

## **Board Meeting Minutes**

**Organization:** Pride Academy Charter School Board Meeting  
**President:** Mr. Mitchell  
**Time:** 6:07pm  
**Place:** Virtual Platform  
**Date:** October 26, 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, Ms. Brower  
  
**Absent:** Mrs. D. Taylor

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

***Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, November 16, 2022 at 6pm***

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:07pm and Roll Call was taken.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF PUBLICATIONS:** The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this act, The Pride Academy Charter School Board of Trustees has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time, and place thereof posted in the Star Ledger on October 22, 2022, and on NJ.COM under Legal Notices and on New Jersey Press Association's website in perpetuity - <https://www.njpublicnotices.com>, and posted on the school website.

### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA FOR THE BOARD MEETING:**

**Motion to approve: Ms. A. Taylor**

**Seconded: Mrs. Spence**

#### **Vote:**

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Ms. A. Taylor- in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Mr. Moore- in favor

**Motion Carried**

**BOARD VOTED: To approve the agenda for October 26, 2022- Board Meeting- Attachment 1**

### **APPROVAL OF THE BOARD MINUTES:**

**Resolution to accept Minutes from the September 21, 2022, Regular meeting - Attachment 2**

**Motion to approve: Ms. A. Taylor**

**Seconded: Mrs. Spence**

**Vote:**

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

**Motion Carried**

**BOARD VOTED: To approve the Minutes from the September 21, 2022, Regular meeting - Attachment 2**

**Presentation by Ms. Brower, FY22 HIB report**

→ Ms. Brower provided an overview of the FY22 HIB Report and compared to previous years

→ Covid impact on student behavior was reviewed

→ Data was shared regarding student accountabilities, including suspensions and Justice Detentions

→ Additionally, Ms. Brower reviewed some of the circumstances that led to the the accountabilities students received

→ Ms. Brower reviewed initiatives that would be taken this year to support students and teachers. One initiative includes the R&T room (Restore and Transformation) where students will meet with the Student Success Advisor and reflect on choices made.

→ Ms. Brower and Mr. Mincey will continue to support teachers and parents, and maintain communication

→ Ms. Brower also reviewed HIB data and shared some proactive support for scholars- meeting with scholars, peace circles, meetings with Social Workers, etc.

**Financial Committee Report by Business Administrator:**

**RESOLUTIONS**

**FI. Resolution to Accept Payroll Expense for the current month(s) September 2022 - Attachment F1**

→ Dr. Jones reviewed the monthly expenditures and payroll

**Motion to approve: Ms. A. Taylor**

**Seconded: Mrs. Spence**

**Vote:**

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

**Motion Carried**

**BOARD VOTED: To Accept Payroll Expense for the current month(s) September 2022 - Attachment F1**

**F2. Resolution to Accept the Bills List for the current months(s) September 16, 2022 – October 21, 2022 - Attachment F2**

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

**Motion to approve: Ms. A. Taylor**

**Seconded: Mrs. Spence**

**Vote:**

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Ms. A. Taylor- in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Mr. Moore- in favor

**Motion Carried**

**BOARD VOTED: To Accept the Bills List for the current months(s) September 16, 2022 – October 21, 2022 - Attachment F2**

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

**Motion to approve: Ms. A. Taylor**

**Seconded: Mrs. Spence**

**Vote:**

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Ms. A. Taylor- in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Mr. Moore- in favor

**Motion Carried**

**BOARD VOTED: To Accept the FICA Reimbursement Report through September 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 September 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

10/26/22  
October 26, 2022

**Motion to approve: Ms. A. Taylor**

**Seconded: Mrs. Spence**

**Vote:**

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Ms. A. Taylor- in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Mr. Moore- in favor

**Motion Carried**

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



**F5. Resolution to Submit the ESEA Final Report for Fiscal Year 2022 on September 30, 2022 - Attachment F5**

**Motion to approve: Ms. A. Taylor**

**Seconded: Mrs. Spence**

**Vote:**

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Ms. A. Taylor- in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Mr. Moore- in favor

**Motion Carried**

**BOARD VOTED: To submit the ESEA Final Report for Fiscal Year 2022 on September 30, 2022 - Attachment F5**

**F6. Resolution to Submit the IDEA-B State Fiscal Year 2022 Final Report on October 14, 2022 - Attachment F6**

**Motion to approve: Ms. A. Taylor**

**Seconded: Mrs. Spence**

**Vote:**

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Ms. A. Taylor- in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Mr. Moore- in favor

**Motion Carried**

**BOARD VOTED: To submit the IDEA-B State Fiscal Year 2022 Final Report on October 14, 2022 - Attachment F6**

**F7. Resolution to Submit the 2021-2022 Title I, Part A Performance Report on November 18, 2022 - Attachment F7**

**Motion to approve: Ms. A. Taylor**

**Seconded: Mrs. Spence**

**Vote:**

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Ms. A. Taylor- in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Mr. Moore- in favor

**Motion Carried**

**BOARD VOTED: To submit the 2021-2022 Title I, Part A Performance Report on November 18, 2022 - Attachment F7**

**F8. Resolution to Approve Budget Transfers totaling \$20,000 to support expenditures for school insurance and tuition repayment. - Attachment F8**

**Motion to approve: Ms. A. Taylor**

**Seconded: Mrs. Spence**

**Vote:**

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Ms. A. Taylor- in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Mr. Moore- in favor

**Motion Carried**

**BOARD VOTED: To Approve Budget Transfers totaling \$20,000 to support expenditures for school insurance and tuition repayment. - Attachment F8**

**F9. Resolution to Approve Monthly Drawdown of IDEA and Title IA, of \$10,425 and \$22,387.50, respectively for the salary expenditures during the period 9/1–10/15/2022 - Attachment F9**

**Motion to approve: Ms. A. Taylor**

**Seconded: Mrs. Spence**

**Vote:**

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Ms. A. Taylor- in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Mr. Moore- in favor

**Motion Carried**

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**Facilities Report by Dr. Jones:**

- Dr. Jones reviewed the monthly report detailing matters that were attended to, as well as possible repairs that will be needed in the future

- Dr. Jones also acknowledged the work and efforts of Mrs. Dockery, as well as her continued growth in her role thus far

**Principal's Report:**

→ Mrs. Thomas reviewed the current enrollment numbers, and we are in a good place with full enrollment

→ Continued increase in school activities offered after school (Flag Football, African Dance, Dreamality, Dance Club, Breakdance Club, Cheerleading, MathCounts, etc.)

→ Ms. Dumenigo shared about the Top Gold Fundraiser and upcoming fundraisers related to Project Pride student ideas

**R1. Resolution to accept, with regret, the resignation of Academic Support Teacher, Mr. Castillo, effective October 12, 2022 – Attachment R1**

**Motion to approve: Ms. A. Taylor**

**Seconded: Mrs. Spence**

**Vote:**

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

**Motion Carried**

**BOARD VOTED: To accept, with regret, the resignation of Academic Support Teacher, Mr. Castillo, effective October 12, 2022 – Attachment R1**

**R2. Resolution to approve the HIB Self- Assessment for 2021-2022 – Attachment R2**

**Motion to approve: Ms. A. Taylor**

**Seconded: Mrs. Spence**

**Vote:**

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

**Motion Carried**

**BOARD VOTED: To approve the HIB Self- Assessment for 2021-2022 – Attachment R2**

**R3. Resolution to approve new textbook, *One Crazy Summer*, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:34-1, for all grades, as approved by the curriculum – Attachment R3**

**Motion to approve: Ms. A. Taylor**

**Seconded: Mrs. Spence**

**Vote:**

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

**Motion Carried**

**BOARD VOTED: To approve new textbook, *One Crazy Summer*, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:34-1, for all grades, as approved by the curriculum – Attachment R3**

**R4. Resolution to approve contract with William Patterson University, College of Education, Professor in Residence Program for the 2022-2023 school year, under Title IIA funding for appropriate evidence-based activities such as support systems for teachers, in-service training and the promotion of high-quality instruction and instructional leadership, effective November 2022, not to exceed \$10,000–Attachment R4**

**Motion to approve: Ms. A. Taylor**

**Seconded: Mrs. Spence**

**Vote:**

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



Mr. Moore- in favor

**Motion Carried**

**BOARD VOTED:** To approve contract with William Patterson University, College of Education, Professor in Residence Program for the 2022-2023 school year, under Title IIA funding for appropriate evidence-based activities such as support systems for teachers, in-service training and the promotion of high-quality instruction and instructional leadership, effective November 2022, not to exceed \$10,000–Attachment R4

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Upcoming Events:**

-School 15 year anniversary Gala on April 6, 2023 at Grammy Museum

- Board Retreat – date change update

- Policy Review Project – “Bylaws” attached – Policy review #1000-1600 - Attached

**OLD BUSINESS:**

-New Board Member packet (reviewed by Dr. Jones)

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

→ NONE

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:14PM**

**Motion to approve: Ms. A. Taylor**

**Seconded: Mrs. Spence**

**Vote:**

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Ms. A. Taylor- in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Mr. Moore- in favor

**Motion Carried**

**BOARD VOTED: Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm**

**Next Board meeting on November 16, 2022**