

North Star Academy Charter School of Newark
Board of Trustees Meeting

Monday, May 21, 2021 | 6:00 pm

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The Trustees in attendance: Rick Rieder, Ezdehar Abuhatab, Scott Sleyster, Nicole Bearce, Lawrence Evans, Paul Bambrick-Santoyo, Ravi Bellur, Jamey Verrilli

Absentee Trustee: Doug McNeely, Trisha Scipio, Steven Creekmur, Thomas Redburn

Also present: Juliana Worrell, Karin Gerald, Jeannemarie Hendershot, Aja Worthy-Davis, Christine Carvalho, Denisse Rodriguez, Eric Diamon, Brendan Campbell, Natalie Cooper, Michael Mann, Mario Daniels, Barbara Martinez, Adna Zejnilovic, Carolyn Whitehead

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Rick Rieder, who noted that the meeting had been duly publicized, as required by law, in the Star Ledger and El Coqui with updated teleconference information posted on the North Star Academy website.

It having been moved and duly seconded, the trustees voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the March 15, 2021 board meeting.

Mr. Diamon began by giving an Education Program Update on the current status of North Star Academy Middle School Community Building. Mr. Bambrick-Santoyo continued with an Education Program Update by presenting on NSA's Social Emotional Learning Approach.

Mr. Bambrick-Santoyo and Ms. Worrell then gave a presentation on extended remote learning for the 2020–2021 School Year, including an update on hybrid reopening, summer model and SY2021-22 instructional priorities.

Mr. Rieder opened the floor to public comments. No public comments were made.

A motion was made to move to executive session. It having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:33 pm.

Ms. Gerald gave a brief update on Newark Advocacy,

After declaring a desire to return to open session, it having been moved and duly seconded, the Board voted unanimously to reconvene to open session at 8:04 pm.

Ms. Gerald then gave a brief update on the Personnel Report. Ms. Gerald presented the following new hires from March and April to the Board for approval: Kyle Smith for Fairmount Street Elementary School; Kevin Taylor for Liberty Elementary School; Ashley Dunlap for Central Middle; Tahari Bellamy, Marcia Barrios for Clinton Hill Middle School; Ashley Powell for Downtown Middle; Kyree Moore, Kyle Price for Washington Park High School.

Mr. Bellur shared updates from the Finance and Facilities Committee.

Ms. Gerald then presented the following Finance and Facilities items to the Board for approval:

- Approval of Check Register and Purchase Orders
- Approval of Budget, Balance Sheet and Treasurer's Report
- Resolution to appoint the School Business Administrator (SBA) for 2021-22
- Preliminary resolution to award contract for capital improvements at 24 Hazelwood and 600 Clinton
- Preliminary resolution to award contract for capital improvements at 43 Alexander
- Preliminary resolution to award contract for capital improvements at 72 Central
- Preliminary resolution to award contract for capital improvements at 10 Washington and 18 Washington
- Preliminary resolution to award contract for capital improvements at 108 South 9th
- Resolution to approve CARES and ESSER II funding application

It having been moved and duly seconded, the trustees voted unanimously to approve the aforementioned resolutions

and reports.

Ms. Gerald then presented the following Administrative items to the Board for approval:

- Preliminary resolution to award contract for food service
- Resolution to award contract with ERESO for Para-Professional Services

It having been moved and duly seconded, the trustees voted unanimously to approve the aforementioned resolutions and reports.

Ms. Gerald then reminded the Board to complete the Governance Trainings, as dependent on the Board Member's status and as requested by the New Jersey School Board Association.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING will be held on Monday, June 21st.

Location will depend on status of closure but is tentatively scheduled to take place via zoom.