

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

Monday, March 15, 2021 | 6:00 pm

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The Trustees in attendance: Rick Rieder, Ezdehar Abuhatab, Scott Sleyster, Trisha Scipio, Nicole Bearce, Lawrence Evans, Paul Bambrick-Santoyo, Ravi Bellur, Steven Creekmur, Thomas Redburn

Absentee Trustee: Doug McNeely, Jamey Verrilli

Also present: Juliana Worrell, Tara Marlovits, Karin Gerald, Mark Stulberg, Roydon Pellew, Christine Carvalho, Denisse Rodriguez, Michael Mann, Adna Zejnilovic

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 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 January 25, 2021 board meeting.

The meeting began with an Education Program Update by Mr. Stulberg, who shared the ways in which the Office of College Access and Success continued to support our high school seniors and alums during the pandemic. He provided a status update on college applications and acceptances to date. Mr. Pellew continued the presentation with an update on current alumni data.

Mr. Bambrick-Santoyo and Ms. Worrell then gave an update on extended remote learning for the 2020–2021 School Year, and the steps being taken to prepare for re-opening next month to provide hybrid instruction.

Mr. Rieder opened the floor to public comments. No public 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 7:04 pm.

Ms. Marlovits provided an updated on the State of Uncommon Schools.

After declaring a desire to return to open session, it having been moved and duly seconded, the Board voted unanimously to reconvene to open session at 7:20 pm.

Ms. Gerald presented the following new hires from January and February to the Board for approval: Amiere Martin for Alexander Street Elementary School; Hafeeza Causey for Liberty Elementary School; Alana Howell for Vailsburg Elementary; Jazmine Rosado for Clinton Hill Middle School; Jareline Maxiell, Jasmine Denis for West Side Park Middle; Janixa Mejias for Washington Park High School.

Mr. Bellur shared updates from the Finance and Facilities Committee. Ms. Gerald then presented the following Finance and Facilities items to the Board for approval:

- Approval of Check Register and Purchase Orders
- Approval of Budget, Balance Sheet and Treasurer's Report
- Resolution to approve the Q2 Budget Transfer
- Resolution to approve the submission of the FY21 Revised State Budget
- Resolution to approve the submission of the FY22 Preliminary State Budget
- Resolution to approve the amended CARES ESSER Budget
- Resolution to approve the submission of the FY20 Audit Corrective Action Plan
- Resolution to approve the submission of the FY20 Audit Certificate of Implementation

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

Ms. Gerald then reminded the Board of the Annual Ethics Disclosure Forms, which are expected to be completed and submitted to the State of New Jersey Department of Education by April 30th, 2021. She also rolled out a new request to complete the Governance Trainings, as dependent on the Board Member's status and as requested by the New Jersey School Board Association.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING will be held on Monday, May 17th.

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