

Board Meeting Minutes

Organization: Pride Academy Charter School Board Meeting
President: Mr. Mitchell
Time: 6:06pm
Place: Virtual Platform
Date: August 10, 2022
Minute Taker: Mrs. Wilson
Board Members Present: Mr. Mitchell, Ms. A. Taylor, Mrs. Spence, Mrs. D. Taylor

Others Present: Dr. Jones, Mrs. Thomas

Absent: Ms. Dumenigo, Mr. Moore

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 at 6pm

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:06pm 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: Ms. A. Taylor

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Ms. A. Taylor- in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Mrs. D. Taylor- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To approve the agenda for August 10, 2022- Board Meeting- Attachment 1

Resolution to approve the minutes for May 25, 2022- Attachment 2 & Resolution to approve the minutes for June 29, 2002 Regular meeting and Reorganization meeting - Attachment 3

Motion to approve: Mrs. Spence

Seconded: Ms. A. Taylor

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Ms. A. Taylor- in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Mrs. D. Taylor- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To approve the agenda for August 10, 2022- Board Meeting- Attachment 3

Resolution to approve the Agenda for the reorganization meeting August 10, 2022- Attachment 4

Motion to approve: Mrs. Spence

Seconded: Ms. A. Taylor

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Ms. A. Taylor- in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Mrs. D. Taylor- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To approve the agenda for the August 10, 2022- Board Meeting- Attachment 4

Financial Committee Report was given by Business Administrator – Dr. Jones

RESOLUTIONS

FI. Resolution to Accept Payroll Expense for the current month of July 2022 - Attachment F1

→ Dr. Jones reviewed the monthly expenditures and payroll

Motion to approve: Mrs. Spence

Seconded: Ms. A. Taylor

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Ms. A. Taylor- in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Mrs. D. Taylor- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To Accept Payroll Expense for the current month of July 2022 - Attachment F1

F2. Resolution to Accept the Bills List for the current months(s) June 29, 2022 – July 31, 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: Ms. A. Taylor

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Ms. A. Taylor- in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Mrs. D. Taylor- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To Accept the Bills List for the current months(s) June 29, 2022 – July 31, 2022 - Attachment F2

F3. Resolution to Accept the FICA Reimbursement Report through July 31, 2022 - Attachment F3

Motion to approve: Mrs. Spence

Seconded: Ms. A. Taylor

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Ms. A. Taylor- in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

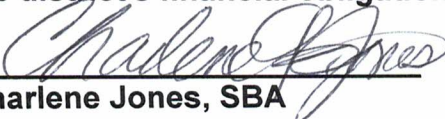
Mrs. D. Taylor- in favor

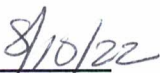
Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To Accept the FICA Reimbursement Report through July 31, 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 June 30, 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.


Charlene Jones, SBA


August 10, 2022

Motion to approve: Mrs. Spence

Seconded: Ms. A. Taylor

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Ms. A. Taylor- in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Mrs. D. Taylor- in favor

Motion Carried

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

F5. Resolution to Approve a new contract for Karson Foods in the amount of \$259,183 because of a successful RFP for School Breakfast/Lunch services for the 2022-2023 school year at the following price allocation, with option for 2-year renewal – Attachment F5

Breakfast - \$1.98

Lunch - \$3.10

Snacks - \$0.99

Motion to approve: Mrs. Spence

Seconded: Ms. A. Taylor

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Ms. A. Taylor- in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Mrs. D. Taylor- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To Approve a new contract for Karson Foods in the amount of \$259,183 because of a successful RFP for School Breakfast/Lunch services for the 2022-2023 school year at the following price allocation, with option for 2-year renewal – Attachment F5

F6. Resolution to Approve the drawdown of funds from 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 F6

Motion to approve: Mrs. Spence

Seconded: Ms. A. Taylor

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Ms. A. Taylor- in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Mrs. D. Taylor- in favor
Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To Approve the drawdown of funds from 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 F6

F7. Resolution to Approve the drawdown of funds from the ESSER III (ARP) of \$31,600 for expenditures related to the Summer Enrichment Program July, 2022 – Attachment F7

**Motion to approve: Mrs. Spence
Seconded: Ms. A. Taylor**

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell- in favor
Ms. A. Taylor- in favor
Mrs. Spence- in favor
Mrs. D. Taylor- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To Approve the drawdown of funds from the ESSER III (ARP) of \$31,600 for expenditures related to the Summer Enrichment Program July, 2022 – Attachment F7

F8. Resolution to Approve the agreement with Ashley Turner for business office support for the summer at a rate of \$20 per hour from July 25, 2022 – August 25, 2022 – Attachment F8

**Motion to approve: Mrs. Spence
Seconded: Ms. A. Taylor**

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell- in favor
Ms. A. Taylor- in favor
Mrs. Spence- in favor
Mrs. D. Taylor- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: Approve the agreement with Ashley Turner for business office support for the summer at a rate of \$20 per hour from July 25, 2022 – August 25, 2022 – Attachment F8

F9. Resolution to Approve the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part B Grant, for the 2022-2023 school year, in the amount of \$80,641.00, as submitted – Attachment F9.

Motion to approve: Mrs. Spence

Seconded: Ms. A. Taylor

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Ms. A. Taylor- in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Mrs. D. Taylor- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: Approve the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part B Grant, for the 2022-2023 school year, in the amount of \$80,641.00, as submitted – Attachment F9.

Facilities Report by Dr. Jones:

- Dr. Jones reviewed the monthly report detailing matters that were attended to such as preparing the building for the upcoming year (painting, repairs, waxing the floors, etc.), security cameras installation update, new burglar alarm system, and other building matters.

Principal's Report:

- Acknowledged the work of Dr. Jones and Mrs. Dockery all year and this summer especially this year as we transition post Covid (all the reports and grants, supply orders, organizing HR information and onboarding new staff members)
- Summer Academy Program – Report given by Mrs. Wilson, Dean of Academics
 - o Hosted from July 5-21, 2022
 - o Welcomed the incoming 5th graders
 - o Expanded the program to include the rising 6th, 7th and 8th graders, Algebra I program
 - o Opportunity to have new Algebra I teacher join and facilitate the Math class
 - o Classes offered included STEM/SEL, ELA, Math and Pride Culture class
 - o Re-introduced the Pride Scholar Chart and other routines and procedures including transitions and scholars traveling with their laptops
 - o Excellent feedback and outcomes
- Recruitment:
 - o All positions have been filled for the 2022-2023 school year

R1. Resolution to Approve new employee contracts for the 2022-2023 school year – Attachment R1

- Victoria Montgomery, Teacher Assistant
- Alexis Stallings-King, Science Teacher
- Stephon Shaw, Teacher Assistant
- Nadine Cauthen, ELA Teacher/Special Education Teacher

Motion to approve: Mrs. Spence

Seconded: Ms. A. Taylor

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Ms. A. Taylor- in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Mrs. D. Taylor- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To approve new employee contracts for the 2022-2023 school year – Attachment R1

R2. Resolution to Accept, with regret, resignation, from Mr. Bennett, Academic Support, effective immediately, letter dated 7/19/2022

Motion to approve: Mrs. Spence

Seconded: Ms. A. Taylor

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Ms. A. Taylor- in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Mrs. D. Taylor- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: to accept, with regret, resignation, from Mr. Bennett, Academic Support, effective immediately, letter dated 7/19/2022

NEW BUSINESS:

- Board Self-Evaluation feedback
- Board Retreat – September 10, 2022, 9am, via Zoom
- Policy Review Project – The first set of “Bylaws” attached for review

OLD BUSINESS:

- Board Training & Code of Ethics forms – Trustees submit their signed attestation
- Regular Board Meetings dates for 2022-2023 – all dates advertised

Wednesday, September 21, 2022 – 6:00 pm
Wednesday, October 19, 2022 – 6:00 pm
Wednesday, November 16, 2022 – 6:00 pm
Wednesday, December 21, 2022 – 6:00 pm
Wednesday, January 18, 2023 – 6:00 pm

Wednesday, February 15, 2023 – 6:00 pm
Wednesday, March 15, 2023 – 6:00 pm
Wednesday, April 19, 2023 – 6:00 pm
Wednesday, May 17, 2023 – 6:00 pm
Wednesday, June 28, 2023 – 6:00 pm

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

→ NONE

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:56PM

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell- in favor
Ms. A. Taylor- in favor
Mrs. Spence- in favor
Mrs. D. Taylor- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: Meeting adjourned at 6:57pm

Next Board meeting on September 21, 2022, 6PM