

**North Star Academy Charter School of Newark**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**6:00 p.m., Monday September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
**24 Hazelwood Avenue (Vailsburg Campus)**

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 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.

Mr. Art Worrell, the Director of 5-12 History, gave a presentation on the North Star Academy framework for teaching history at the high school level. He modeled two mini-lessons demonstrating how students learn to analyze historical documents. Mr. Worrell's work this year will focus on building this framework at the middle school level.

It having been moved and duly seconded, the trustees voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the August 14<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

The leadership team presented the personnel hires of Briana Mitchell for North Star Leadership, Michelle Cole, Mary Edens, and Terrence Fitzgibbons for Lincoln Park High School; Kama Shastra Jones El for Downtown Middle School; Michell Wilson for Clinton Hill Middle School; Zaniyyah AshBey for Vailsburg Middle School; and Raven Chapman for West Side Park Middle 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 resolution to approve preferred home health care & nursing services school staffing agreement. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as described in Resolution to Approve Preferred Home Health Care & Nursing Services School Staffing Agreement

Mr. Ambriz presented a resolution to establish a SPED program. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as described in Resolution to Establish a SPED Program.

Mr. Ambriz presented a resolution to authorize acceptance of grant and updates to lease. After discussion, it having been moved and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as described in Resolution to Authorize Acceptance of Grant and Updates to Lease.

Mr. Ambriz presented a resolution to create a Board discipline committee. After discussion, it having been moved and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as described in Resolution to Create a Board Discipline Committee.

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

Mr. Ambriz presented a resolution to approve 2016-17 school auditor. After discussion, it having been moved and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as described in Resolution to Approve the 2016-17 School Auditor.

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

- Budget and Secretary's Report, 7/1/17-8/31/17
- Check register and Purchase Orders, 7/1/17-8/31/17
- Treasurer's Report, 7/1/17-8/31/17

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING IS Monday, NOVEMBER 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm, AT THE NORTH STAR Lincoln Park High School (18 Norfolk St). Tom will bring dinner.