

## **Board Meeting Minutes**

**Organization:** Pride Academy Charter School Board Meeting  
**President:** Mr. Mitchell  
**Time:** 6:08pm  
**Place:** Due to COVID-19 state-mandated quarantine guidelines, the meeting was a Zoom video conference call.  
**Date:** June 28, 2021  
**Minutes Recorded by:** Ms. Dumenigo  
**Board Members Present:** Mr. Mitchell, Dr. Morgan-Black, Mrs. Taylor,  
**Others Present:** Dr. Jones, Mrs. Thomas, Ms. Dumenigo  
**Absent:** Mrs. Bagce, Mrs. Spence, Mr. Moore

### **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:**

***Next Board Meeting: To be announced.***

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 10:09 am and Roll Call was taken.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Tabled

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF PUBLICATIONS:** Tabled

### **RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR THE BOARD MEETING:**

**Motion to approve:** Mrs. Taylor

**Seconded:** Dr. Morgan-Black

#### **Vote:**

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Dr. Morgan-Black – in favor

Mrs. Taylor - in favor

**Motion Carried**

**BOARD VOTED:** To approve the agenda for the June 28, 2021 Board Meeting.

### **RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES**

- The minutes of the May board meeting and June 2 Emergency Board meeting minutes will be tabled till the next meeting.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

*> Prior to presenting the resolutions, Dr. Jones did share that the schools finances are in good standing and shared that she would be able to give a more thorough report of the schools finances when the books are closed at the end of the fiscal year on June 30th. **The Board Secretary certifies there is no over expenditure of funds.***

### **F1: Resolution to Accept Payroll Expense for the current month(s) as follows:**

**May 14, 2021 - \$140,655.49**

**May 28, 2021 - \$140,681.52**

**June 15, 2021 - \$140,967.53**

**June 24, 2021 - \$140,818.17**

**Motion to approve: Mrs. Taylor**

**Seconded: Dr. Morgan-Black**

#### **Vote:**

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Dr. Morgan-Black – in favor

Mrs. Taylor - in favor

**Motion Carried**

**BOARD VOTED: To accept Payroll Expense for the current month(s) as presented.**

### **F2: Resolution to Accept the Bills List for the current month(s) for May and June, 2021 - Attachment F2**

**Motion to approve: Mrs. Taylor**

**Seconded: Dr. Morgan-Black**

#### **Vote:**

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Dr. Morgan-Black – in favor

Mrs. Taylor - in favor

**Motion Carried**

**BOARD VOTED: To accept the Bills List for the months of May and June 2021**

### **F3. Resolution to approve the FICA Reimbursement Report for June 2021**

**Motion to approve: Mrs. Taylor**

**Seconded: Dr. Morgan-Black**

#### **Vote:**

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Dr. Morgan-Black – in favor

Mrs. Taylor - in favor

**Motion Carried**

**BOARD VOTED: To approve the FICA Reimbursement Report for June 2021.**

**F4: Resolution to approve the participation in the Essex County-wide advertisement for School Lunch pricing program**

**Motion to approve: Mrs. Taylor**

**Seconded: Dr. Morgan-Black**

**Vote:**

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Dr. Morgan-Black – in favor

Mrs. Taylor - in favor

**Motion Carried**

**BOARD VOTED: To approve the participation in the Essex County-wide advertisement for School Lunch pricing program**

**F5: Resolution to authorize the renewal contract of Karson Food Services for providing vending meals service for 2021-2022 and Summer 2021 as per the contracted pricing Breakfast \$1.34 and Lunch \$2.54 - Attachment F5**

**Motion to approve: Mrs. Taylor**

**Seconded: Dr. Morgan-Black**

**Vote:**

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Dr. Morgan-Black – in favor

Mrs. Taylor - in favor

**Motion Carried**

**BOARD VOTED: To authorize the renewal contract of Karson Food Services for providing vending meals service for 2021-2022 and Summer 2021 as per the contracted pricing Breakfast \$1.34 and Lunch \$2.54**

**F6: Resolution to approve and accept the submission of ESEA grant for the 2021-2022 school year for the following allocations below - Attachment F6**

**Title I: \$149,547**

**Title IIA: \$15,740**

**Title IV: \$11,655**

**Motion to approve: Mrs. Taylor**

**Seconded: Dr. Morgan-Black**

**Vote:**

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Dr. Morgan-Black – in favor

Mrs. Taylor - in favor

**Motion Carried**

**BOARD VOTED: to approve and accept the submission of ESEA grant for the 2021-2022 school year for the following allocations below**

**F7: Resolution to approve and accept the submission of IDEA grant for 2021-2022 school year in the amount of \$76,498 - Attachment F7**

**Motion to approve: Mrs. Taylor**

**Seconded: Dr. Morgan-Black**

**Vote:**

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Dr. Morgan-Black – in favor

Mrs. Taylor - in favor

**Motion Carried**

**BOARD VOTED: To approve and accept the submission of IDEA grant for 2021-2022 school year in the amount of \$76,498**

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:** Tabled to our next meeting

**R1. Accept the hiring of Taylor Gary as Teaching Assistant for the 2021-2022 school year. Attachment R1 (June resumes)**

**Motion to approve: Mrs. Taylor**

**Seconded: Dr. Morgan-Black**

**Vote:**

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Dr. Morgan-Black – in favor

Mrs. Taylor - in favor

**Motion Carried**

**BOARD VOTED: To approve and accept the hiring of Taylor Gary as Teaching Assistant for the 2021-2022 school year**

**R2. Accept the hiring of Amanda Quinn as ELA Teacher for the 2021-2022 school year**

**Motion to approve: Mrs. Taylor**

**Seconded: Dr. Morgan-Black**

**Vote:**

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Dr. Morgan-Black – in favor

Mrs. Taylor - in favor

**Motion Carried**

**BOARD VOTED: To approve and accept hiring of Amanda Quinn as ELA Teacher for the 2021-2022 school year**

**R3. Accept the following resignations as of June 30, 2021: (a) Kingsley Okoronkwo, (b) Nadine Cauthen and c) Lora LoBello - Attachment R3(a)(b)(c)**

**Motion to approve: Mrs. Taylor**

**Seconded: Dr. Morgan-Black**

**Vote:**

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Dr. Morgan-Black – in favor

Mrs. Taylor - in favor

**Motion Carried**

**BOARD VOTED: To accept the following resignations as of June 30, 2021 for Kingsley Okoronkwo, Nadine Cauthen and Lora LoBello**

**R4. Approve a resolution naming Mrs. Fiona Thomas as the Lead Person of the Pride Academy Charter School for the 2021-2022 school year.**

*> This resolution was tabled to a later date after Mrs. Thomas' evaluation is finalized.*

**R5. Approve the Stronge Teacher and Leader Evaluation System 2021-2022 school year**

**Motion to approve: Mrs. Taylor**

**Seconded: Dr. Morgan-Black**

**Vote:**

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Dr. Morgan-Black – in favor

Mrs. Taylor - in favor

**Motion Carried**

**BOARD VOTED: To approve the Stronge Teacher and Leader Evaluation System 2021-2022 school year**

**R6. Approve and authorize the submission of Annual School Plan**

**Motion to approve: Mrs. Taylor**

**Seconded: Dr. Morgan-Black**

**Vote:**

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Dr. Morgan-Black – in favor

Mrs. Taylor - in favor

**Motion Carried**

**BOARD VOTED: To approve and authorize the submission of Annual School Plan**

**R7. Approve and accept the submission of the Annual Report for 2020-2021**

**Motion to approve: Mrs. Taylor**

**Seconded: Dr. Morgan-Black**

**Vote:**

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Dr. Morgan-Black – in favor

Mrs. Taylor - in favor

**Motion Carried**

**BOARD VOTED: To approve and accept the submission of the Annual Report for 2020-2021**

**R8. Approve and accept the Transportation Procedures for the students in Foster Care**

**Motion to approve: Mrs. Taylor**

**Seconded: Dr. Morgan-Black**

**Vote:**

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Dr. Morgan-Black – in favor

Mrs. Taylor - in favor

**Motion Carried**

**BOARD VOTED: To approve accept the Transportation Procedures for the students in Foster Care**

**R9. Approve the Board Resolution Naming the Affirmative Action Officer, Section 504 Officer and the Title IX Coordinator (Affirmative Action Officer is Ms. Robin Brower; Title IX Coordinator is Ms. Robin Brower; Section 504 Officer is Mrs. Colleen Marash for 2021-2022 school year**

**Motion to approve: Mrs. Taylor**

**Seconded: Dr. Morgan-Black**

**Vote:**

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Dr. Morgan-Black – in favor

Mrs. Taylor - in favor

**Motion Carried**

**BOARD VOTED: To approve the naming of Affirmative Action Officer as Ms. Robin Brower; Title IX Coordinator as Ms. Robin Brower; Section 504 Officer as Mrs. Colleen Marash for 2021-2022 school year**

**R10. Approve the submission of the Plan for the “*Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services*” to the NJDOE and post on the school website - Attachment R10**

**Motion to approve: Mrs. Taylor**

**Seconded: Dr. Morgan-Black**

**Vote:**

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Dr. Morgan-Black – in favor

Mrs. Taylor - in favor

**Motion Carried**

**BOARD VOTED: To approve the submission of the Plan for the “*Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services*” to the NJDOE and post on the school website**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

☐ Ms. Dumenigo shared that the Shining Schools Board would like to host a wine-tasting zoom event as a fundraiser for Pride Academy. In order to address any reservations about an event related to the consumption of alcohol being connected to the school, Dr. Jones has agreed to find out if the Department of Education has any restrictions or guidance on the matter. Once the board has that information, they will revisit the proposal from Shining Schools, Inc and make a determination.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

☐ NONE

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

☐ NONE

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:26am**

**Motion to approve: Mrs. Taylor**

**Seconded: Dr. Morgan-Black**

**Vote:**

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Dr. Morgan-Black – in favor

Mrs. Taylor - in favor

**Motion Carried**

**Motion Carried: Meeting was adjourned at 10:26 am**