

Board Meeting Minutes

Organization: Pride Academy Charter School Board Meeting
President: Mr. Mitchell
Time: 6:08pm
Place: Virtual Platform
Date: May 15, 2024
Minute Taker: Mrs. Wilson
Board Members Present: Mr. Mitchell, Ms. A. Taylor, Mrs. Spence, Mrs. D. Taylor, Ms. Brown

Others Present: Ms. Dumenigo, Dr. Jones, Mrs. Thomas, Mr. Zabor

Absent: Mr. Moore, Mr. Rosado

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

Next Board Meeting: June 19, 2024 at 6pm

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:08pm 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: Ms. A. Taylor

Seconded: Ms. D. Taylor

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Ms. D. Taylor- in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Ms. A. Taylor- in favor

Ms. Brown- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To accept agenda for May 15, 2024- Attachment 1

APPROVAL OF THE BOARD MINUTES:

Resolution to accept Minutes from the April 24, 2024, Regular Meeting - Attachment 2

Motion to approve: Ms. A. Taylor

Seconded: Ms. D. Taylor

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Ms. D. Taylor- in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Ms. A. Taylor- in favor

Ms. Brown- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To accept Minutes from the April 24, 2024, Regular Meeting - Attachment 2

- Please make corrections to the number of resolutions, from 8-9

Financial Committee Report by Business Administrator:

RESOLUTIONS F1- F10:

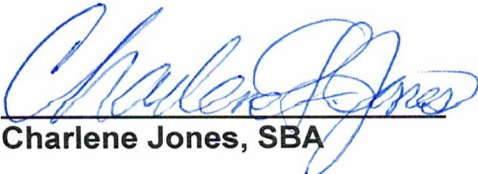
F1. Resolution to Accept the Bills List for General Funds for the current period: April 24, 2024 – May 6, 2024 - Attachment F1


F2. Resolution to Accept Payroll Expense for the current month payroll period(s) ending April 30, 2024 - Attachment F2

F3. Resolution to Accept the FICA Reimbursement Report through April 30, 2024 - 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 April 30, 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.


Charlene Jones, SBA


May 15, 2024

F5. 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. – Attachment F5

F6. Resolution to Approve the Fund 20 Grant drawdowns from IDEA (\$15,000), ESEA, Title IA (\$30,000), and ESSER III (\$70,000) for expenditures through April 30, 2024 – Attachment F6

F7. Resolution to Approve an RFP for a new Auditor for the 2024-2025 school year – Attachment F7

F8. Resolution to approve the annual Risk Management Consultant - Attachment F8

WHEREAS, the (“Educational Facility”) is seeking a proposal from the School Alliance Insurance Fund ("SAIF"); and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws of SAIF require that each educational facility designate a Risk Management Consultant to receive a proposal; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the does hereby appoint as its Risk Management Consultant in accordance with the Fund's Bylaws.

F9. Resolution Authorizing the Completion of an Application and Receipt of a Safety Grant Award of \$2,000 for fire safety signage for interior doors to support school safety – Attachment F9

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Schools Insurance Group (“NJSIG”) is a school board insurance group authorized by N.J.S.A. 18A:18B-1, et seq. to provide insurance coverage and risk management services for its members;

WHEREAS, the Pride Academy Charter School, hereinafter referred to as the “Educational Institution,” is a member of NJSIG; and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with NJSIG Policy 3710, the goal of the safety grant program is to provide members the necessary resources to complete risk reduction projects and improve the safety of the population NJSIG members serve.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

- 1)The Educational Institution applies for a safety grant through the NJSIG safety grant program for the 2024 fiscal year in the amount of \$2,000.00 for the purposes set forth in their safety grant application, which is attached hereto; and,**
- 2)The Business Administrator or their designee is hereby authorized to take all action necessary to apply for and receive a safety grant award.**

F10. Resolution to Accept waiver for reimbursement of SBA travel to NJASBO conference in June 5 – 7, 2024 – Attachment F10

Motion to approve: Ms. A. Taylor

Seconded: Ms. D. Taylor

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Ms. D. Taylor- in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor
Ms. A. Taylor- in favor
Ms. Brown- in favor

**BOARD VOTED: To approve resolutions F1-F10 - Attachment F1- F10
Facilities Report by Dr. Jones:**

Dr. Jones provided an overview of the work that is currently being done to prepare for summer building work

Principal's Report:

- Acknowledgment of Phil (Auditor's) work and gratitude for his services considering his unexpected passing
- State testing May 6-10, conducting make-ups this week, along with science testing *Positive: Small number of makeups compared to previous years
- Gratitude expressed for all the motivational and instructional efforts to prepare kids for testing (NJSLA countdown daily tasks, letters from parents, teachers, students, etc.)

Ms. Dumenigo provided an update about student activities

R1. Resolution to Accept, with regret, the resignation from Mr. Grandison effective May 15, 2024.

Motion to approve: Ms. A. Taylor

Seconded: Ms. D. Taylor

Vote:

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

BOARD VOTED: To accept the resignation from Mr. Grandison, effective May 15, 2024

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Upcoming Events – Ms. Dumenigo**
- **Policies' Review – Pupils 5000s – part 2**

OLD BUSINESS:

- **All Disclosures have been filed and approved by the SEC**
- **Board Strategic Planning Update - Goals/Actions Steps**
- **Ongoing Board Training–Governance I & IV**

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

→ NONE

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05pm

Motion to approve: Ms. A. Taylor

Seconded: Ms. D. Taylor

Vote:

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Ms. D. Taylor- in favor

Mrs. Spence- in favor

Ms. A. Taylor- in favor

Ms. Brown- in favor

BOARD VOTED: Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm

Next Board meeting on *Wednesday, June 19, 2024, at 6pm*