

Board Meeting Minutes

Organization: Pride Academy Charter School Board Meeting
President: Mr. Mitchell
Time: **INSERT TIME** pm
Place: Virtual Platform
Date: February 19, 2025
Minute Taker: Mrs. Dockery

Board Members Present: Mr. Mitchell
Ms. D. Taylor
Ms. A. Taylor
Ms. M. Brown

Others Present: **LIST NAMES OF PEOPLE PRESENT**

Absent: **LIST NAMES OF PEOPLE ABSENT**

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, March 26, 2025 at 6:30 pm.

****Please note there was a presentation from MATHCOUNTS and Mr. Gardner prior to the meeting***

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at **INSERT TIME** pm 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: Resolution to Accept Agenda for February 19, 2025, Regular Meeting - Attachment 1

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

Seconded: **Mrs. D. Taylor**

Vote:

Ms. D. Taylor- in favor

Ms. A. Taylor- in favor

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Ms. M. Brown- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To Accept Agenda for February 19, 2025, Regular Meeting - Attachment 1

Resolution to Approve the minutes from January 15, 2025, Regular Meeting – Attachment 2

Motion to approve: Ms. A. Taylor

Seconded: Mrs. D. Taylor

Vote:

Ms. D. Taylor- in favor

Ms. A. Taylor- in favor

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Ms. M. Brown- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To Approve the minutes from January 15, 2025, Regular Meeting – Attachment 2

**Financial Committee Report by School Business Administrator
(Budget 2025-2026, Food Services Bid)**

F1. Resolution to Accept the January 2025 monthly Bills List for all funds including February 15, 2025 payroll, as outlined below - Attachment F1

General Funds Fund 10/11: \$452,664.16

Special Revenue Fund 20: \$26,869.16

Food Services Fund 60: \$10,532.00

Student Activities: \$441,.34

Motion to approve: Ms. A. Taylor

Seconded: Mrs. D. Taylor

Vote:

Ms. D. Taylor- in favor

Ms. A. Taylor- in favor

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Ms. M. Brown- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: to Accept the January 2025 monthly Bills List for all funds including February 15, 2025 payroll, as outlined below - Attachment F1

F2. Resolution to Accept Payroll Expense for the current payroll period(s) ending January 31, 2025 (\$187,463.45) and February 15, 2025 (\$167,832.41) - Attachment F2

Motion to approve: Ms. A. Taylor

Seconded: Mrs. D. Taylor

Vote:

Ms. D. Taylor- in favor

Ms. A. Taylor- in favor

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Ms. M. Brown- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: to Accept Payroll Expense for the current payroll period(s) ending January 31, 2025 (\$187,463.45) and February 15, 2025 (\$167,832.41) - Attachment F2

F3. Resolution to Accept the FICA Reimbursement Report through February 15, 2025 - Attachment F3

Motion to approve: Ms. A. Taylor

Seconded: Mrs. D. Taylor

Vote:

Ms. D. Taylor- in favor

Ms. A. Taylor- in favor

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Ms. M. Brown- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: to Accept the FICA Reimbursement Report through February 15, 2025 -Attachment F3

F4. Resolution to Approve submission of the SEMI-Waiver to waive participation in the program as the student projection is 40 or fewer Medicaid-eligible special education students for the 2025-2026 school year – Attachment F4

Motion to approve: Ms. A. Taylor

Seconded: Mrs. D. Taylor

Vote:

Ms. D. Taylor- in favor

Ms. A. Taylor- in favor

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Ms. M. Brown- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: to Approve submission of the SEMI-Waiver to waive participation in the program as the student projection is 40 or fewer Medicaid-eligible special education students for the 2025-2026 school year – Attachment F4

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

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.12, I certify that as of January 31, 2025, that no major budgetary line-item account expenditure exceeds the amount appropriated by the district Board of Trustees and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Charlene Jones, SBA

February 19, 2025

F6. Resolution to Approve Budget Transfer(s) for 2024-2025 school year, Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.1 and N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-13.3 listed budget transfers are needed to reclass expenditures from original budget approved by the board. The amount and account information are provided in detail in the attachment. - Attachment F6

Motion to approve: Ms. A. Taylor

Seconded: Mrs. D. Taylor

Vote:

Ms. D. Taylor- in favor

Ms. A. Taylor- in favor

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Ms. M. Brown- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: to Approve Budget Transfer(s) for 2024-2025 school year, Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.1 and N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-13.3 listed budget transfers are needed to reclass expenditures from original budget approved by the board. The amount and account information are provided in detail in the attachment. - Attachment F6

F7. Resolution to Approve Drawdowns of Special Revenue Funds for ESEA Title IA, and IDEA-B as follows for the period ending January 31, 2025: Attachment F7

- **Drawdown #5 – Title IA - \$24,640 - Salary & Benefits Expenditures**
- **Drawdown #3 – Title IIA - \$2,744 - Operating Expenditures**
- **Drawdown #5 –IDEA-B - \$5,000 - Salary & Benefits Expenditures**

Motion to approve: Ms. A. Taylor

Seconded: Mrs. D. Taylor

Vote:

Ms. D. Taylor- in favor

Ms. A. Taylor- in favor

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Ms. M. Brown- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: to Approve Drawdowns of Special Revenue Funds for ESEA Title IA, and IDEA-B as follows for the period ending January 31, 2025: Attachment F7

Board Vote

- **Approval of Financial Resolutions (F1 through F7):**
 - The board unanimously approved financial resolutions F1 through F7.

Facilities Report

Principal report:

Academic Reports:

HIB/Student Discipline Updates:

Professional Development/Staffing Updates:

Community & School Events:

R1. Resolution to approve contract for Nicola Myrie-Cureton, new Reading Specialist effective February 3, 2025 for the 2024-2025 school year – Attachment R1

Motion to approve: Ms. A. Taylor

Seconded: Mrs. D. Taylor

Vote:

Ms. D. Taylor- in favor

Ms. A. Taylor- in favor

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Ms. M. Brown- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: to approve contract for Nicola Myrie-Cureton, new Reading Specialist effective February 3, 2025 for the 2024-2025 school year – Attachment R1

R2. Resolution to accept, with regret, resignation from Mr. Charles, Social Worker, effective March 1, 2025 – Attachment R2

Motion to approve: Ms. A. Taylor

Seconded: Mrs. D. Taylor

Vote:

Ms. D. Taylor- in favor

Ms. A. Taylor- in favor

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Ms. M. Brown- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: to accept, with regret, resignation from Mr. Charles, Social Worker, effective March 1, 2025 – Attachment R2

R3. Resolution to Approve the monthly HIB report as presented – No Attachment

Motion to approve: Ms. A. Taylor

Seconded: Mrs. D. Taylor

Vote:

Ms. D. Taylor- in favor

Ms. A. Taylor- in favor

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Ms. M. Brown- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: to Approve the monthly HIB report as presented – No Attachment

New Business

- Upcoming Events (Ms. Dumenigo)
- Annual Financial Disclosures – April 30th Deadline to Submit Disclosures (All)

9. Old Business

- Policy Update: Next Steps:
- Board Strategic Planning Update

10. Comments from the Public

11. Motion to Adjourn the meeting at INSERT TIME

Motion to approve: Ms. A. Taylor

Seconded: Mrs. D. Taylor

Vote:

Ms. D. Taylor- in favor

Ms. A. Taylor- in favor

Mr. Mitchell- in favor

Ms. M. Brown- in favor

Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: to adjourn the meeting at INSERT TIME

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 26, 2025
The Board may adjourn to Executive Session to discuss personnel or individual student concerns.