

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

Monday, September 20, 2021 | 6:00 pm

Remote Meeting via Zoom

Video: <https://uncommonschoools.zoom.us/j/2074905625>

Phone: (646) 558 8656 | Meeting ID: 207 490 5625

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

Also present: Sam Messer, Mario Daniels, Barbara Martinez, Christy Carvalho, Natalie Cooper, Michael Mann

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. by Rick Rieder, who noted that the meeting had been duly publicized, as required by law, in the *Star Ledger* and *The Americano* 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 21, 2021 board meeting.

It having been moved and duly seconded, the trustees voted unanimously to approve the addition of a new member, Ann Borowiec.

Mr. Bambrick-Santoyo presented data on student wellness, college enrollment, and the return to in-person learning.

Mrs. Messer 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 trustees voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:09 pm to discuss legal and personnel matters.

At the end of the executive session, a motion was made and then seconded to return to public session. The trustees voted unanimously to return to public session at 7:40 pm.

Mrs. Messer then presented the following Administrative items to the Board for approval:

- Board approval of HIB Self-Assessment Approval
- Resolution to Approve Final Annual Report
- Resolution to Approve Final SPED/ODP Contracts

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

Mr. Bellur and Ms. Carvalho shared updates from the Finance and Facilities Committee, reviewing this year's priorities and successes.

Ms. Carvalho then presented the following Finance and Facilities items to the Board for approval:

- Resolution to Approve Appointing M&T Bank
- Resolution to approve FY21 Salaries (ESSA, IDEA, ESSER, SWCA)
- Resolution to approve to Initial FY22 Salaries for Federal Grants (ESSA, IDEA, ESSER, CARES, CSP)
- Resolution to Approve Transfers of Funds
- ESSER Update

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

It having been moved and duly seconded, the trustees voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:07 p.m.

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING will be held on Monday, November 29th at 6:00 PM, THE NORTH STAR HOME OFFICE CONFERENCE HALL (18 Washington Place).