

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

Monday, June 21, 2021 | 6:00 pm

Remote Meeting via Zoom

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The Trustees in attendance: Rick Rieder, Ezdehar Abuhatab, Scott Sleyster, Paul Bambrick-Santoyo, Ravi Bellur, Jamey Verrilli, Steven Creekmur

Absentee Trustee: Doug McNeely, Trisha Scipio, Thomas Redburn, Nicole Bearce, Lawrence Evans

Also present: Karin Gerald, Mario Daniels, Juliana Worrell, Jeannemarie Hendershot, Barbara Martinez, Christy Carvalho, Natalie Cooper, Jennifer Consilvio, Peter Hayward, Tildi Sharp

Student Attendees: Elias Stevens, Mekhi Addison, Rebecca Takyi, Jawad Ibrahim, Kymani Fraser, Cyreema Marshall

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 May 17, 2021 board meeting.

It having been moved and duly seconded, the trustees voted unanimously to approve the renewal of members for Rick Rieder, Thomas Redburn, Scott Sleyster, and Jamey Verrilli.

Ms. Gerald shared a brief overview of the 2021 end of year events and introduced members of the 2021 graduating classes of Lincoln Park and Washington Park High Schools. Ms. Tildi Sharp led the HS presentation which consisted of student reflections on their experience as students in Uncommon followed by a Q&A session.

Ms. Gerald then gave a brief school update on the plans around safe return in accordance with CDC guidelines during the summer sessions and upcoming school year.

Ms. Gerald 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 7:13 pm.

Ms. Gerald shared a brief External Affairs update.

The Board reviewed and discussed the 2021-22 Personnel and Leadership Plan (with accompanying salaries), the 2021 Bonus Allocations, and the new awarded contracts for incoming personnel.

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 7:35 pm.

Ms. Gerald presented the personnel report. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve annual salaries and hires.

Mr. Bellur shared updates from the Finance and Facilities Committee which consisted of a review of this year's priorities and successes.

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

- Resolution to approve Check Register and Purchase Orders
- Resolution to approve Budget, Balance Sheet, and Treasurer's Report
- Board resolution to approve FY22 Final State Budget
- Board resolution to approve FY22 Maximum Travel Budget
- Board resolution to approve MDO Authorization for ACOOs to Approve and Sign Purchase Orders
- Board resolution to approve FY22 Auditor Contract Fees
- Board resolution to approve FY21 Final Salary Approvals for ESSA, IDEA and CARES
- Board resolution to approve FY22 IDEA Application
- Board resolution to award contract for capital improvements at 108 South 9th
- Board resolution to award contract for capital improvements at 10 Washington and 18 Washington
- Board resolution to award contract for capital improvements at 24 Hazelwood and 600 Clinton
- Board resolution to award contract for capital improvements at 43 Alexander
- Board resolution to award contract for capital improvements at 72 Central

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:

- Approval of 2021-22 School Calendar
- Approval of 2021-22 Tentative Board Meeting Schedule
- Approval of 2021-22 Board Appointments
- Approval of 2021-22 Personnel Handbook
- Approval of 2021-22 Student Handbook
- Resolution to approve NJEIF Safety Grant
- Resolution to approve ESS Support Services for Paraprofessional Services
- Resolution to approve Public Consulting Group (PCG) for Internet-based SPED Case Management Services
- Approval of New Road School contract for Special Education Services
- Approval of Mt. Carmel Guild contract for Special Education 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, September 20th at 6:00 PM, THE NORTH STAR HOME OFFICE CONFERENCE HALL (18 Washington Place).