

North Star Academy Charter School of Newark

Board of Trustees Meeting Public Session

Monday, June 3rd, 2024 | 6:00 pm

18 Washington Pl. Newark, New Jersey 07102

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

Also present: Sam Messer, Timeese Townes-Pratt, Mike Mann, Caitlin Stillwell, Brett Peiser, Maya Roth Bisignano, Sarah Danzig Simon, Arouna Ouedraogo, Saibatou Kassin-Bah, Jessica Oseroghho, and David Castillo.

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. Evans moved to approve the following minutes. Ms. Scipio seconded the motion:

- *Approval of 3/15/24 Public Session Minutes*
- *Approval of 3/15/24 Executive Session Minutes*

The trustees voted unanimously in approval.

Brett Peiser gave a presentation to the board about the 2024- 2025 organizational priorities. We are aiming to:

1. Accelerate Student Learning
2. Enroll and Retain Students
3. Attract and Retain Talent
4. Improve College Enrollment and Persistence

Ms. Stillwell then introduced some of the graduating seniors from the class of 2024. Arouna Ouedraogo, Saibatou Kassin-Bah, Jessica Oseroghho, and David Castillo presented their reflections on their North Star careers and update them on what their future plans are after graduation.

Mr. Rieder asked for a motion to go into executive session. A motion was made to move to an executive session by Mr. Bellur and seconded by Ms. Borowiec. The trustees voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:25pm to discuss legal matters.

At the end of the executive session, a motion was made by Ms. Scipio and then seconded by Mr. Creekmur to return to the public session. The trustees voted unanimously to return to the public session at 7:50 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Evans and seconded by Mr. Creekmur 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 24-25 Preliminary Budget*
- *3.2 Vote to Uphold Finance Committee Approval (5/13) of March Financial Request*

A motion was made by Mr. Bellur and seconded by Mr. Verrilli 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 Approve High Impact Tutoring Grant*
- *4.2 Resolution to Approve Tuition Contract with Northern Region Educational Services*
- *4.3 Resolution to Award Food Service Bid*
- *4.4 Resolution to Approve the 24-25 NSA Employee Handbook*
- *4.5 Resolution to Accept NJSIG Safety Grant*
- *4.6 Approval of HIB Report*

A motion was made by Ms. Scipio and seconded by Mr. Bellur 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. Verrilli to adjourn the board of trustees meeting. The trustees voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING will be held via zoom **on June 18th, 2024.**