

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

Monday, March 16, 2019 | 6:00 pm

24 Hazelwood Avenue | Newark, NJ 07106

Video: <https://uncommonschoools.zoom.us/j/3448507340>

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The trustees in were attendance: Rick Rieder, Bob Howitt, Ezdehar Abuhatab, Scott Sleyster, Jamey Verrilli, Trisha Scipio, Nicole Bearce, Lawrence Evans, Paul Bambrick-Santoyo, Ravi Bellur, Thomas Redburn, Steven Creekmur. Also present: Juliana Worrell, Karin Gerald, Mike Mann and Courtney McTeer

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Rick 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 January 27, 2020 board meeting.

Ms. Gerald presented the rationale for the school closure decision and shared an overview the Covid-19 Response Plan. Mr. Bambrick-Santoyo and Mr. Mann provided additional context on the HS Remote Instruction Plan. Ms. Worrell presented the K-8 remote learning priorities.

Mr. Rieder opened the floor to public comments. No comments were made.

A motion was made to move to executive session. It having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:27 pm.

Mr. Sleyster reviewed the student discipline cases brought before NSA Student Hearing Committee.

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 6:30pm.

Mr. Sleyster shared the committee recommendations that student XS be suspended for 30 days (returning on 3/23/2020). The committee recommends that student NP be suspended for 30 days (returning on 3/7/2020). The committee recommends that student SS be suspended for 30 days (returning on 3/24/2020). The committee recommends that student MM be suspended for 25 days instead of initial recommendation of 30 days (returning on 3/17/2020).

Mr. Bellur shared updates from the Finance and Facilities Committee and presented the Financial Report. The following items were discussed:

- Check Register and Purchase Orders, 01/01/20 - 01/31/20
- Treasurer's Report, 01/01/20 - 02/29/20
- FY20 Q2 Variance Memo
- FY20 Q2 Budget Transfer
- FY21 Preliminary State Budget
- ESSA/IDEA Initial Federal Salary List
- Amendment for FY20 IDEA Reallocated Funds
- Appointment of 2019-20 Audit Firm

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

Mr. Bellur presented the Preliminary resolution for Alexander Elementary renovations, it having been moved and duly seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution.

Mr. Bellur presented the Preliminary resolution for Central Middle renovations, it having been moved and duly seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution.

Mr. Bellur presented the Preliminary resolution for Liberty and Fairmount Elementary renovations, it having been moved and duly seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution.

Ms. Gerald presented the new personnel hires: Lokia Roberson for Alexander Street Elementary School; Menna Elzomor for Clinton Hill Middle School; Milissa Longobardi, Derrick Nelson for Liberty Elementary School; Raven Chapman, Brianna Jones for Lincoln Park Elementary; Lauren Turkovich for Lincoln Park High School; Sahifah Gonzalez, Mohamed Amarir for Washington Park High School; Gifty Idan, Adunna Salvary for West Side Park Elementary School; Danyelle Brooks, Natasha Brutus, Amber Payano for West Side Park Middle School; Edwin Ruiz for Shared Regional Team. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the hiring of the aforementioned individuals.

Ms. Gerald presented the resolution to approve the New Road School Contract for Special Education Services, , it having been moved and duly seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution.

Ms. Gerald presented the resolution to approve the Settlement Agreement between Newark Board of Education and North Star Academy, the Board voted unanimously to approve the document.

Ms. Gerald presented the resolution to approve 2020-2021 Parent Handbooks (includes Code of Conduct), the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution.

Ms. Gerald thanked the board members who completed their annual ethics disclosure forms and reminded those still outstanding of the upcoming deadline.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING will be held on Monday, May 18, 2020 at 6:00 pm. Location will depend on status of closure but is tentatively scheduled to take place at the WEST SIDE PARK CAMPUS located at 571 18th Avenue.