

North Star Academy Charter School of Newark

Board of Trustees Meeting Public Session

Monday, January 29th, 2024 | 6:00 pm

via Zoom

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

Also present: Sam Messer, Timeese Townes-Pratt, Jon Hillery, Najee Carter, Maria Alcon-Heaux and Maya Roth Bisignano.

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 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. Evans moved to approve the following minutes. Mr. Bellur seconded the motion:

- *Approval of 12/4/23 Public Session Minutes*
- *Approval of 12/4/23 Executive Session Minutes*

The trustees voted unanimously in approval.

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. Evans. The trustees voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:13pm to discuss legal and real estate matters.

At the end of the executive session, a motion was made by Ms. Scipio and then seconded by Mr. Verrilli to return to the public session. The trustees voted unanimously to return to the public session at 6:25 pm.

Mr. Carter presented on the Science of Reading and how this has proven to be very impactful for our young readers.

Ms. Messer and Mr. Bambrick-Santoyo then went on to give the board an update on our college application data so far.

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

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

- *3.1 Resolution to Approve November and December Financial Reports*

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

Ms. Messer shared Administrative Resolutions for board approval.

- *4.1 Resolution to Accept High Impact Tutoring Funds*
- *4.2 HIB Report*

A motion was made by Mr. Verrilli and seconded by Mr. Redburn to approve the administrative items and to

table 4.8. The trustees voted unanimously to approve the resolutions.

A motion was made by Mr. Scipio and seconded by Ms. Abuhatab to uphold the recommendations of the Student Hearing Committee.

Mr. Reider opened the floor to public comments.

Che' Colter wanted the board to know that there are parents that want to help secure charter school facilities funding. He went on to ask if we could start a parent committee to help address school culture and climate considering the rise in the use of violence throughout the city.

A motion was made to adjourn by Mr. Creekmur and seconded by Ms. Scipio to adjourn the board of trustees meeting. The trustees voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:29 p.m.

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING will be held at 377 Washington Street **on March 18th, 2024.**