



## Bridges Public Charter School

# Minutes

## Board Meeting

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### Date & Time

September 14, 2021 6:30 pm

### Location

Remote via Zoom

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### Trustees Present

O. Smith, R. Hunt Taylor, S. Harrison and H. Dhouti

### Not Present

S. Devi

### Guests Present

None

#### I. Opening Items

##### A. Record Attendance and Guest

Attendance was recorded

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

R. Hunt called the meeting to order on 9/14/21 at 6:35pm via ZOOM.

##### C. Mission Moment

O. Smith shared some stories about the first weeks of school.

##### D. Board Discussion

**COVID-19 and School Opening** – Bridges closed our 1<sup>st</sup> classroom for quarantining on Sat. Aug. 28, 2021. Two days before the 1<sup>st</sup> day of school. The school is sending individual student home throughout the week. The COVID-19 saliva testing is not successful with our younger students and students with more significant special needs. Some staff who need to be tested are not showing up for testing or have to be found in the building to be personally reminded to come a get tested.

**DC's Conversation about mandating the vaccine for staff and students** – There is conversation in the media and meetings with charter school leaders about the City Council pushing to have a vaccine mandate for school staff and students. Bridges' Board discussed this local and national issue. While some charter schools have or are about to move forward with putting in a vaccine mandate for staff, Bridges will wait for the Mayor on this matter. Discussion of how vaccine mandates, incentivization and testing of staff in other jurisdictions is being done occurred.

### **E. Director's Report**

Enrollment is currently at 301 students as of Sept. 14, 2021. PreK is under enrolled by 20 students, something we have never seen happen in 16 years. Low enrollment also in 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Families have only just begun to get paperwork to the school by their doctor to allow their student to have virtual instruction. First document virtual learning authorization form was received Aug. 30, 2021, the 1<sup>st</sup> day of school. Outreach to the community and school parents for Bridges' Board members has brought in one resume and letter of interest from a parent. Outreach will continue until mid-October 2021. Open staff positions: lead teachers for 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and a 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> grade high level special education classroom. Also, a Math Coach / Coordinator.

### **F. Consent Agenda**

Approve Meeting Minutes from July 2021 – Board did not review or approve minutes.

### **Closed Meeting 7:30 – 8:30 pm**

**Citation for closure from the Open Meetings Act § 2–575(b)**

**(4)(A) To consult with an attorney to obtain legal advice and to preserve the attorney-client privilege between an attorney and a public body.**

## **II. Closing Items**

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

### **B. Adjourn Meeting**

R. Hunt Taylor made a motion to adjourn meeting.

O. Smith 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 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

O. Smith