

Board Meeting Minutes

Organization: Pride Academy Charter School Board Meeting
President: Mr. Mitchell
Time: 7:15pm
Place: Virtual Platform
Date: June 29, 2022
Minute Taker: Mrs. Wilson
Board Members Present: Mr. Mitchell, Ms. A. Taylor, Mrs. Spence, Mr. Moore

Others Present: Dr. Jones, Mrs. Thomas, Ms. Dumenigo

Absent: Mrs. Deidre Taylor

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 at 6pm

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:15pm and Roll Call was taken.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PUBLICATIONS: Newark NJ Star Ledger and NJ.com, and www.prideacs.org

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR THE BOARD MEETING:

Motion to approve: Mrs. Spence

Seconded: Mr. Moore

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Mr. Moore- in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To approve the agenda for June 29, 2022- Board Meeting- Attachment 1

Resolution to approve the minutes for May 25, 2022- Attachment 2

Tabled for next meeting

Financial Committee Report by Business Administrator:

RESOLUTIONS

FI. Resolution to Accept Payroll Expense for the current month(s) May 2022, June 2022 - Attachment F1

→ Dr. Jones reviewed the monthly expenditures and payroll

Motion to approve: Mrs. Spence

Seconded: Mr. Moore

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Mr. Moore- in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Ms. Taylor- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To approve the Payroll Expense for the current month(s) May 2022, June 2022 - Attachment F1

F2. Resolution to Accept the Bills List for the current months(s) May 24, 2022 - June 28, 2022 - Attachment F2

Includes standard monthly bills- rent, electric, health insurance, copy machine, copy supplies, pest control, maintenance costs, and payroll

Motion to approve: Mrs. Spence

Seconded: Mr. Moore

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Mr. Moore- in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Ms. Taylor- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To accept the Bills List for the current months(s) May 24, 2022 - June 28, 2022 - Attachment F2

F3. Resolution to Accept the FICA Reimbursement Report through June 30, 2022 - Attachment F3

Motion to approve: Mrs. Spence

Seconded: Mr. Moore

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Mr. Moore- in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Ms. Taylor- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To approve F3. Resolution to Accept the FICA Reimbursement Report through June 30, 2022 - Attachment F3

F4. Board Secretary's Certification - Attachment F4

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 (c)3, I certify that as of May 31, 2022, that no major budgetary line-item account expenditure exceeds the amount appropriated by the district Board of Education and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations, for the remainder of the fiscal year.

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June 29, 2022

Motion to approve: Mrs. Spence

Seconded: Mr. Moore

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Mr. Moore- in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Ms. Taylor- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To accept the Board Secretary's Report – Attachment F4

F5. Resolution to Approve Treasurer of School Moneys Report(s) in accordance with 18A:17-36 and 18A:17-9 -Attachment F5

→ Dr. Jones reviewed the balances as outlined in the reports

Motion to approve: Mrs. Spence

Seconded: Mr. Moore

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Mr. Moore- in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Ms. Taylor- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To Approve Treasurer of School Moneys Report(s) in accordance with 18A:17-36 and 18A:17-9 to Current – Attachments F5

F6. Resolution to Approve the remaining drawdowns of Special Revenue Funds for 2021-2022 totaling \$327,771, for IDEA, ESEA, and ESSER II grant expenditures as follows: - Attachment F6

- IDEA-B- \$47,141
- ARP IDEA-B - \$17,160

- ESEA- Title IA- \$84,393, Title IIA - \$15,740, Title IVA - \$11,655
- ESSER II - \$114,682, Mental Health Subgrant - \$37,000

Motion to approve: Mrs. Spence

Seconded: Mr. Moore

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Mr. Moore- in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Ms. Taylor- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To Approve the remaining drawdowns of Special Revenue Funds for 2021-2022 totaling \$327,771, for IDEA, ESEA, and ESSER II grant expenditures as follows: - Attachment F6

F7. Approve the payment of returning stipends and year-end bonus payments for the 2021-2022 school year, in the amount of \$124,225.43. -Attachment F7

Motion to approve: Mrs. Spence

Seconded: Mr. Moore

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Mr. Moore- in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Ms. Taylor- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To approve the payment of returning stipends and year-end bonus payments for the 2021-2022 school year, in the amount of \$124,225.43. -Attachment F7

F8. Resolution to Accept the 60-day notice from Karson Foods and Approve to BID/RFP for School Breakfast/Lunch services for the 2022-2023 school year- Attachment F8

Motion to approve: Mrs. Spence

Seconded: Mr. Moore

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Mr. Moore- in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Ms. Taylor- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: Approve the 60-day notice from Karson Foods and Approve to BID/RFP for School Breakfast/Lunch services for the 2022-2023 school year- Attachment F8

F9. Resolution to Approve [budgeted] change in rent expenditure, \$33,000, effective July 1, 2022, to the Friends of Pride Academy Charter School, Inc. as per Resolution VII of the June 16, 2022 Friends of Pride Academy Charter School, Inc. Board meeting.

Motion to approve: Mrs. Spence

Seconded: Mr. Moore

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Mr. Moore- in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Ms. Taylor- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: Approve [budgeted] change in rent expenditure, \$33,000, effective July 1, 2022, to the Friends of Pride Academy Charter School, Inc. as per Resolution VII of the June 16, 2022 Friends of Pride Academy Charter School, Inc. Board meeting.

F10. Resolution to Accept the Transportation Procedures for Displaced Students (Foster Care)-Attachment F10

Motion to approve: Mrs. Spence

Seconded: Mr. Moore

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Mr. Moore- in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Ms. Taylor- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To accept the Transportation Procedures for Displaced Students (Foster Care)-Attachment F10

F11. Resolution to Accept the Preschool and Charter Security Grant award of \$20,000 as approved on June 2, 2022, by the NJDOE for anticipated expenditures related to the installation of increased school security protocols - Attachment F11

Motion to approve: Mrs. Spence

Seconded: Mr. Moore

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Mr. Moore- in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Ms. Taylor- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To Accept the Preschool and Charter Security Grant award of \$20,000 as approved on June 2, 2022, by the NJDOE for anticipated expenditures related to the installation of increased school security protocols - Attachment F11

F12. Resolution to Approve summer pay for 10-month employees for professional development and training for the 2022-23 school year as per the approved budget.

Motion to approve: Mrs. Spence

Seconded: Mr. Moore

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Mr. Moore- in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Ms. Taylor- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To Approve summer pay for 10-month employees for professional development and training for the 2022-23 school year as per the approved budget.

F13. Resolution to Approve continuing Nurse consulting services of Ms. Genevieve Yhap-Zebro, not to exceed, \$2,000, for the 2022-23 school year

Motion to approve: Mrs. Spence

Seconded: Mr. Moore

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Mr. Moore- in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Ms. Taylor- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To Approve continuing Nurse consulting services of Ms. Genevieve Yhap-Zebro, not to exceed, \$2,000, for the 2022-23 school year.

F14. To Approve the use of Delta-T Services for Substitute/Replacement Teachers, according to the current rate sheet, for the 2022-23 school year.

Motion to approve: Mrs. Spence

Seconded: Mr. Moore

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Mr. Moore- in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Ms. Taylor- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To Approve the use of Delta-T Services for Substitute/Replacement Teachers, according to the current rate sheet, for the 2022-23 school year.

F15. To Approve Engagement of Auditing Services for the FY22 school year from Meshinsky & Associates, LLC and submission of Year-end Auditor Information to the NJDOE-Attachment F15

Motion to approve: Mrs. Spence

Seconded: Mr. Moore

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Mr. Moore- in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Ms. Taylor- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To Approve Engagement of Auditing Services for the FY22 school year from Meshinsky & Associates, LLC and submission of Year-end Auditor Information to the NJDOE-Attachment F15

F16. Motion to Approve the Agreement for Legal Services of Joseph M. Wenzel, Esq. for the FY23 school year at a rate of \$150.00/hour - Attachment F16

Motion to approve: Mrs. Spence

Seconded: Mr. Moore

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Mr. Moore- in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Ms. Taylor- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To Approve the Agreement for Legal Services of Joseph M. Wenzel, Esq. for the FY23 school year at a rate of \$150.00/hour - Attachment F16

Facilities Report by Dr. Jones:

- Dr. Jones reviewed the monthly report

-Have been ordering parts for the camera system- there are 32 cameras.

Ms Brower and IT Tech, Dean will work on those

-assessment of roof is underway

-ESSA III was approved and funds were received

-we will be receiving a new phone system

-Facilities Meeting on 6/30/2022 to discuss all the repairs and jobs that need to be taken care of this summer

FI7. Resolution to Approve the submission of the Statement of Assurance that water testing for lead was completed in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:26-12.4, with required public notifications are provided on the school website by June 30, 2022, deadline - Attachment FI7

Motion to approve: Mrs. Spence

Seconded: Mr. Moore

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Mr. Moore- in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Ms. Taylor- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To Approve the submission of the Statement of Assurance that water testing for lead was completed in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:26-12.4, with required public notifications are provided on the school website by June 30, 2022, deadline - Attachment FI7

Principal's Report:

-we completed a month or more of State testing and moved into the end of the trimester and into Pride Spirit Games

-8th grade scholars attended the Dorney Park Class Trip

-8th Grade Social was a success

-Hosted a whole class graduation at Imani Baptist Church; our keynote speaker was Debbie-Ann Spence, and Alumni, who delivered a remarkable speech

Summer Academy:

- July 5-21, 2022

-Incoming 5th graders

-Rising 6th, 7th and 8th graders, Algebra I program

Summer Orientation Planning is underway for staff orientation

-still awaiting guidance for school re-opening in the upcoming year

Hiring

-currently interviewing candidates and hoping to fill open positions soon

Ms. Dumenigo- Vice Principal:

-HipHop Fundamentals presentation

-Field Day

-Pride Spirit Games (ex. Minute to Win It activities)

-7 Principles: taught West African culture, music and dance

-Presented lessons on Juneteenth and made decorations for our Juneteenth Celebration

-Project Pride proposals (each grade level assigned a topic: Health, Poverty, Violence and Education)

RI. Resolution to Approve new employee contracts for the 2022-2023 school year, Raul Castillo, Kimberly Colon, Teacher Assistants - Attachment RI

Motion to approve: Mrs. Spence

Seconded: Mr. Moore

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Mr. Moore- in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Ms. Taylor- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To Approve new employee contracts for the 2022-2023 school year, Raul Castillo, Kimberly Colon, Teacher Assistants - Attachment RI

R2. Resolution to Accept, with regret, the retirement of Mrs. Mary Evans, School Nurse, ending June 30, 2022

Motion to approve: Mrs. Spence

Seconded: Mr. Moore

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Mr. Moore- in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Ms. Taylor- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To Accept, with regret, the retirement of Mrs. Mary Evans, School Nurse, ending June 30, 2022

R3. Resolution to Approve the 2022-2023 pricing agreement with Essex Regional Educational Services Commission (ERESC) for child study team services at the rates outlined in the 2022-2023 fee schedule. - Attachment R3

Motion to approve: Mrs. Spence

Seconded: Mr. Moore

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Mr. Moore- in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Ms. Taylor- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To Approve the 2022-2023 pricing agreement with Essex Regional Educational Services Commission (ERESC) for child study team services at the rates outlined in the 2022-2023 fee schedule. - Attachment R3

R4. Resolution to Approve the 2022-2023 agreement with the Public Consulting Group LLC for special education support utilizing EasyIEP module management system effective July 1, 2022. - Attachment R4

Motion to approve: Mrs. Spence

Seconded: Mr. Moore

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Mr. Moore- in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Ms. Taylor- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To Approve the 2022-2023 agreement with the Public Consulting Group LLC for special education support utilizing EasyIEP module management system effective July 1, 2022. - Attachment R4

R5. Resolution to Approve a resolution naming Mrs. Fiona Thomas as the Lead Person of the Pride Academy Charter School for 2022-2023 school year

-Tabled for next meeting

R6. Resolution to Approve the Annual report submission to the NJ Department of Education

Motion to approve: Mrs. Spence

Seconded: Mr. Moore

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Mr. Moore- in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Ms. Taylor- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To Approve the Annual report submission to the NJ Department of Education

R7. Resolution to Approve Curriculum and textbooks for the 2022-2023 school year

Motion to approve: Mrs. Spence

Seconded: Mr. Moore

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Mr. Moore- in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Ms. Taylor- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To Approve Curriculum and textbooks for the 2022-2023 school year

R8. Resolution to Approve Instructional and Assessment Systems and resources as follows for the 2022-2023 school year

Frontline PowerSchool Schoology DBQ Online Moby Max

I-Ready Linkit

Actively Learn Rocketlit NWEA

EDplan Goalbook Peardeck

R9. Resolution to Approve the Stronge Teacher and Leader Evaluation System 2022- 2023 school year

Motion to approve: Mrs. Spence

Seconded: Mr. Moore

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Mr. Moore- in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Ms. Taylor- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To Approve Instructional and Assessment Systems and resources as follows for the 2022-2023 school year

NEW BUSINESS:

-Self- evaluation

- Board Retreat needs to be scheduled- may be virtual (3rd week of August possibility)

OLD BUSINESS:

→ Annual disclosure form due

→ Board trainings: Ms. A. Taylor and Mr. Moore both need to complete governance training

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

→ NONE

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:04PM

Motion to approve: Mrs. Spence

Seconded: Mr. Moore

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Mr. Moore- in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Ms. A. Taylor- in favor

Motion Carried

Motion Carried: Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM

Next Board meeting on August 10, 2022