

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

Monday, August 24, 2020 | 6:00 pm

Video: <https://uncommonschoools.zoom.us/j/97752152026>

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The trustees in attendance were: Rick Rieder, Bob Howitt, Ezdehar Abuhatab, Scott Sleyster, Trisha Scipio, Nicole Bearce, Lawrence Evans, Paul Bambrick-Santoyo, Ravi Bellur, Steven Creekmur, Doug McNeely, Thomas Redburn. Also present were: Juliana Worrell, Karin Gerald, Courtney McTeer, Barbara Martinez, Christine Carvalho, Denisse Rodriguez, Michael Mann. Absentee Trustees: Jamey Verrilli

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 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 June 15, 2020 board meeting.

Mr. Bambrick-Santoyo presented the State of North Star, which is the annual review of North Star's test data, summary progress against its past year's strategic goals, and identification of the upcoming year's priorities. He reviewed the Spring 2020 AP assessment results and college access report. Mr. Bambrick-Santoyo and Ms. Worrell then provided an update on the Reopening Plan, with the key goal of the reopening plan focusing on a safe return for scholars and staff. They also shared an update on the continuing response and actions surrounding the school's DEI Plan.

Ms. Gerald gave a brief External Affairs report speaking to the collaborative work amongst the Newark charters, as well as the Newark Board of Education around the safe reopening of schools.

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

Ms. Gerald presented the personnel report. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve all new hires at the stated salaries.

Ms. Gerald presented the new personnel hires: Ifeoma Odoemena for Alexander Street Elementary School; Ayanna Wiltshire, Jamil Mangan for Fairmount Elementary; Kathleen Posada, Josbeth Jean, Sarah Meyers, Alana Cooper, Jazel Barbrack, Nia Freeman, Chavonna Mainor for Liberty Elementary School; Cydney Williams, Elijah Brown, Rebecca Lopez, Adjo Agbobli, Abigail Jackson for Lincoln Park Elementary; Diana Hernandez for Vailsburg Elementary; Katie Sheets for West Side Park Elementary; Daniel Gonzalez, Yoeu Ri Arenas, Irene Spangler for Lincoln Park Middle School; Akheem Gauntlett, Deziah Hill, Falinda Dieujuste, Christopher Richardson, Ashley Jamison-McGregor for Central Avenue Middle School; Laneta Lafayette for Clinton Hill Middle School; Elizabeth Meek, Vanessa Paula, Julianna Gargano, Sophia Baez for Downtown Middle School; Monica Reed, Arleene Castillo Chevalier for West Side Park Middle School; Christopher Brown, Patrick Ambrosio, Kimberly Atta, Floriana Borova, Amelia Gonzalez Pinal, Alyssa Mastrocco, Afsaneh Harirchi for Lincoln Park High; Jada Anderson, Jason Kalaygian, Megan Wilder, Agnes Johnson, Carolyn Becker, Emani Parsons for Washington Park High School.

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

- Resolution to approve of Check Register and Purchase Orders for 06/01/20 – 06/30/20
- Resolution to approve Budget, Balance Sheet and Treasurer's Report for 06/01/20 – 06/30/20
- Resolution to approve Education Stability for Children in Foster Care Policy
- Resolution to approve FY21 ESEA Application
- Resolution to approve FY21 CARES ACT Funding Application
- Resolution to approve FY21 IDEA Application

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

Ms. Gerald presented the revised 2020-2021 NSA Calendar to account for the COVID-related delayed start, it having been moved and duly seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the calendar.

Ms. Gerald presented the resolution to approve the revised Reopening Plan to meet the requirements set forth in the NJDOE checklist, it having been moved and duly seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the plan.

Ms. Gerald presented the resolution to approve of the Annual Contract for Therapy Source, it having been moved and duly seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the contract.

Ms. Gerald presented the resolution to approve the Final Annual Report, it having been moved and duly seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the report.

Other business:

A December meeting has been added to the board schedule to allow adequate time to prepare and present the Q1 Budget Update and approve related Finance resolutions. The meeting will take place on December 7th at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING will be held on Monday, September 21st.

Location will depend on status of closure but is tentatively scheduled to take place via zoom.