

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

Monday, January 30th, 2023 | 6:00 pm
18 Washington Place Newark, NJ 07102

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

Also present: Sam Messer, Timeese Townes-Pratt, Mike Taubman, Maya Roth, Raj Taruvai, John Lasso and Nashaly Bonilla

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 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.

Ms. Scipio moved to approve the December 5th, minutes which Mr. Creekmur seconded. The trustees voted unanimously to approve the minutes from December 5th.

Mr. Rieder asked for a motion to go into executive session. A motion was made to move to an executive session by Ms. Scipio and seconded by Mr. Verrilli. The trustees voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:08pm to discuss legal and personnel matters.

At the end of the executive session, a motion was made by Mr. Evans and then seconded by Ms. Scipio to return to the public session. The trustees voted unanimously to return to the public session at 6:50 pm.

Mr. Taubman presented on the work that she has been doing with our seniors through a program called Senior 2.0. He informed the board that the students are choosing a career of interest and working with a near peer (college-aged student) and a professional in the field that they had to find and contact via LinkedIn. He brought two students with him John Lasso and Nashaly Bonilla to present on what they have been doing so far. John Lasso presented a business plan for a self-defense program and gym. Nashaly Bonilla presented on a potential architectural plan for Washington Park High School.

Mr. Bambrick presented on the projected proficiency levels across grades 3-8 in ELA and math. He informed the board on what the next steps were to make sure that these scores are met or exceeded. He also presented on IA scores for grades 9-12 and informed the board that we met all our goals. He also showed the board our Quest bridge and Posse Scholars and Early Decision data for our seniors. Mr. Bambrick highlighted the senior leadership project that Julie Jackson is doing for Uncommon. He also presented the results of the NJ Start Strong test.

Mrs. Messer then presented the Personnel Report.

A motion was made by Ms. Scipio and seconded by Mr. Evans 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 Audit Report
- 3.2 Resolution to Approve Transfer to Cover Deficit in Enrichment Programs

A motion was made by Ms. Scipio and seconded by Mr. Evans 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 Resolution to Extend Contract with ESS Support Services

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

Mr. Reider opened the floor to public comments.

A motion was made to adjourn by Ms. Scipio and seconded by Mr. Verrilli to adjourn the board of trustees meeting. The trustees voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:37 p.m.

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING will be held on March 20th at 18 Washington Place.