

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

Monday, November 29, 2021 | 6:00 pm

Remote Meeting via Zoom

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

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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, and Lawrence Evans.

Absent Trustee: Thomas Redburn

Also present: Sam Messer, Mario Daniels, Barbara Martinez, Christy Carvalho, Natalie Cooper, Michael Mann, and Na’Jee Carter.

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 September 20, 2021 board meeting.

Assistant Superintendent Na’Jee Carter, provided an overview on how elementary schools are working to address COVID-related learning loss after returning to in-person learning. Mr. Carter also presented how we are accelerating student learning.

Mrs. Messer opened the floor to public comments. Mr. Colter expressed his appreciation for the educational work of North Star Academy and shared information on programs for students.

A motion was made to move to executive session. It having been moved and duly seconded, the trustees voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:45 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 7:33 pm.

Mrs. Messer then presented the following administrative items to the board for approval:

- Remote Learning Plan
- Resolution to Approve Final SPED/ODP Contracts
- NJIG Renewal Resolution
- NSA Resolution for Charter Amendment
- Board approval of HIB Self-Assessment Approval
- MOU for Newark Enrolls

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 Finance Committee Memo
- Resolution to approve Budget Transfer to Cover Deficit
- Variance Memo
- Resolution to Approve Initial Salary Report
- Board approval of July, August, September Reports
- Resolution to approve Federal Grant Applications (ARP ESSER III)
- NSA Audit Board Resolution

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 8:11 p.m.

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING will be held on Monday, January 24th at 6:00 PM, THE NORTH STAR HOME OFFICE CONFERENCE HALL (18 Washington Place).