirez, Erika Swaringen, Anissa Twine and Janet Zhao for Liberty Elementary School; Brenttia Clayton, Rachel Ferguson and David Lopez for Alexander Street Elementary School; and Sophia Atherly, Jacqueline Brown, Madge Edouard, Savannah Mazda, John McLaughlin, Natalie Monroig, Danielle Palmay, JungMin Park, Teesha Robinson, Marion Sankar and Cleo Steward for Lincoln Park Elementary School. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the hiring of the aforementioned individuals.

Mr. Ambriz presented the final 2017-18 Annual Report for approval. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2017-18 annual report as described in Resolution to Approve Final 2017-18 Annual Report.

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

Mr. Ambriz presented a resolution to award bid and execute contract for food service vendor. After discussion, it having been moved and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as described in Final Resolution to Award Bid and Execute Contract for Food Service Vendor.

Mr. Ambriz presented a resolution to renew contract for charter transportation services. After discussion, it having been moved and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as described in Final Resolution to Renew Contract for Charter Transportation Services.

Mr. Ambriz presented a resolution to award bid and execute contract for enrichment services. After discussion, it having been moved and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as described in Final Resolution to Award Bid and Execute Contract for Enrichment Services.

Mr. Ambriz presented a resolution approve a contract for special education services. After discussion, it having been moved and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as described in Resolution to Approve Contract for Special Education Services.

Mr. Rieder opened the floor for public comments: There were none.

Mr. Ambriz presented a resolution to approve the use of non-federal funding for school lunch program. After discussion, it having been moved and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as described in Resolution to Approve the Use of Non-federal Funding for School Lunch Program.

Mr. Ambriz presented a resolution to approve Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) consolidated application. After discussion, it having been moved and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as described in Resolution to Approve Elementary and Secondary Education Act Consolidated Application.

Mr. Ambriz presented a resolution to approve Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) application. After discussion, it having been moved and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as described in Resolution to Approve Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) Application.

Mr. Ambriz presented a resolution to authorize use of federal funds for employee salaries. After discussion, it having been moved and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as described in Resolution to Authorize Use of Federal Funds for Employee Salaries.

Mr. Ambriz presented a resolution to approve line of credit. After discussion, it having been moved and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as described in Resolution to Approve Line of Credit.

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

- Budget and Secretary's Report, as of 6/30/18
- Check register and Purchase Orders, 6/1/18 – 6/30/18
- Treasurer's Report, 6/1/17 – 6/30/18

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING IS Monday, SEPTEMBER 17th at 6:00 pm, AT THE NORTH STAR LINCOLN PARK CAMPUS (377 Washington Avenue). Jamey will bring dinner.