

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 and Jamey Verrilli.

Also present: Sam Messer, Timeese Townes-Pratt, Mike Mann, Amethyst Charette, Roydon Pellew, Brett Peiser, Maya Roth Bisignano, Jon Hillery, Joyceline Bonsu, Brandon Harding, and Cynthia Igbehen.

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.

Mr. Sleyster moved to approve the following minutes. Mr. Verrilli seconded the motion:

- Approval of 6/3/24 Public Session Minutes
- Approval of 6/3/24 Executive Session Minutes

The trustees voted unanimously in approval.

Mr. Pellew gave a presentation giving the board an overview of the Alumni Program. Mr. Pellew then introduced some of the alumni, Joyceline Bonsu, Brandon Harding, and Cynthia Igbehen, who presented their reflections on their North Star careers and update them on what they are currently doing on their college campuses as well as what their plans are post-graduation.

Mr. Peiser gave a presentation on our new marketing strategy and unveiled the organization's new logo and branding.

Mr. Rieder asked for a motion to go into executive session. A motion was made to move to an executive session by Mr. Sleyster and seconded by Mr. Verrilli. The trustees voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:55pm to discuss legal matters.

At the end of the executive session, a motion was made by Mr. Verrilli and then seconded by Ms. Borowiec to return to the public session. The trustees voted unanimously to return to the public session at 7:20 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Sleyster and seconded by Mr. Evans to approve the personnel reports. 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 COI
- 3.2 Resolution to Approve CAP
- 3.3 Resolution to Approve 24.25 Final Budget
- 3.4 Resolution to Approve NSA 2024 Charter School Single Audit EL
- 3.5 Resolution to Approve North Star - 2023-2024 - Annual Fiscal Questionnaire
- 3.6 Resolution for New Bank Account for Nutrition Program
- 3.7 Resolution to Approve FY24 Auditor Appt w-fees
- 3.8 Resolution to Approve FY25 SBA Appt
- 3.9 Resolution to Approve FY25 NSA Maximum Travel Budget
- 3.10 Approve April and May Financials

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 the 24-25 NSA Employee Handbook*
- *4.2 NSA NJESS Northeast*
- *4.3 Resolution to Award and Execute Contract with D. Hanes and Associates*
- *4.4 Resolution to Award and Execute Contract with Therapy Source*
- *4.5 Resolution to Award and Execute Contract with Healthy Habitats*
- *4.6 Resolution to Award and Execute Contract with InSite Health*
- *4.7 Resolution to Award and Execute Contract with ESS*
- *4.8 Proposal for Herrera Designs*
- *4.9 Approval of School Year 2024-2025 Board Meeting Dates*
- *4.10 Resolution to Approve the Master Service Agreement with Uncommon Schools*
- *4.11 Resolution to Appoint Johnston Law Firm as Legal Counsel for North Star Academy*
- *HIB Reports*

A motion was made by Mr. Verrilli and seconded by Mr. Evans to approve the administrative items. The trustees voted unanimously to approve the resolutions with the agreement to change the December 2nd, 2024, board meeting date to December 9th, 2024.

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

Mr. Rieder opened the floor to public comments.

Dellon Garraway described his experience this past year about his 6th graders experience at Clinton Hill. He thanked the board because he feels like his scholar is breaking out of her shell and is getting to learn more about herself. He expressed his concern about the grade portal. He also expressed his concern about his scholar's medical records being misplaced. He feels like the school is unwilling to speak to him.

Che' Colter thanked the board for all that they are doing. Che' expressed his concern about public safety. He talked about having a more transparent form of communication between the parents and deans. He also proposed some form of student government that allows the student to learn about government in the real world. He wants the parents to do some of the work for us so that we can be proactive with school violence and school safety.

A motion was made to adjourn by Mr. Sleyster and seconded by Ms. Bearce to adjourn the board of trustees meeting. The trustees voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.