

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

Monday, May 18, 2019 | 6:00 pm

**Video:** <https://uncommonschoools.zoom.us/j/97145798871>**Phone:** (646) 558-8656 | Meeting ID: 97145798871

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 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 with updated teleconference information posted on the North Star Academy website.

It having been moved and duly seconded, the trustees voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the March 16, 2020 board meeting.

Mr. Rieder introduced Douglas McNeely as a new board member candidate. Mr. McNeely addressed the board members with a brief introduction. The Board unanimously approved Douglas as the newest board trustee. Douglas McNeely is the head of the Strategic Client Coverage Group and is responsible for developing and maintaining strategic relationships with institutional investors, specifically public and corporate pension plans. He has been a supporter of North Star for a few years.

Ms. Gerald presented the agenda and the topics to be covered: an overview of the summer and fall plans in regard to COVID-19, Newark Enrolls Update, and a Finance update surrounding our quarterly budget update and projections for FY2021.

Ms. Worrell and Mr. Bambrick-Santoyo provided the Covid-19 Response Plan Update, with additional high school level context provided by Mr. Mann.

Ms. Gerald provided an External Affairs update, focused primarily on the status of the Newark Enrolls student match process. Ms. Gerald shared that matches were tremendously delayed but expected to be communicated out later in the week.

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

Ms. Gerald presented the new personnel hires: Salsabil Ahmed for Clinton Hill Middle School; Hadya Williams for Lincoln Park Elementary; Iazsha Green-Fant for Lincoln Park High School; Susie Jolink for Washington Park High School; Jolisa Johnson for West Side Park Elementary School; Sevgi Akarcesme for Shared Regional Team. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the hiring of these individuals.

Mr. Bellur shared updates from the Finance and Facilities Committee and presented the Financial Report. The following items were discussed and considered for the Board's approval:

- Check Register and Purchase Orders, 03/01/20 - 04/30/20
- Treasurer's Report, 03/01/20 - 04/30/20
- FY21 Preliminary State Budget Projections and Scenarios

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

Ms. Gerald presented the resolution to award the contract for the 2020-2021 School Business Administrator to Olugbenga Olabintan, it having been moved and duly seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution.

Ms. Gerald presented the resolution to name MindShift as the 2020-2021 technology provider, it having been moved and duly seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution.

Ms. Gerald presented the resolution to approve the transition to a paperless payment system via ACH, it having been moved and duly seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution.

Ms. Gerald presented the resolution to amend the ESS Support Services, LLC 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 COVID-19 Emergency Response Plan, it having been moved and duly seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING will be held on Monday, June 15, 2020 at 6:00pm. The meeting will be held via videoconferencing due to New Jersey's stay-at-home order.