

## **Board Meeting Minutes**

**Organization:** Pride Academy Charter School Board Meeting  
**President:** Mr. Mitchell  
**Time:** 4:00pm  
**Place:** Virtual Platform  
**Date:** August 25, 2023  
**Minute Taker:** Dr. Jones  
**Board Members Present:** Mr. Mitchell, Ms. A. Taylor, Mrs. D. Taylor  
**Others Present:** Dr. Jones, Mrs. Thomas, Rosemary Dumenigo  
**Absent:** Mr. Moore, Ms. Spence

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

***Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, September 20, 2023, at 4pm***

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 4:00pm and Roll Call was taken.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. 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 and on NJ.COM under Legal Notices and posted on the school website.

#### **4. Approval of Board Agenda**

BOARD VOTED: To accept the Agenda for August 25, 2023, Emergency Meeting – Attachment 1

Motion to approve: Ms. A. Taylor

Seconded: Ms. D. Taylor

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell – in favor

Ms. A. Taylor – in favor

Mrs. D. Taylor – in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To accept the Agenda for August 25, 2023, Emergency Meeting – Attachment 1

#### **5. Acceptance of the new lease terms effective October 1, 2023, for rent increase to the Friends of Pride Academy Charter School**

BOARD VOTED: To accept the new lease terms effective October 1, 2023, for rent increase to the Friends of Pride Academy Charter School - Attachment F1

Motion to approve: Ms. A. Taylor

Seconded: Ms. D. Taylor

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell – in favor

Ms. A. Taylor – in favor

Mrs. D. Taylor – in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To accept the new lease terms effective October 1, 2023, for rent increase to the Friends of Pride Academy Charter School

6. Approval of new hire, Aaliyah Latimer, Teacher Assistant, for the 2023 – 2024 school year

BOARD VOTED: Approve new hire, Aaliyah Latimer, Teacher Assistant, for the 2023 – 2024 school year – Attachment R1

Motion to approve: Ms. A. Taylor

Seconded: Ms. D. Taylor

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell – in favor

Ms. A. Taylor – in favor

Mrs. D. Taylor – in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To Approve new hire, Aaliyah Latimer, Teacher Assistant, for the 2023 – 2024 school year

7. Approval of new hire, Benjamin Kupferman, Teacher Assistant, for the 2023 – 2024 school year

BOARD VOTED: To Approve new hire, Benjamin Kupferman, Teacher Assistant, for the 2023 – 2024 school year – Attachment R2

Motion to approve: Ms. A. Taylor

Seconded: Ms. D. Taylor

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell – in favor

Ms. A. Taylor – in favor

Mrs. D. Taylor – in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To approve new hire, Benjamin Kupferman, Teacher Assistant, for the 2023 – 2024 school year

8. Acceptance, with regret, of the resignation from Mr. Domenic DiStefano, for the 2023-2024 school year

BOARD VOTED: Resolution to Accept, with regret, resignation from Mr. Domenic DiStefano, for the 2023-2024 school year – Attachment R3

Motion to approve: Ms. A. Taylor

Seconded: Ms. D. Taylor

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell – in favor

Ms. A. Taylor – in favor

Mrs. D. Taylor – in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: Resolution to Accept, with regret, resignation from Mr. Domenic DiStefano, for the 2023-2024 school year

**9. Approval of the Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Plan for the 2023-2024 School Year**

BOARD VOTED: To Approve the Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Plan for the 2023-2024 School Year – Attachment R4

Motion to approve: Ms. A. Taylor

Seconded: Ms. D. Taylor

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell – in favor

Ms. A. Taylor – in favor

Mrs. D. Taylor – in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To Approve the Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Plan for the 2023-2024 School Year

**10. Approval of the readings and approval of Policy – Substance Abuse**

BOARD VOTED: to Approve the readings and approval of Policy – Substance Abuse – Attachment R5

Motion to approve: Ms. A. Taylor

Seconded: Ms. D. Taylor

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell – in favor

Ms. A. Taylor – in favor

Mrs. D. Taylor – in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: to Approve the readings and approval of Policy – Substance Abuse

**11. Approval of the readings and approval of Policy – Staff Response to Physical Fights**

BOARD VOTED: To Approve the readings and approval of Policy – Staff Response to Physical Fights - Attachment R6

Motion to approve: Ms. A. Taylor

Seconded: Ms. D. Taylor

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell – in favor

Ms. A. Taylor – in favor

Mrs. D. Taylor – in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To Approve the readings and approval of Policy – Staff Response to Physical Fights

**12. Approval of the readings and approval of Policy – Staff Response to Physical Fights**

BOARD VOTED: To Approve the readings and approval of Policy – Staff Response to Physical Fights - Attachment R6

Motion to approve: Ms. A. Taylor

Seconded: Ms. D. Taylor

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell – in favor

Ms. A. Taylor – in favor

Mrs. D. Taylor – in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To Approve the readings and approval of Policy – Staff Response to Physical Fights

**13. No Comments from the Public**

**14. Approval of meeting adjournment**

BOARD VOTED: To adjourn the meeting at 4:30pm

Motion to approve: Ms. A. Taylor

Seconded: Ms. D. Taylor

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell – in favor

Ms. A. Taylor – in favor

Mrs. D. Taylor – in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To adjourn the meeting at 4:30pm

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 20, 2023