



## Bridges Public Charter School

# Minutes

## Board Meeting

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### **Date & Time**

Tuesday November 17, 2020 at 6:30 pm

### **Location**

Remote via Google Meet

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### **Trustees Present**

O. Smith, R. Hunt Taylor, D. Jinich, T. Clark, M. Morabito Reilly,

### **Trustees Absent**

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### **Guests Present**

G.Vergos

### **I. Opening Items**

#### **A. Record Attendance and Guest Attendance was recorded**

#### **B. Call the Meeting to Order**

O. Smith called the meeting to order on 11/17/20 at 6:38pm via Google meet.

#### **C. Mission Moment**

O. Smith thanked our 2 departing Parent Representatives, Marris Morabito-Reilly and Tracy Clark for their service to the Board. O. Smith shared the valuable input that each representative brought to the Bridges community. Ms. Morabito Reilly and Ms. Clark shared their gratitude for the educational experience that their children had while enrolled at Bridges.

#### **D. Bridges Health & Safety Guidelines for Opening School Presentation**

- G. Vergos presented a summary overview of the guidelines that have been developed in accordance with DOH and OSSE Health & Safety Guidelines. See Separate attachment.

### **II. Management/ Directors Update**

#### **A. Director of School/Founder**

##### **Referring to the materials provided in advance of the meeting;**

- O. Smith shared enrollment numbers and demographics.
- O. Smith discussed school staffing.
- O. Smith discussed re-opening plan.

### **III. Consent Agenda**

#### **A. Board reviewed Meeting Minutes** from August 2020 and October 2020.

- Ms. Morabito- Reilly made motion to approve;
- Ms. Smith seconded the motion.
- The Board VOTED to unanimously approve the motion.

#### **B. Finance Policy Update**

- O. Smith presented the proposed change to Bridges PCS Fiscal Policy document, which was last updated on November 19, 2019

Ed-Ops suggested that Bridges should include a written explanation of our federal procurement checklist in our policies. This doesn't demonstrate a change in practice, just an expanded write-up in the fiscal policies.

The proposed changes shared with Board members prior to meeting for review and consideration;

“ In accordance with Uniform Grant Guidance, • If purchase is less than \$10,000, Bridges will verify that the purchase was reasonable, necessary, and that all practical efforts were made to distribute purchases equitably among qualified suppliers. • If purchase is between \$10,001 and \$249,999, Bridges will review pricing/bids/quotes from at least three vendors, compare the costs of each, and store records of the review of the pricing/bids/quotes. • If purchase is greater than \$250,000, Bridges will solicit competitive proposals or sealed bids through a formal process in accordance with federal, state, and local requirements. • If purchase is considered a Sole Source, Bridges shall store all records and analysis in support of that assessment.”

- Ms. Hunt Taylor made motion to approve;
- Ms. Clark seconded the motion.
- The Board VOTED to unanimously approve the motion.

#### **C. Board Candidates**

- A potential Board candidates and their resumes were reviewed by the Board.
- O. Smith and T. Clark presented credentials of Dr. Sonya Somerville Harrison, Assistant Superintendent Philadelphia Public Schools. Both shared summary of conversations with board

candidate. Both board members recommended the candidate to be invited to join the Board of Trustees. Motion was presented to invite Dr. Harrison to join the Board.

Mr. Jinich made motion to approve;

Ms. Hunt Taylor seconded the motion.

The Board VOTED to unanimously approve the motion.

### **III. Closing Items**

#### **A. Shout Outs & Meeting Feedback**

R. Hunt Taylor expressed gratitude to the BPCS team for all of their hard work and the work being done in response to COVID-19.

#### **B. Adjourn Meeting**

D. Jinich made a motion to adjourn meeting.

R. Hunt Taylor seconded the motion

The Board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

G. Vergos