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Bridges Charter School

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time

Monday December 9, 2024 at 6:15 PM

Location

ONSITE MEETING LOCATION

Bridges Charter School
1335 Calle Bouganvilla, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

SATELLITE MEETING LOCATIONS

(required for board members joining remotely)

In Ventura County:

1196 Portside Drive
Ventura, CA 93001

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Directors Present

C. Dapello, K. Yevmenkina, N. Hashemi

Directors Absent

H. Kruse

Guests Present

C. McCarthy, I. Rhode, K. Brown (remote), K. Simon, M. Hartsuyker, R. Calasin, S. Stifel (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

K. Yevmenkina called a meeting of the board of directors of Bridges Charter School to order on Monday Dec 9, 2024 at 6:21 PM.

C. Approval of Agenda

N. Hashemi made a motion to approve agenda.

C. Dapello seconded the motion.

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

D.

Approve Minutes

N. Hashemi made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting on 11-18-24.

C. Dapello seconded the motion.

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

II. Presentations

A. Report from Marlo Hartsuyker, VCOE Director of Charter School Support and Oversight

- Upcoming equity conference
- TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025
- 4:00 - 7:30 pm
- In Person

B. Report from PAC

- Harvest festival was a huge success
- Left over Harvest Festival items are in the MPR
- Musical rehearsals are up and running
- PMC- Lots to come after the first of the year
- PAC is raising money for a new laminator

C. Reports from the Directors

D. Presentation of Key Takeaways from CSDC Conference

Dr. Kelly shared her takeaways from CSDS Conference.

- Charter Sector Vital Statistics
- Economic & State Revenue Updates
- Key School Funding Programs Updates
- Labor Relations & Employment Updates
- Accountability & Renewal Update
- 24 Election & Legislative Updates
- 2025 Legislative Session Prospects
- Law and Litigation Updates

Charter sector remains healthy, notwithstanding 2019 legislative setbacks

Starting new, expanding existing schools remains do-able, but requires more careful planning, focus, and political organizing

Economic, financial picture OK for now, wide range of possible future trajectories

Declining enrollment will be a major consideration for next decade+
Presents both challenges and opportunities
Fraud, financial abuse is charter sector's greatest current threat
Employment litigation, sexual abuse also present major threats
Post-AB 1505 renewal laws remain little tested, bring growth data, start early, be shrewd
Legislative and policy arena remain challenging
Now is time to engage your legislators, especially new ones

III. Governing Board

A. Consideration of Dr. Brandy Yee, PhD as Board Member

N. Hashemi made a motion to Approve Brandy Yee.
C. Dapello seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

IV. Consent Items

A. Consent Items

N. Hashemi made a motion to approve consent items.
C. Dapello seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

V. Business and Operations

A. Library Media Specialist Salary Schedule

N. Hashemi made a motion to approve the Library Media Specialist Salary Schedule.
C. Dapello seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

VI. Facilities

A. Prop 39 Response from CVUSD

- Bridges is starting to negotiating with CVUSD regarding our facility and will be submitting a response to them by the end of the month
- Bridges currently has strong enrollment numbers

VII. Finances

A. First Interim Budget 24-25

C. Dapello made a motion to Approve the 1st interim budget 24-25.

N. Hashemi seconded the motion.

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

B. Review of Request for Proposals

- On October 14th, the Bridges Board moved to solicit proposals for backend business providers. The Board adopted an official RFP as well as a rubric for evaluating the bids.
- Bridges closed bidding on December 2nd. Bridges received five (5) competitive bids from a variety of qualified vendors across California. Six (6) educational partners provided feedback on the bids. On December 6th, Bridges administrators and President Yevmenkina met to review feedback, to solicit necessary referrals, and to answer questions brought forward to ensure that we were making a decision based on accurate, thorough information.
- Using the adopted rubric, Dr. Simon, Ms. McCarthy, and President Yevmenkina collaboratively ranked the bids using the feedback provided by the educational partners.

C. Contract Award for Backend Business

N. Hashemi made a motion to Award contract for backend business office to ExEd.

C. Dapello seconded the motion.

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

VIII. 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 7:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

K. Yevmenkina