

**North Star Academy Charter School of Newark**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**6:00 p.m., Monday November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019**  
**377 Washington Street (Lincoln Park Campus)**

*The trustees were in attendance: Rick Rieder, Bob Howitt, Ezdehar Abuhatab, Scott Sleyster, Trisha Scipio, Paul Bambrick-Santoyo, Ravi Bellur, Lawrence Evans. Also attending were: Karin Gerald, John Powell, Christy Carvalho, Mike Mann, Brett Peiser, Juliana Worrell, Tara Marlovits, Sarah Huston, Kathleen Lane*

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 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 September 16<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

Ms. Graham presented on the NSA Performing Arts Program and how the content standards spanned across the core curriculum. Students from our elementary schools were led by Emily Rozek to perform several songs.

Ms. Gerald opened the floor to public comments:

There was one case brought forth. The mother of student JW at Central Middle School brought forth concerns of bullying and communication challenges with school leaders. She asked for North Star to put a program or system into place against bullying and intimidation by another parent. The parent suggested having a policy in place in regard to parents and bullying.

Ms. Gerald introduced members from finance committee. Mr. Powell and Ms. Carvalho presented updates on behalf of the finance committee and shared the results from the FY2019 audit. It was a clean audit with one operational issue raised.

The board adjourned to an executive session at 7:37PM.

Ms. Gerald presented the personnel hires Courtney McTeer, Jackson Guerro for the regional team; Marissa Dellomo, Alison Potts, Fadzai Mataru, William Eichler for Lincoln Park High School; Angela Pennell, Luz Gonzalez, Chaz Wyche Espinal Wyche, Malcolm Minor, Amanda Rodriguez, Ana Acosta for Washington Park High School; Courtney Williams, Geneva Ware, Pamela Minor for Central Avenue Middle School; Salwa Saadeh for Clinton Hill Middle School; Abigail Alabre, Ali Beh for Downtown Middle School; John Mahoney for Lincoln Park Middle School; Tatyana Suber for Vailsburg Middle School; Shalene Wilson-Parchment for West Side Park Middle School; Taliyah Lane for Fairmount Elementary School; Tonya St. Bernard, Saskeia Watts for Liberty Elementary School; Taatiana Tompkins-Dixon for Lincoln Park Elementary School; Jasmine Fogarty, Stephanie Alea, Lysbeth Karlok, Briannah Williams, Maxine Yurowitz for Vailsburg Elementary School; Briana Vazquez for West Side Park Elementary it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the hiring of the aforementioned individuals.

Ms. Gerald reviewed the student discipline cases since the last meeting and shared the committee's recommendations for each case. The committee recommends that student JBS be suspended for 45 days (return date is 12/3/2019). The committee also recommends that students CM be subject to 10 days of on-site learning (return date is 10/23/2019). The student EF is subject to 45 days suspension with additional investigation to contemplate a lengthier suspension (return date is

1/21/2020). After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the aforementioned recommendation.

Mr. Peiser presented The City Fund presentation.

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 7:53PM.

Ms. Gerald gave an update on Newark Enrolls Memo of Understanding. The board discussed changes to the agreement this year, whether the North Star should sign on again.

Ms. Gerald presented the resolution to approve 2018-19 AUDIT, it having been moved and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve 2018-19 AUDIT.

Ms. Gerald presented the resolution to approve FY2019 BUDGET TRANSFER, it having been moved and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve FY2019 BUDGET TRANSFER.

Ms. Gerald presented the resolution to approve FY2020 BUDGET TRANSFER, it having been moved and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve FY2020 BUDGET TRANSFER.

Ms. Gerald presented the resolution to approve CHECK REGISTER and PURCHASE ORDERS it having been moved and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve CHECK REGISTER and PURCHASE ORDERS.

Ms. Gerald presented the resolution to approve BUDGET, BALANCE SHEET and TREASURER'S REPORT it having been moved and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve BUDGET, BALANCE SHEET and TREASURER'S REPORT

Ms. Gerald presented a resolution to review HIB INVESTIGATION FORMS after discussion, it having been moved and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve HIB INVESTIGATION FORMS which found no incidence of HIB.

Ms. Gerald presented a resolution to approve the FY2019 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.

Ms. Gerald presented the Transit Benefit form for approval, it having been moved and duly seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Transit Benefit.

Ms. Gerald presented the resolution to approve the ERESO Contract for Special Education Services. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2018-19 annual report as described in Resolution to Approve the ERESO Contract for Special Education Services.

Ms. Gerald presented the preliminary resolution to award Contract for Bid Furn-2020. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the Board voted unanimously to award Bid Furn-2020 contract.

Ms. Gerald presented the preliminary resolution to renew Contract for Bid HVAC-2018. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the Board voted unanimously to renew Bid HVAC-2018 contract.

Ms. Gerald presented the preliminary resolution to renew bid North Star Academy Campus Snow Removal, it having been moved and duly seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Campus Snow Removal Act.

Ms. Gerald presented the Authorized Signatory and Representative form, it having been moved and duly seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Authorized Signatory and Representative form.

Ms. Gerald presented the Universal Enrollment MOU for approval, it having been moved and duly seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Universal Enrollment MOU.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING IS Monday, JANUARY 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6:00 pm, AT THE NORTH STAR ALEXANDER STREET CAMPUS (43 Alexander Street).