

The Trustees in attendance: Rick Rieder, Paul Bambrick-Santoyo, Ezdehar Abuhatab, Nicole Bearce, Ravi Bellur, Steve Creekmur, Thomas Redburn, Trisha Scipio, Scott Sleyster, Jamey Verrilli and Nevaeh Fields.

Also present: Sam Messer, Timeese Townes-Pratt, Mike Mann, Brett Peiser, John Powell, Amanda Craft, Jenn Venegas-Gibbons and Mary Ann Villanueva

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. Scipio seconded the motion:

- Approval of 9/30/24 Public Session Minutes
- Approval of 9/30/24 Executive Session Minutes

The trustees voted unanimously in approval.

Ms. Messer announced that Nevaeh Fields is a 2025 QuestBridge Match scholarship winner, and the board spent time to congratulate her.

Mr. Rieder asked for a motion to go into executive session. A motion was made to move to an executive session by Mr. Redburn and seconded by Mr. Sleyster. The trustees voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:15 pm to discuss legal matters, personnel and real estate.

At the end of the executive session, a motion was made by Mr. Verrilli and then seconded by Ms. Bearce to return to the public session. The trustees voted unanimously to return to the public session at 7:48 pm.

A motion was made by Ms. Scipio and seconded by Mr. Redburn 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 Approval of September and October Financial Reports*
- *3.2 Approval of Change of Authorized Bank Signatory*
- *3.3 Approval of Audit*

A motion was made by Mr. Sleyster and seconded by Mr. Redburn 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 Approval of 2023-2024 HIB Report*
- *4.2 Approval of Contract with Mount Carmel Guild Academy*
- *4.3 Approval of Contract with Morris Union Jointure Commission*

A motion was made by Mr. Verilli and seconded by Mr. Sleyster to approve the administrative items. The trustees voted unanimously to approve the administrative resolutions.

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

Ms. Messer opened the floor to public comments. There were no public comments.

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

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING will be held at **18 Washington Pl. on January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025.**