

Pride Academy Charter School - Board Meeting Minutes

Organization: Pride Academy Charter School Board Meeting
President: Mr. Mitchell
Time: 4:04pm
Place: Virtual Platform
Date: March 28, 2024
Minute Taker: Dr. Jones
Board Members Present: Mr. Mitchell, Ms. Brown, Mr. Rosado, Ms. A. Taylor, Mrs. D. Taylor (left at 5:04pm)
Board Members Absent: Mr. Moore, Mrs. Spence
Others Present: Dr. Jones, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Wilson

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- *Board Strategic Planning Retreat: April 13, 2024, 9AM*
- *Next Board Meeting: April 24, 2024 at 6PM*

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 4:04pm 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: Mr. Rosado

Seconded: Ms. Brown

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Ms. Brown – in favor

Mr. Rosado – in favor

Ms. D. Taylor- in favor

Ms. A. Taylor- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To accept agenda for March 28, 2024, Regular Meeting - Attachment 1

APPROVAL OF THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES FROM JANUARY 17, 2024 & FEBRUARY 21, 2024:

Motion to approve: Mr. Rosado

Seconded: Ms. Brown

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Ms. Brown – in favor

Mr. Rosado – in favor

Ms. D. Taylor- in favor

Ms. A. Taylor- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To Approve the Board Meeting Minutes from January 17, 2024 & February 21, 2024 – Attachment 2, Attachment 3

Financial Committee Report by Business Administrator: The FY25 budget presented by Dr. Jones showing distribution of 2024-2025 funding in summary and detail for general revenue and special revenue. Dr. Jones presented the budget narrative and cash flow requirements for state submission with a decrease in state aid from prior year with the same enrollment count.

RESOLUTIONS F1- F8:

F1. Resolution to Approve the 2024-2025 Budgets that include the 108-Line Budget Summary, Budget Narrative and Cash Flow schedule by March 31, 2024 submission to the NJDOE Office of Charter Schools – Attachment F1

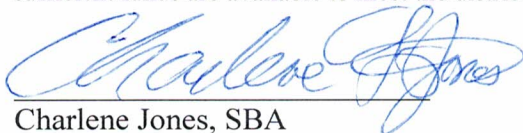
F2. Resolution to Accept the Bills List for the current period: February 21, 2024 – March 19, 2024 – Attachment F2


F3. Resolution to Accept Payroll Expense for the current payroll period(s) ending February 29, 2024 – March 31, 2024 – Attachment F3

F4. Resolution to Accept the FICA Reimbursement Report through March 31, 2024 – Attachment F4

F5. Board Secretary's Report & Certification – Attachment F5

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 I3, I certify that as of February 29, 2024, 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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F6. Resolution to Approve Budget Transfer(s) for 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.

F7. Resolution to Approve Business office support for Mandy Gomez, Asst Business Administrator during staff absence for 2023-2024 school year – Attachment F7

F8. Resolution to Approve the change/upgrade in CDK Accounting system to “CDK Anywhere” for 2023-2024 school year and renewal for 2024-2025 – Attachment F8

BOARD VOTED: To Approve Resolutions F1-F8

Facilities Report by Dr. Jones:

Dr. Jones provided an update regarding building maintenance and repairs. Review of quotes provided for HVAC conversion. The board approved to explore further and utilize the state charter association grant for facilities upgrade(s).

RESOLUTION F9: APPROVAL TO EXPLORE THE CONVERSION OF OIL TO GAS HEATING SYSTEM:

Motion to approve: Mr. Rosado

Seconded: Ms. Brown

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Ms. Brown – in favor

Mr. Rosado – in favor

Ms. D. Taylor- in favor

Ms. A. Taylor- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To Explore the conversion of oil to gas heating system. – Attachment F9

Principal’s Report:

Mrs. Thomas provided an update regarding the educational programs and upcoming events along with Mrs. Wilson, Dean of Academics.

RESOLUTIONS R1 - R5:

R1. Resolution to Approve the Charter Amendment proposal to change the current School Calendar of 188 days to 183 days – Attachment R1

R2. Resolution to Approve the Letter of Intent for admission into the DREAMS (Developing Resiliency with Engaging Approaches to Maximize Success) Project for the 2024-2025 school year. – Attachment R2

R3. Resolution to Approve the new contract for Academic Support, Mr. Jeffrey Hagan, for the 2023-2024 school year - Attachment R3

R4. Resolution to Accept, with regret, the resignation from Ms. C. High for the 2023-2024 school year.

R5. Resolution to Approve the school-wide Field Trip to The Bronx Zoo on June 5th & June 6th 2024, for all students in grades 5th - 8th.

Motion to approve: Mr. Rosado

Seconded: Ms. Brown

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Ms. Brown – in favor

Mr. Rosado – in favor

Ms. D. Taylor- in favor

Ms. A. Taylor- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To Approve Resolutions R1- R5

NEW BUSINESS:

The board reviewed Pupil Policies # 5020 – 5125

OLD BUSINESS:

- Ongoing virtual mandated training by several board members.
- The Strategic plan date is scheduled for Saturday, April 13th at 9:00am.
- Completion of the annual financial disclosures are due April 30th. Dr. Jones sent emails with access codes to all trustees and the administrative team members.

There were no Comments from the Public.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:30pm

Motion to approve: Mr. Rosado

Seconded: Ms. Brown

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Ms. Brown – in favor

Mr. Rosado – in favor

Ms. D. Taylor- in favor

Ms. A. Taylor- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: Meeting adjourned at 5:30pm

Due to a conflict on April 17, 2024, the next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 24, 2024.