

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

Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 | 6:00 pm  
Zoom

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

*Also present: Sam Messer, Timeese Townes-Pratt, Barbara Martinez, Mike Mann, Maya Roth, Victoria Glover, John Powell, Christy Carvalho, and Tameka Royal.*

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 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. Sleyster moved to approve the October 19<sup>th</sup>, minutes which Ms. Scipio seconded. The trustees voted unanimously to approve the minutes from October 19<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Rieder asked for a motion to go into executive session. A motion was made to move to an executive session by Mr. Bambrick and seconded by Ms. Scipio. The trustees voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:09pm to discuss legal and personnel matters.

At the end of the executive session, a motion was made 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 6:48 pm.

Mrs. Messer then presented the Personnel Report.

A motion was made by Ms. Scipio and seconded by Mr. Verrilli to approve the personnel report. The trustees voted unanimously to approve.

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

- 3.1 Resolution to approve Line of Credit
- 3.2 Variance Memo
- 3.3 Finance Committee Memo

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

Mrs. Messer shared Administrative Resolutions for board approval.

- 4.1 Harassment Intimidation & Bullying Report
- 4.2 22-23\_NSA.MOU with Law Enforcement
- 4.3 Board Resolution to Approve Initial Salaries for ESSA-IDEA
- 4.4 Resolution to Approve Payment to the Brownstone School
- 4.5 Resolution to Submit Charter Amendment

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

Mr. Bambrick presented on where North Star lands nationally with SAT scores and what the plan is to close any gaps that may have presented themselves due to the pandemic. He also updated the board on college applications and acceptances.

Ms. Royal presented on the work that she has been doing at Fairmount Elementary School to mitigate any post pandemic struggles. She also updated the board on how the students were responding.

Mr. Reider opened the floor to public comments.

A motion was made to adjourn by Mr. Evans and seconded by Mr. Sleyster to adjourn the board of trustees meeting. The trustees voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:43 p.m.

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING will be held on January 30<sup>th</sup> at 18 Washington Place.