<u>Board Meeting Minutes</u>

Organization:	Pride Academy Charter School Board Meeting
President:	Mr. Mitchell
Time:	6:36pm
Place:	Virtual Platform
Date:	September 18, 2024
Minute Taker:	Mrs. Wilson
Board Members Present:	Mr. Mitchell, Ms. A. Taylor, Ms. Brown, Mrs. Spence
Others Present:	Dr. Jones, Mr. Ofstad, Ms. Dumenigo, Mrs. Dockery
Absent:	Mr. Rosario, Mr. Moore, Ms. D. Taylor

<u>IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:</u>
Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, October 16, 2024 at 6:30 pm.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:36 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.

<u>APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA FOR THE BOARD MEETING</u>: Resolution to Accept Agenda for September 18, 2024, Regular Meeting - Attachment 1

Motion to approve: Ms. Brown
Seconded: Ms. A. Taylor
<u>Vote:</u>
Ms. Brown- in favor
Mr. Mitchell- in favor
Ms. A. Taylor- in favor
Ms. Spence- in favor
Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To Accept Agenda for September 18, 2024, Regular Meeting - Attachment 1

Approval of Board Minutes:
Resolution to Approve the Minutes from the July 17, 2024, Reg. Meeting– Attachment 2
Resolution to Approve the Minutes from the August 21, 2024, Reg. Meeting– Attachment 3

- **Make corrections to the dates in the July minutes.**
- **Make corrections to the dates in the August minutes.**

Motion to approve: Ms. Brown
Seconded: Ms. A. Taylor
Vote:
Ms. Brown- in favor
Mr. Mitchell- in favor
Ms. A. Taylor- in favor
Ms. Spence- in favor
Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To Approve the Minutes from the July 17, 2024, Reg. Meeting– Attachment 2 and to Approve the Minutes from the August 21, 2024, Reg. Meeting– Attachment 3

Financial Committee Report by School Business Administrator

FY24 Close and Audit, FY25

- Dr. Jones reviewed specific items on the report. For example, the public services line items and expenses.

F1. Resolution to Accept the Bills List for General and Special Revenue Funds for the current period: August 21, 2024 – September 15, 2024 totaling $551,234.59 - Attachment F1

Motion to approve: Ms. Brown
Seconded: Ms. A. Taylor
Vote:
Ms. Brown- in favor
Mr. Mitchell- in favor
Ms. A. Taylor- in favor
Ms. Spence- in favor
Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To Accept the Bills List for General and Special Revenue Funds for the current period: August 21, 2024 – September 15, 2024 totaling $551,234.59 - Attachment F1

F2. Resolution to Accept Payroll Expense for the current payroll period(s) ending August 31, 2024 ($258,017.52) and September 15, 2024 ($181,228.18) - Attachment F2

- **Dr. Jones reviewed the totals for the payroll period**

Motion to approve: Ms. Brown
Seconded: Ms. A. Taylor
Vote:
Ms. Brown- in favor
Mr. Mitchell- in favor
Ms. A. Taylor- in favor
Ms. Spence- in favor
Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To Accept Payroll Expenses for the current payroll period(s) ending August 31, 2024 ($258,017.52) and September 15, 2024 ($181,228.18) - Attachment F2

F3. Resolution to Accept the FICA Reimbursement Report through September 15, 2024 - Attachment F3

- **Dr. Jones reviewed the line items and budget totals from July through August 21st**

Motion to approve: Ms. Brown
Seconded: Ms. A. Taylor
Vote:
Ms. Brown- in favor
Mr. Mitchell- in favor
Ms. A. Taylor- in favor
Ms. Spence- in favor
Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To Accept the FICA Reimbursement Report through September 15, 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 August 31, 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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Charlene Jones, SBA **September 18, 2024**

F5. Resolution to Accept the Final report of the ARP ESSER funding ending September 30, 2024. – Attachment F5

Motion to approve: Ms. Brown
Seconded: Ms. A. Taylor
<u>Vote:</u>
Ms. Brown- in favor
Mr. Mitchell- in favor
Ms. A. Taylor- in favor
Ms. Spence- in favor
Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: Accept the Final report of the ARP ESSER funding ending September 30, 2024. – Attachment F5

Facilities Report:

- **Bathroom remodel**
- **Elevator has been repaired**
- **Fire Alarm system has been updated**

Principal Report

Topic	Notes	Presenter
2024-2025 Current Enrollment by Grade, Enrollment Initiatives	**-298 students (Full enrollment is 300 students) -73 students in the 7th grade**	**Mr. Ofstad**
School Calendar Updates	**-No new updates -Interim Assessments last week -Back to school night tomorrow -High School night next Wednesday**	**Mr. Ofstad**
Students - Curriculum	**-curriculum has been**	**Mrs. Wilson**

Update, Assessment Update/Results,	**inputted onto the Powerschool platform** **-Spanish adopted additional curriculum resources- thank you Ms. Dumenigo** **-Art curriculum is in development** **-ELA curriculum development is ongoing**	
Monthly HIB Statutory Report	**Tabled for October meeting**	
Technology	**Mr. Hagan is doing an incredible job of ensuring all devices are functioning and accounted for**	**Mr. Ofstad**
Co-curricular Activities or Events	**There are many after school activities offered to scholars Dreamality (choir), Flag Football, Cheerleading, Art Club, Math Counts, League of Leaders (LOL),etc.**	**Ms. Dumenigo**
Teachers and Staff - Update on Staffing & Vacancies, Educational Program, PD, Evaluations	**Predicted vacancy: Main office (food coordinator)** **Walkthroughs have started - focus on Learning Environment** **Week of October 6-10 will be first week of Formal observations**	**Mr. Ofstad**
Compliance - State and/or County reports and submissions, School Safety	**G & T - October 1st** **SMART upload October 15th** **Emergency drills this week and next**	**Mr. Ofstad**
Community Relations & Parent Engagement	**Back to School Night**	**Ms. Dumenigo**
Review Policies, Manuals, Regulations, and Bylaws - With the Board		
Commend Business office for the work over the summer	**-2 new faculty bathrooms** **-conversion to gas**	**Mr. Ofstad**

R1. Resolution to Approve textbooks and novels for ELA curriculum in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:34-1, for the 2024-2025 school year. The titles, grade levels, description & rationale are provided in the attachment. – Attachment R1

Motion to approve: Ms. Brown
Seconded: Ms. A. Taylor
<u>Vote:</u>
Ms. Brown- in favor
Mr. Mitchell- in favor
Ms. A. Taylor- in favor
Ms. Spence- in favor
Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To Approve textbooks and novels for ELA curriculum in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:34-1, for the 2024-2025 school year. The titles, grade levels, description & rationale are provided in the attachment. – Attachment R1

9. New Business **Robert Mitchell**

- **NJSBA Workshop Conference 2024 - Resolution B1:**

To approve the attendance and related travel of board member(s) and staff for the 2024 NJSBA "Workshop" conference at the Atlantic City Convention Center, NJ, October 21 – 24, 2024 – Attachment B1

- **Be It Further Resolved that the Board approve the above event to be work-related and within the scope of the work responsibilities of the attendees and promotes the delivery of instruction or furthering of efficient operation of the school district and is fiscally prudent, and in compliance with N.J.S.A. 18A:12-24 and 24.1 of the School Ethics Act.**

Motion to approve: Ms. Brown
Seconded: Ms. A. Taylor
<u>Vote:</u>
Ms. Brown- in favor
Mr. Mitchell- in favor
Ms. A. Taylor- in favor
Ms. Spence- in favor
Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To approve the attendance and related travel of board member(s) and staff for the 2024 NJSBA "Workshop" conference at the Atlantic City Convention Center, NJ, October 21 – 24, 2024 – Attachment B1

10. Old Business **Robert Mitchell**

- **Board Strategic Planning– Fall meeting, Saturday, October 26th, 9 am – 12 pm**
- **NJSBA Governance Training**
- **Organizational Structure**

11. Comments from the Public **Robert Mitchell**

12. Adjournment **Robert Mitchell**

Motion to close the meeting at 7:50 pm

Motion to approve: Ms. Brown
Seconded: Ms. A. Taylor
<u>Vote:</u>
Ms. Brown- in favor
Mr. Mitchell- in favor
Ms. A. Taylor- in favor
Ms. Spence- in favor
Motion Carried

BOARD VOTED: To approve the adjournment of the meeting.