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Bridges Charter School

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time

Monday May 9, 2022 at 6:15 PM

Location

Due to COVID-19, this meeting will be held via teleconference only. Members of the public may observe the meeting and offer public comment using the information below:

NOTICE OF TELECONFERENCE OPTIONS FOR MEETING

This meeting of the Bridges Charter School Board of Directors will be a teleconference meeting where one or more members of the Board will be attending the meeting via teleconference/video conference.

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Meeting ID: 710 0794 6378

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Directors Present

M. Bleckley (remote), M. Louderback (remote), O. Gunday Heerma (remote), S. Trowbridge (remote)

Directors Absent

A. Lennon, K. Wheeler

Guests Present

C. McCarthy (remote), K. Brown (remote), K. Simon (remote), M. Hartsuyker (remote), R. Calasin (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

M. Louderback called a meeting of the board of directors of Bridges Charter School to order on Monday May 9, 2022 at 6:18 PM.

C. Board Finding of Finding of State of Emergency

M. Bleckley made a motion to continue state of emergency.

O. Gunday Heerma seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

D. Approval of Agenda

S. Trowbridge made a motion to approve the agenda for May 9, 2022.

M. Bleckley seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

E. Approval of Minutes

O. Gunday Heerma made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting on 03-14-22.

M. Bleckley seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

II. Presentations

A. Marlo Hartsuyker, Director of Charter Schools Support and Oversight

Marlo will be coming for a site visit on Wednesday May 11, 2022. She also wanted everyone to save the date for Wednesday Oct. 12th for the Board governance training.

B. 2022 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Public Hearing

Dr. Kelly presented the 2022 LCAP plan. She went over the three goals, action steps, and expenditures.

Goal 1: Improve student achievement for all students and subgroups.

Goal 2: Train and support teachers to implement effective instructions.

Goal 3: Provides an environment for learning based upon the whole child tenets.

III. Public Comments

A. Public Comments

Lacey from PAC (VP/Acting President) informed the Board and community of the following:

Parent night out May 21st

Fun run on campus May 26st

Carnival on June 3rd

IV. Reports

A. Governing Board

B. Director and Assistant Director Reports

Dr. Kelly spoke on the following:

- Enrollment for next school year. Our projection is 330 students and 70 homeschool students.
- Teacher leadership committee- This group consists of 9 teachers which include specialists. So far, the committee has met three times with one more meeting this school year.
- Board governance training- Revisited the roles and responsibilities of the Board and how to field complaints shall they arise.
- Upcoming site visit-Marlo will visit us this Wednesday May 11th.
- Upcoming Audit with Clifton and Larson- May 19th. We will report back the preliminary findings.
- Progress on UTK development- We will not be starting a TK program this school year. This will go into effect in 2023-2024.

Cindy spoke on the following:

- Art Contest- This was student lead by grades 4-5.
- They raised \$118 which will go towards specialist supplies
- The 6 winners on the contest had a pizza party

Middle School Dance:

- This was also student lead.
- It was in the MPR from 7-9
- The largest attendance in years. 75 students.

V. Consent Items

A. Consent Items

M. Bleckley made a motion to Approve the consent items.

O. Gunday Heerma seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

VI. Business and Operations

A. 2022-2023 Bell Schedule

M. Bleckley made a motion to Approve the 2022-2023 Bell Schedule.

S. Trowbridge seconded the motion.

The bell schedule will change to a universal schedule. Start time 8:20 and end time at 2:45.

Fridays will continue to be early release day.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

B. School Food Authority Contract 2022-2023

M. Bleckley made a motion to Approve the Food Service Contract for 2022-2023.

S. Trowbridge seconded the motion.

This approved contract does have a slight increase. Bridges will also tell CVUSD we would like to continue offering healthy choices for our students.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

C. Approval of Year End Resolutions from BSA for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

O. Gunday Heerma made a motion to Approval of year end resolution from BSA for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

S. Trowbridge seconded the motion.

This will allow BSA to process monetary/fiscal responsibilities during the summer months while Bridges is closed.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

VII. Special Education

A. Training in Alternative Dispute Resolution, NTE \$5,200

S. Trowbridge made a motion to Approve Training in Alternative Dispute Resolution, NTE.

M. Bleckley seconded the motion.

Dr. Kelly participated in this program thru Pepperdine University. This training was recommended by SELPA. This was funded by ADR and SELPA.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

B.

Updated OT Agreement for 2022-2023

M. Bleckley made a motion to Increase OT hours from 3-5.

S. Trowbridge seconded the motion.

This agreement with our SEPLA represents an increase in contracted hours for OT services from 3-5 hours based on projected services for 2022-2023 school year.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

VIII. Charter Policies

A. Student Attendance, Absence and Truancy Policy-Revised

M. Bleckley made a motion to Approve BP 5110 Student Attendance. Absence & Truancy- Revised.

S. Trowbridge seconded the motion.

This board policy was amended to reflect appropriate language reflective of current law and aligned with our charter.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

B. Independent Study Policy Revision

M. Bleckley made a motion to Revise the Independent Study Revision Policy.

O. Gunday Heerma seconded the motion.

- The revision includes a clause requiring on-site participation in annual assessments.
- Students in independent study must be residents of Ventura County or an adjacent county and must be made available for standardized testing during April and May.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

C. Behavioral Interventions for Special Education Students

M. Bleckley made a motion to Approval BP 6159.4 Behavioral Intervention for Special Ed Students.

S. Trowbridge seconded the motion.

Bridges has been aligned with the practices outlined in this proposed policy but is in need of formally adopting a policy to align with state mandate.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

D. Use of Seclusion and Restraint

S. Trowbridge made a motion to Approve BP 5131.1 Use of Seclusion and Restraint.

M. Bleckley seconded the motion.

This is a new Board policy for the use of seclusion and restraint. Bridges has been aligned with the practices outlines in this proposed policy but is need of formally adopting a policy to align with state mandate.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

E. Safe Schools for Immigrants Policy

S. Trowbridge made a motion to Approve BP 6075 Safe Schools for Immigrants.

M. Bleckley seconded the motion.

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The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

F. AR 6159.4 Behavioral Interventions for Special Ed Students.pdf

IX. Governing Board

A. Reduction of Board of Directors

The Board discussed going down to 5 members next year. We decided this needs more discussion, so the Board agreed to table it.

Jennifer Lew made a public comment. Her concern is with decreasing the amount of Board members and also believes the Board members should be part of our community.

B. Board of Directors' Process for Filling Vacancies

The Board of Directors Process for Filling Vacancies needs more discussion time. This will be tabled and brought back to the June meeting.

X. Closed Session

A. Business Pursuant to Government Code § 54957 (b)~

B. Return to Open Session

S. Trowbridge made a motion to return to open session.

M. Bleckley seconded the motion.

We will return to open session at 9:14

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

XI. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
M. Louderback