

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

Monday, January 24, 2022, 2021 | 6:00 pm  
18 Washington Place, Newark NJ 07102

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

*Also present: Sam Messer, Mario Daniels, Christy Carvalho, Michael Mann, Caitlin Stillwell, and Amethyst Charette.*

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m. by Mr. Rieder, who noted that the meeting had been duly publicized, as required by law, in the Star Ledger and The Americano with updated address information posted on the North Star Academy website.

Mr. Verrilli moved to approve the revised September minutes and the November meeting minutes, which were seconded by Mr. Redburn. The trustees voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the November 29, 2021 board meeting and the revision of the September 20, 2021 meeting minutes.

The College Access team members, Amethyst Charette and Caitlin Stillwell presented the state of college access and success. An overview was shared on college preparation for the North Star Academy class of 2022 in addition to alumni support updates. An overview was also provided regarding student joy, family engagement, return to in-person learning, and a look ahead to college signing day.

Ms. Messer provided an overview of the NJ Start Strong Assessment and the outcomes of middle school interim assessment results.

Ms. Messer opened the floor to public comments. No public comment was given.

Mr. Rieder asked for a motion to go into executive session. The motion was moved by Ms. Scipio and seconded by Mr. Verrilli. The trustees voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:58 pm to discuss legal matters, real estate matters, and personnel matters.

At 8:08 pm Mr. Rieder asked for a motion to return to public session. The motion was made by Mr. Verrilli and then seconded by Mr. Sleyster to return to the public session. The trustees voted unanimously to return to the public session at 8:08 pm.

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

- Resolution to Approve 3-year ELL plan
- Resolution to approve HIB self-assessment
- Resolution to approve HIB report

A motion was moved by Mr. Bellur and seconded by Mr. Sleyster to approve the administrative items. The trustees voted unanimously to approve the administrative resolutions and reports.

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

Mr. Bellur then presented the following finance and facilities items to the board for approval:

- Finance Committee Memo
- Board approval of October, November, December Reports

A motion was moved by Mr. Verilli and seconded by Mr. Sleyster to approve the finance and facilities items. The trustees voted unanimously to approve the administrative resolutions and reports.

Ms. Scipio made a motion and Mr. Evans seconded a motion to adjourn. The board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting 8:11 p.m.

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING will be held on Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM, THE NORTH STAR HOME OFFICE CONFERENCE HALL (18 Washington Place).