

North Star Academy Charter School of Newark
Board of Trustees Meeting
6:00 p.m., Monday September 19th, 2016
24 Hazelwood Avenue (Vailsburg Campus)

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

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. Mann presented the extended high school report. He gave an overview of the opportunities provided at North Star High Schools beyond academic offerings, including Debate, Athletics, and Projects. High School students spoke on each of these programs, and how their experiences are enhancing their education and preparing them for college. The students answered questions from the Board on their experiences.

It having been moved and duly seconded, the trustees voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the August 15th Board meeting.

The leadership team presented the personnel hires of Crystal Keats for Washington Park High School; Mary Ellis for Downtown Middle School; Yvette Cedano and Arianne Wade for Clinton Hill Middle School; Tyler Masterson, Joseph Taglieri, and Danielle Vallat for Central Avenue Middle School; Emma Wisniewski-Barker for Vailsburg Elementary School; Patricia Lustberg for West Side Park Elementary School; Meghan Crawford for Liberty Elementary School; Hallie Burke, Alexis Guglielmo, Angela Kozlowski, and John Lewis for Alexander Street 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 resolution to execute paraprofessional and teacher assistants agreement. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as described in Resolution to Execute Paraprofessional and Teacher Assistants Agreement.

Mr. Ambriz presented a resolution to approve HIB self-assessment. After discussion, it having been moved and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as described in Resolution to Approve HIB Self-Assessment.

Mr. Ambriz presented a resolution to use non-federal dollars for child nutrition program. After discussion, it having been moved and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as described in Resolution to Use Non-Federal Dollars for Child Nutrition Program.

Mr. Ambriz presented a resolution to appoint designee for lease of 18 Washington Place. After discussion, it having been moved and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to award the resolution as described in Resolution to Appoint Designee for Lease of 18 Washington Place.

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

Mr. Ambriz presented a resolution to approve the corrective action plan for 2014-15 Title I audit. After discussion, it having been moved and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to award the resolution as described in Resolution to Approve the Corrective Action Plan for 2014-15 Title I Audit.

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

- Budget and Secretary's Report, 7/1/16-8/31/16
- Check register and Purchase Orders, 7/1/16-8/31/16
- Treasurer's Report, 7/1/16-8/31/16

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 14th at 6:00 pm, AT THE NORTH STAR VAILSBURG CAMPUS (24 Hazelwood Avenue). Rick will bring dinner.