

**North Star Academy Charter School of Newark
Board of Trustees Meeting**

6:00 p.m., Monday January 22nd, 2018

43 Alexander Street (Alexander ES and Elementary School #6)

The trustees were in attendance: Bob Howitt, Paul Bambrick-Santoyo, Rick Rieder, Ravi Bellur, Scott Sleyster, Thomas Redburn, Lawrence Evans, Trisha Scipio-Derrick and Ezdehar Abu-Hatab. Absent trustees: Nicole Bearce and James Verrilli.

Also attending were: Michael Ambriz, Juliana Worrell, Serena Savarirayan

The meeting was called to order at 6:27 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 November 7th, 2017 Board meeting previously distributed to the Board members.

A motion was made to move to executive session to discuss confidential student discipline issues for one student. It having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:28 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 6:40 p.m.

Mr. Ambriz put forth a resolution that student ZM is expelled, JW is suspended for 30 days, QW is suspended for 30 days, SM is suspended for 30 days, AS is suspended for 30 days, and QC is suspended for 30 days. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the aforementioned resolution.

Mr. Ambriz presented a resolution to review the HIB (Harrassment, Intimidation, and Bullying) investigation forms. The recommendation of the HIB investigation of NAJ 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 KM is that this is HIB. After discussion, the board agreed with this recommendation.

The leadership team presented the personnel hires of Stuart Marshall for all North Star campuses, Crystal Jackson, Matthew Manlangit, Malcolm Minor, Dwayne Moore, Ramona Wilkerson and Michelle Yaruqui for Washington Park High School; James Alessi, Ana Goya and Sabina Williams for Lincoln Park HS; Shannon Slowey for Vailsburg MS; Gina Tarabocchia for Clinton Hill MS; Jessi Costanzo and Kathryn Council for Central Park MS; Laressa Allen for Vailsburg ES; Alla Fedosenko and Taysiah Varnie for West Side Park ES; Ashley Bynum, Altarelle Howard and Natasha Veerden for Liberty Elementary School; and Maliya Jackson for Elementary School 6. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the hiring of the aforementioned individuals.

Mr. Ambriz presented a resolution to award and execute contract with Joseph Nazareth. 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 with Joseph Nazareth.

Mr. Ambriz presented a resolution to award and execute contract with Therapy Source. 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 with Therapy Source.

Mr. Ambriz presented a resolution to approve and execute the uniform state memorandum of agreement between education and law enforcement officials. After discussion, it having been moved and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as described in Resolution to Approve and Execute the Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement between Education and Law Enforcement Officials.

Mr. Ambriz presented a preliminary resolution to award and execute contract for Bid Furn-2018. After discussion, it having been moved and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the preliminary resolution as described in Preliminary Resolution to Award and Execute Contract for Bid Furn-2018.

Mr. Ambriz presented a preliminary resolution to award and execute contract for Bid CNP-2018: multi-campus food service vendor. After discussion, it having been moved and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as described in Preliminary Resolution to Award and Execute Contract for Bid CNP-2018: Multi-Campus Food Service Vendor.

Mr. Ambriz presented a resolution to appoint school safety specialist. After discussion, it having been moved and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as described in Resolution to Appoint School Safety Specialist.

Mr. Ambriz opened the floor for public comments. The mother of WMS student KM thanked the board and North Star Academy for their work in the community and expressed concern regarding bullying in middle schools at North Star and across the U.S.

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

- Check register and Purchase Orders, 11/1/17 – 12/31/17
- Budget and Secretary's Report, 11/1/17 – 12/31/17
- Treasurer's Report, 11/1/17 – 12/31/17

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.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 PM.

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING IS Monday March 19th, 2018 at 6:00 pm, AT NORTH STAR CENTRAL AVE MIDDLE SCHOOL (72 Central Ave). Nicole Bearce will bring dinner.