



Pride Academy Charter School Board of Trustees Meeting MINUTES

Organization: Pride Academy Charter School Board Meeting
President: Mr. Mitchell
Time: 6:00pm
Place: Virtual Platform
Date: October 25, 2023
Minute Taker: Dr. Jones
Board Members Present: Mr. Mitchell, Ms. A. Taylor, Mrs. Spence, Mrs. D. Taylor, Mr. Moore, Ms. Brown
Others Present: Dr. Jones, Mrs. Thomas, Ms. Dumenigo, Mr. Rosado

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at 6pm

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm 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 and on nj.com under Legal Notices and posted on the school website.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA FOR THE BOARD MEETING:

Motion to approve: Mrs. Spence

Seconded: Ms. Brown

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell - in favor

Ms. D. Taylor - in favor

Ms. Brown – in favor

Mr. Moore – in favor

Mrs. Spence - in favor

Ms. A. Taylor - in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To approve the agenda for October 25, 2023- Board Meeting

APPROVAL OF THE BOARD MINUTES:

Resolution to approve the minutes from the October 3, 2023, Regular meeting

Motion to approve: Mrs. Spence

Seconded: Ms. Brown

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell - in favor
Ms. D. Taylor - in favor
Ms. Brown – in favor
Mr. Moore – in favor
Mrs. Spence - in favor
Ms. A. Taylor - in favor
Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To approve the minutes from the October 3, 2023, Regular meeting

Financial Committee Report by Business Administrator: Continuing FY23 audit...

RESOLUTIONS F1- F8:

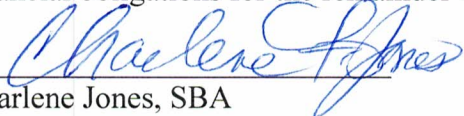
F1. Resolution to Accept the Bills List for the current month: September 16, 2023 – October 20, 2023 - Attachment F1

F2. Resolution to Accept Payroll Expense for the current payroll period ending October 15, 2023 - Attachment F2

F3. Resolution to Accept the FICA Reimbursement Report through October 15, 2023 - Attachment F3

F4. Board Secretary's Report & Certification – Attachment F4

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 (c)3, I certify that as of September 30, 2023, 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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F5. Resolution to Approve the budget transfers for the 2023-2024 school year, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.1 and N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-13.1 listed budget transfers are needed to reclass expenditures from original budget approved by the board. The amount and account information is provided in detail in the attachment. – Attachment F5

F6. Resolution to Approve Monthly Drawdown #1 for ESEA Title IA, Title IIA, and ESSER III in the amount of \$9,864, \$12,000, and \$324,544 respectively for the 2023-2024 school year – Attachment F6

F7. Resolution to Approve the Annual TPAF reimbursement to State of NJ for Pension and Social Security – Federally Funded Programs for school year 2022-2023 in the amount of \$73,962.10 as per NJSA 18A:66-90 – Attachment F7 (*emailed in session*)

F8. Resolution to Approve an annual healthcare rate increase of 18.84% for Horizon BC/BS Bronze medical plan for all employees at the current level of school subsidy effective December 1, 2023. – Attachment F8

Motion to approve Resolutions F1-F8: Mrs. Spence

Seconded: Ms. Brown

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell - in favor
Ms. D. Taylor - in favor
Ms. Brown – in favor

Mr. Moore – in favor
Mrs. Spence - in favor
Ms. A. Taylor - in favor
Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To approve the Resolutions F1-F8

Facilities Report by Dr. Jones:

- Dr. Jones reported on routine maintenance and cleaning as well as repair issues.
- A thorough fire alarm system inspection was completed, and Fire Department inspection is rescheduled
- The Roof Replacement Project is nearly complete with pending skylights delivery and installation of a ladder.
- A new WIFI service agreement for 2023-2024 with Lightpath is now in effect. The previous provider will be given a 30-day discontinue notice next month.
- The new E-bell system was installed and is operating efficiently.
- One of the PODs was picked up with the other one remaining until the end of the month while items are removed and stored elsewhere.
- The 2023 Safety Grant for \$3,000 was received from NJSIG and will be allocated to new costs for smoke detectors and facilities services costs related to upgraded safety measures.

Principal's Report:

- The Board was provided with a report update regarding the NJDOE School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act by Ms. Brower and Mrs. Thomas.
- The final score was 74 out of 78 possible points.
- A final report will be shared with the Board.
- Mrs. Thomas provided updates regarding student academic progress and upcoming activities.

RESOLUTIONS R1- R6:

R1. Resolution to Approve the contract for speech services by Vinnette Williams, at a rate of \$125.00 per hour, effective immediately for the 2023-2024 school year – Attachment R1

R2. Resolution to Approve the contract for occupational therapy services by Mary McCloud of Kaleidoscope Education Solutions, at a rate of \$96.00 per hour, effective immediately for the 2023-2024 school year – Attachment R2

R3. Resolution to Approve the contract for occupational therapy services by Giovanna Garcia of Sunbelt Staffing, at a rate of \$95.00 per hour, effective immediately for the 2023-2024 school year – Attachment R3

R4. Resolution to Accept, with regret, resignation from Ms. Brittany Douglas, effective November 30, 2023– Attachment R4

R5. Resolution to Approve the new employee contract for Ms. Jasmine Shackelford, Teacher Assistant/Academic Support, effective October 23, 2023, for the 2023-2024 school year – Attachment R5

R6. Resolution to Accept the New Jersey Department of Education School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act and presentation – Attachment R6

Motion to approve Resolutions R1-R6: Mrs. Spence

Seconded: Ms. Brown

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell - in favor

Ms. D. Taylor - in favor

Ms. Brown – in favor

Mr. Moore – in favor

Mrs. Spence - in favor

Ms. A. Taylor - in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To approve the Resolutions R1-R6

NEW BUSINESS:

- Upcoming Fundraiser from FOPACS – TopGolf on Sunday, November 12th, 12pm – 3pm
- From November 19, 2023 – December 14, 2023, Program at Imani on December 14, 2023, at 5:30pm

OLD BUSINESS:

- Reminder to complete the Code of Ethics if not submitted for Trustees only.
- Virtual Board Member Training is ongoing for new and returning board members.
- Board Strategic Planning update – Dr. Copeland was approved as the Strategic Planning consultant and the signed agreement was provided to him.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

- NONE

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45pm: Mrs. Spence

Seconded: Ms. Brown

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell - in favor

Ms. D. Taylor - in favor

Ms. Brown – in favor

Mr. Moore – in favor

Mrs. Spence - in favor

Ms. A. Taylor - in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To adjourn the meeting at 7:45pm

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