The Trustees in attendance: Rick Rieder, Ezdehar Abuhatab, Scott Sleyster, Paul Bambrick-Santoyo, Ravi Bellur, Jamey Verrilli, Steven Creekmur, Anne Borowiec, Trisha Scipio, Nicole Bearce, Lawrence Evans, Thomas Redburn

Also present: Sam Messer, Mario Daniels, Barbara Martinez, Christy Carvalho, Natalie Cooper, Michael Mann

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. by Rick Rieder, who noted that the meeting had been duly publicized, as required by law, in the Star Ledger and The Americano 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 June 21, 2021 board meeting.

It having been moved and duly seconded, the trustees voted unanimously to approve the addition of new member, Ann Borowiec.

Mr. Bambrick-Santoyo presented the State of North Star, which is the annual review of North Star’s test data, summary progress against its past year’s strategic goals, and identification of the upcoming year’s priorities. Mr. Bambrick-Santoyo shared data on student wellness, college enrollment, new partnerships in service of scholars, and the welcoming back of existing staff/students as well as the welcoming of new staff and students. A video was also presented highlighting Mr. Bambrick-Santoyo’s work in Uruguay and interview on Subrayado.

Mrs. Messer 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 7:09 pm.

Mrs. Messer shared updates regarding growth and expansion, regarding securing an amendment for additional seats.

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 7:40 pm.

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

Mrs. Messer then presented the following Administrative items to the Board for approval:

- Board approval of HIB Self-Assessment Approval
- Resolution to Approve Final Annual Report
- Resolution to Approve Final SPED/ODP Contracts

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

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

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

- Resolution to Approve Appointing M&T Bank
- Resolution to approve FY21 Salaries (ESSA, IDEA, ESSER, SWCA)
- Resolution to approve to Initial FY22 Salaries for Federal Grants (ESSA, IDEA, ESSER, CARES, CSP)
- Resolution to Approve Transfers of Funds
- ESSER Update

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING will be held on Monday, November 29th at 6:00 PM, THE NORTH STAR HOME OFFICE CONFERENCE HALL (18 Washington Place).