

North Star Academy Charter School of Newark Board of Trustees Meeting

Monday, September 21, 2020 | 6:00 pm

Video: <https://uncommonschoools.zoom.us/j/91655668953>

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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, Jamey Verrilli. Also present were: Juliana Worrell, Karin Gerald, Courtney McTeer, Barbara Martinez, Christine Carvalho, Denisse Rodriguez, Michael Mann, Todd Levine, Sam Bendinelli.

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 August 24, 2020 board meeting.

High School teachers, Todd Levine and Sam Bendinelli gave a presentation for board members on a typical HS classroom via zoom. The presentation consisted of a simulated English lesson using Nearpod. Board members had a chance to interact with the platform, ask questions and understand the process of virtual learning.

Ms. Gerald gave a brief External Affairs update on the impending charter renewal process.

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: Alaina Thorne, Robert Lisma for Alexander Street Elementary School; Kamika Bennett for Fairmount Elementary; Quandra Milton, Amadu Kondeh for Liberty Elementary School; Eartha Marks for Lincoln Park Elementary; Raquel Perry for Vailsburg Elementary; Tayteeona Cureton for West Side Park Elementary; Bryan Somaiah for Vailsburg Middle School; Natalia Kellam for Clinton Hill Middle School; Taleia Stephens, Justin Ramalho, Paige Nalitt, Jason Campbell for Lincoln 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:

- Approval of Check Register and Purchase Orders
- Approval of Budget, Balance Sheet, and Treasurer's Report
- Resolution to approve Final FY20 Salaries (ESSA, IDEA, SWCA)
- Resolution to approve to initial FY21 Salaries for Federal Grants (ESSA, IDEA, CARES, CSP)
- Resolution to approve Transfer to Cover Deficit in Enrichment Program (Fund 60- Enterprise Fund)
- Resolution to approve to FY21 Digital Divide Grant Application

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

Ms. Gerald presented the revised Uncommon NSA SY 2020-2021 Student Handbook, it having been moved and duly seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the handbook.

Ms. Gerald presented the revised Uncommon NSA SY 2020-2021 Employee Handbook, it having been moved and duly seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the handbook.

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

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING will be held on Monday, November 16th.

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