

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

Monday, March 18, 2024 | 6:00 pm
377 Washington Street Newark, New Jersey 07102

The Trustees in attendance: Rick Rieder, Paul Bambrick-Santoyo, Ezdehar Abuhatab, Nicole Bearce, Ann Borowiec, Steve Creekmur, Lawrence Evans, Trisha Scipio, and Scott Sleyster.

Also present: Sam Messer, Timeese Townes-Pratt, Jon Hillery, Liv Anderson, Henry Appiah, El-Amin Anigbami, Arquila Kargbo, Ariel Walker and Jonnathan Callender.

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. Ms. Scipio seconded the motion:

- *Approval of 1/29/24 Public Session Minutes*
- *Approval of 1/29/24 Executive Session Minutes*

The trustees voted unanimously in approval.

The Uncommon Media Network Students presented to the board what they have been doing at Lincoln Park High School with their media equipment. They updated the board on their future college plans and let them know how Uncommon Media has helped with their major decisions.

The students also showed the board their studio space and asked them to shoot a few clips for Teacher Appreciation Week.

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. Sleyster. The trustees voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:54pm to discuss legal matters.

At the end of the executive session, a motion was made by Ms. Scipio and then seconded by Mr. Evans to return to the public session. The trustees voted unanimously to return to the public session at 7:18 pm.

Ms. Messer and Mr. Bambrick-Santoyo then went on to give the board an update on our college application data so far as well as to let them know what our predicted NJSLA proficiency rates are for grades 5-8.

Ms. Messer also let the board know that Washington Park High School has been awarded the AP Honor Roll Platinum award as well as the AP Access Award.

In the spirit of good news, Ms. Messer also shared with the board our recent accomplishments in Speech and Robotics.

A motion was made by Mr. Sleyster and seconded by Ms. Scipio 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 January and February Financial Reports*

- *3.2 Resolution to Approve Revised FY24 Budget*

A motion was made by Mr. Sleyster 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 Contract with Bergen County Special Services*
- *4.2 Approval of Elementary and Secondary Education Act Budget Amendment*
- *4.3 Approval of Individuals with Disabilities Act Budget Amendment*
- *4.4 HIB Report*

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

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

Mr. Reider opened the floor to public comments. There were no members of the public who wanted to speak.

A motion was made to adjourn by Ms. Scipio and seconded by Mr. Creekmur to adjourn the board of trustees meeting. The trustees voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING will be held at 18 Washington Place **on May 20th, 2024.**