

Board Meeting Minutes

Organization: Pride Academy Charter School Board Meeting
President: Mr. Mitchell
Time: 6:04 pm
Place: Virtual Platform
Date: June 2, 2021
Minute Taker: Mrs. Jodi Wilson
Board Members Present: Mr. Mitchell, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Spence,

Others Present: Dr. Jones, Mrs. Thomas, Ms. Dumenigo
Absent: Mr. Moore, Dr. Morgan-Black

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, August 25, 2021 @ 6PM

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm and Roll Call was taken.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Tabled

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PUBLICATIONS: published on school website: www.prideacs.org and school electronic sign

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR THE BOARD MEETING:

Motion to approve: Mrs. Spence

Seconded: Mrs. Taylor

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Mrs. Taylor – in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To approve the agenda for the June 2, 2021, Board Meeting- Attachment 1

Resolution to approve the minutes for March 24, 2021:

Tabled for next meeting so that members could review.

Introduction of Dr. Jones- Mr. Mitchell

***We welcome Dr. Jones to the Board and are excited to have her as part of the Pride Family and Community.**

RESOLUTIONS

F1: Resolution to Hire Dr. Charlene Jones as School Business Administrator/Board Secretary effective June 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022

Motion to approve: Mrs. Spence

Seconded: Mrs. Taylor

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Mrs. Taylor – in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To approve the Board Secretary Report for June 2021- Attachment 1

F2: Resolution to Appoint Charlene Jones as Purchasing Agent

WHEREAS, PRIDE Academy Charter School, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary possesses a Qualified Purchasing Agent (QPA) certificate;

WHEREAS, the State Treasurer, in consultation with the Governor and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:34-7, and N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3 (b), has increased the bid threshold amount for school districts with a Qualified Purchasing Agent, from \$40,000 to \$44,000, effective July 1, 2020;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the (Name of Board of Education), pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3 (a) and N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.4, establishes and sets the bid threshold amount of \$44,000 for the Board of Education, and further authorizes Charlene Jones, the Qualified Purchasing Agent, to award contracts, in full accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3 (a), for those purchases that do not exceed in the aggregate of the newly established bid threshold amount.

Motion to approve: Mrs. Spence

Seconded: Mrs. Taylor

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Mrs. Taylor – in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To appoint Charlene Jones as Purchasing Agent- Attachment 2

F3: Resolution to Appoint Charlene Jones as Signer and Authorized user of All PRIDE bank accounts - depositories and disbursement banking including Fulton Bank of New Jersey.

Motion to approve: Mrs. Spence

Seconded: Mrs. Taylor

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Mrs. Taylor – in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To appoint Charlene Jones as Signer and Authorized user of all Pride Bank accounts - depositories and disbursement banking including Fulton Bank of New Jersey -Attachment 3

F4. Resolution to appoint Charlene Jones as Signer and Authorized user of all Shining Schools bank accounts- depositories and disbursement banking including Fulton Bank of New Jersey- Attachment 4

Motion to approve: Mrs. Spence

Seconded: Mrs. Taylor

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Mrs. Taylor – in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To appoint Charlene Jones as Signer and Authorized user of all Shining Schools bank accounts- depositories and disbursement banking including Fulton Bank of New Jersey- Attachment 4

Principal Report:

→ Mrs. Thomas acknowledged and expressed gratitude for Mr. Ray's work. We wish him the best on his retirement and future.

→ Mrs. Thomas also thanked Dr. Jones for all of her work and diving right into the SBA role, especially as we were working on the ESSA grant. We are excited for all that she will bring to our community and how her work will support our growth.

→ We are working hard to provide a safe, fun and honorable ceremony for our graduates. There will be 3 separate graduation ceremonies, one per night. Scholars will be allowed to decorate the caps and each ceremony will be able to recognize many more scholars. The ceremony will be held in the Great Room.

→ Kings and Crowns Mixer, formerly the Social will be held outdoors, and everyone will be able to attend. It is important for the scholars to be together and spend time together. We will have a DJ, dancefloor and it will be a casual affair.

→ **Summer Program Update:** Summer Program will be held from July 6-23, 2021. Scholars will have 2 in person days and 2 virtual days. Incoming 5th graders will be divided into 3 groups and attend in person (1 group per week).
→ In person is going well. We were able to enter Phase 1 and Phase 2.
→ Looking ahead to Spirit week- will be conducted virtually through lessons and community wide events

R1. Approve and accept the submission of 2021-2022 NJSIG Safety Grant- Attachment R1

Motion to approve: Mrs. Spence

Seconded: Mrs. Taylor

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Mrs. Taylor – in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To approve and accept the submission of 2021-2022 NJSIG Safety Grant- Attachment R1

R2. Approve the hiring Joseline Godos in the position of English Language Arts Teacher for the 2021-2022 school year- Attachment R2

Motion to approve: Mrs. Spence

Seconded: Mrs. Taylor

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Mrs. Taylor – in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To approve the hiring Joseline Godos in the position of English Language Arts Teacher for the 2021-2022 school year- Attachment R2

R3. Approve the hiring of Dennis Wilson in the position of Math Teacher for the 2021-2022 school year- Attachment R3

Motion to approve: Mrs. Spence

Seconded: Mrs. Taylor

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Mrs. Taylor – in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To approve the hiring of Dennis Wilson in the position of Math Teacher for the 2021-2022 school year- Attachment R3

R4. Approve the hiring of Lamont Harris in the position of Director of Technology for the 2021-2022 school year- Attachment R4

Motion to approve: Mrs. Spence

Seconded: Mrs. Taylor

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Mrs. Taylor – in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To approve the hiring of Lamont Harris in the position of Director of Technology for the 2021-2022 school year- Attachment R4

R5. Approve the salary schedule for the 2021-2022 school year- Attachment R5

Motion to approve: Mrs. Spence

Seconded: Mrs. Taylor

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Mrs. Taylor – in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To approve the salary schedule for the 2021-2022 school year- Attachment R5

R6. Approve the payment of returning stipends and year-end bonus payments for the 2021-2022 school year- Attachment R6

Motion to approve: Mrs. Spence

Seconded: Mrs. Taylor

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Mrs. Taylor – in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To approve the payment of returning stipends and year-end bonus payments for the 2021-2022 school year- Attachment R6

R7. Approve and accept the submission of 2021-2022 NJSIG Safety Grant- Attachment R7

Motion to approve: Mrs. Spence

Seconded: Mrs. Taylor

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Mrs. Taylor – in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To approve and accept the submission of 2021-2022 NJSIG Safety Grant- Attachment R7

R8. Approve and authorize the hiring of Meshinsky & Associates LLC to prepare tax returns for Shining Schools- Attachment R8

Motion to approve: Mrs. Spence

Seconded: Mrs. Taylor

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Mrs. Taylor – in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To approve and authorize the hiring of Meshinsky & Associates LLC to prepare tax returns for Shining Schools- Attachment R8

R9. Approve and authorize the hiring of Meshinsky & Associates LLC for financial services for PACS- Attachment R9

Motion to approve: Mrs. Spence

Seconded: Mrs. Taylor

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Mrs. Taylor – in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To approve and authorize the hiring of Meshinsky & Associates LLC for financial services for PACS- Attachment R9

R10. Approve and authorize the hiring of Meshinsky & Associates LLC to conduct the audit for the 2021-2022 school year- Attachment R10

Motion to approve: Mrs. Spence

Seconded: Mrs. Taylor

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Mrs. Taylor – in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To approve and authorize the hiring of Meshinsky & Associates LLC to conduct the audit for the 2021-2022 school year- Attachment R10

R11. Approve and accept the renewal of Property, Liability and workers comp coverage for 2021-2022 school year policies through Gallagher Insurance and Risk Management Services - Attachment R11

Motion to approve: Mrs. Spence

Seconded: Mrs. Taylor

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Mrs. Taylor – in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To approve and accept the renewal of Property, Liability and workers comp coverage for 2021-2022 school year policies through Gallagher Insurance and Risk Management Services - Attachment R11

R12. Approve and accept the submission of ESEAM grant for 2021-2022 school year- Attachment R12

Motion to approve: Mrs. Spence

Seconded: Mrs. Taylor

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Mrs. Taylor – in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To approve and accept the submission of ESEA grant for 2021-2022 school year- Attachment R12

R13. Approve and accept the submission of IDEA grant for 2021-2022 school year- Attachment R13

Motion to approve: Mrs. Spence

Seconded: Mrs. Taylor

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Mrs. Taylor – in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To approve and accept the submission of IDEA grant for 2021-2022 school year- Attachment R13

R14. Approve and accept the submission of Title I funding for 2021-2022 school year- Attachment R14

Motion to approve: Mrs. Spence

Seconded: Mrs. Taylor

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Mrs. Taylor – in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To approve and accept the submission of Title I funding for 2021-2022 school year- Attachment R14

R15. Approve and accept the submission of CRRSA grant (Esser II) - Attachment R15

Motion to approve: Mrs. Spence

Seconded: Mrs. Taylor

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Mrs. Taylor – in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To approve and accept the submission of CRRSA grant (Esser II) - Attachment R15

R16. Accept the resignation/retirements of the following, effective June 30, 2021: Gyan Ray (Effective May 31, 2021); Nadine Cauthen; Laura LoBello; Claudio Guaman; Madhu Chhanda Ray; Sue Becker- Attachment R16

Motion to approve: Mrs. Spence

Seconded: Mrs. Taylor

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Mrs. Taylor – in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To accept the resignation/retirements of the following, effective June 30, 2021: Gyan Ray (Effective May 31, 2021); Nadine Cauthen; Laura LoBello; Claudio Guaman; Madhu Chhanda Ray; Sue Becker- Attachment R16

NEW BUSINESS:

→ Honoring Mr. Ray's work (Mrs. Thomas shared that we will be presenting plaques to Mr. Ray, Mrs. Ray, and Ms. Becker)

OLD BUSINESS:

→ NONE

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

→ NONE

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15pm

Motion to approve: Mrs. Spence

Seconded: Mrs. Taylor

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Mrs. Taylor – in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Motion Carried

Motion Carried: Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm