

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

Wednesday, June 22nd, 2022, 2021 | 6:00 pm
18 Washington Place

The Trustees in attendance: Rick Rieder, Ezdehar Abuhatab, Thomas Redburn (via phone), Jamey Verrilli, Trisha Scipio, Nicole Bearce, Steve Creekmur, Lawrence Evans. and Ravi Bellur

Absent Trustee: Paul Bambrick-Santoyo, Ann Borowiec, Scott Sleyster

Also present: Sam Messer, Justin Ramsey, Christy Caravallo, Maya Roth, Jordan Mincy, Salley Salley and Michael Marotta

The meeting was called to order at 6:11 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. Rieder moved to approve the revised May 16th, 2022 minutes which were seconded by Mr. Verrilli. The trustees voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the May 16th.

NSA graduating seniors shared stories of their North Star experience with the board and public, recounting the impacts made by teachers and colleagues. Scholars also shared their college and career goals.

Mr. Reider opened the floor to public comments. Public comments were given by Mr. Che Colter and Ms. Raven Chapman.

Ms. Chapman expressed the need to continue to support students and teachers.

Mr. Colter shared concerns about school security.

A motion was made to move to executive session by Mr. Reider and seconded by Ms. Scipio. The trustees voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:58 pm to discuss legal and personnel matters.

At the end of the executive session, a motion was by Mr. Verrilli and then seconded by Ms. Scipio to return to the public session. The trustees voted unanimously to return to the public session at 8:28 pm.

Mrs. Messer then presented the Personnel Report.

A motion was made by Mr. Rieder, and seconded by Mr. Evans to approve the personnel report. The trustees voted unanimously to approve.

Ms. Caravallo and Mr. Bellur presented the Finance and Facilities Report, including outlooks for the FY23 budget projections and upcoming capital project.

Mrs. Messer then presented the following Finance and Facilities items to the board for approval:

- 3.1 Resolution to approve FY22 Auditor Appointment
- 3.2 Resolution to approve SBA for SY 22-23
- 3.3 Resolution to Approve Travel Maximum for SY 22-23
- 3.4 Resolution to Approve Final Budget for SY 22-23
- 3.5 Resolution to Approve Capital Projects
- 3.6 Resolution to approve Auditor by FY 22
- 3.7 Single Audit Engagement Letter

A motion was made by Mr. Rieder and seconded by Mr. Evans to approve the administrative items. The trustees voted unanimously to approve the financial resolutions.

Ms. Messer shared Administrative Resolutions for board approval.

- 4.1 Approval of School Year 2022-2023 Calendar
- 4.2 Approval of 2022-2023 Student and Family Handbook
- 4.3 Approval of 2022-2023 Employee Handbook
- 4.4 Approval of 2022-2023 Employee Leave Policy
- 4.5 Approval of Preliminary 2021-2022 Annual Report
- 4.6 Resolution to Approve Security Grant Application
- 4.7 Resolution to Approve Enrich After-Care Services
- 4.8 Resolution to Approve Maverick Building Services for Janitorial Services
- 4.9 Resolution to Approve TransEd to provide Transportation Services
- 4.10 Special Education Resolutions
- Revised Resolution to Approve Autism Program
- Resolution to Approve ESS
- Resolution to Approve Therapy Source

A motion was made by Mr. Rieder and seconded by Ms. Scipio to approve the finance and facilities items. The trustees voted unanimously to approve the administrative resolutions and reports.

A motion was made to adjourn by Mr. Reider and seconded by Ms. Scipio to adjourn the board of trustees meeting. The trustees voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:40 p.m.

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING will be held on September 26, 2022 at Vailsburg Elementary School (24 Hazelwood Ave, Newark, NJ)