

*Great Oaks Bridgeport Board Meeting  
Friday, July 19, 2019  
5:45 pm - 7:35 pm*

**Board Members Present:** Susan Briggs, Dexter Upshaw, Pamela Fraser-Abder, Corey Sneed, Albertha Brown, Leticia Sepulveda

**Board Members Absent:** Michelle Garcia, Christiana Otuwa

**Foundation Members Present:** Michael Duffy, Josh Thomases, Ben Chan

**GO-BPT Staff:** Latoya Hubbard, John Scalice, Chris Pellegrino, Angela Cardoso, Michael Little

**Guests:** None

**Called to order at 2:55 pm by Susan Briggs**

**Review of Minutes from June Board Meetings (Susan Briggs)**

- Motion to approve the June minutes with changes moved by Corey second by Albertha passed unanimously.

**Board Business (Susan Briggs)**

- Election of Board member whose term has expired (Class 3): Motion moved to re-elect Leticia for a 3 year term. Moved by Corey second by Albertha passed unanimously.
- Election of Board Officers for a one year term: Motion moved to vote on the Officers as a slate of officers, moved by Albertha second by Dexter passed unanimously, as follows:
  - Susan Briggs - Chair
  - Pamela Fraser- Abder - Vice Chair
  - Corey Sneed - Treasurer
  - Leticia Sepulveda - Secretary
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- Election of Committee members for a one year term: Susan reviewed each Board Committee and confirmed Board members currently on each committee, as follows:
  - Governance Committee - Board Chair (chair), Board Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary
  - Finance Committee - Corey (chair) and Susan
  - Academic Excellence Committee - Pam (chair), Leticia, Christiana
  - Community Engagement Committee - Dexter(chair), Albertha MicheleMotion moved to elect members and chairs of each Committee moved by Corey second by Albertha passed unanimously.

- Board meeting calendar: Motion moved to maintain Board meetings on the second Wednesday of the month at 5:15pm moved by Albertha Brown second by Corey Sneed passed unanimously.
- Committee meeting calendar: Motion moved to schedule Committee Meetings as follows:
  - Governance Committee - each Wednesday one week prior to Board Meeting at 4:30pm
  - Finance Committee - each Monday the week of the Board Meeting at 12 noon
  - Academic Excellence - each Wednesday one week prior to Board Meeting at 3:30pm
  - Community Engagement - first Wednesday of each month at 5:30pm
- School year calendar: John Scalice gave the board an overview of the proposed school calendar, which has been revised to reflect a staggered start for the school year to align with building completion dates. Motion moved by Corey to approve the revised school calendar for school year 2019-2020 second by Leticia passed unanimously.
- Recission of Prior Motion (510 Barnum): Motion to rescind the Board's direction to Susan Briggs to sign the lease extension at 510 Barnum moved by Albertha Brown second by Corey passed unanimously.
- School Leader (2019-2020): Motion to ratify our school leader John Scalice compensation for school year 19-20 moved by Corey Sneed second by Albertha Brown passed unanimously..
- Child Nutrition Program: Latoya gave an overview of the school child nutrition program for school year 2019-2020 and approvals needed by the Board.:
  - Motion moved to approve the following certification statement: "We will comply with the CNS during the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30,2020. Such certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to, school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, and fundraising activities on school premises, whether or not school sponsored. Albertha moved / Pam second, unanimously approved.
  - Motion moved to approve the exemption statement to permit the sale to students of any food items that do not meet the CNS, provided that (1) such food is sold in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend, (2) such sale is at the location of the event, and (3) such food is not sold from a vending machine or school store. Motion moved by Corey / second Leticia, unanimously approved.
- School Wellness Policy: Motion moved to approve the School Wellness Policy for school year 2019-2020: Corey moved / second Letitia passed unanimously.
- Food Service/Authorized Signer: Discussion about meal counting and food quality from Lindley. Michael Little explained new procedures in place and that RFP will be put out for 2020-2021 school year. For the 2019-2020 school year, quality checks being put in place when food is delivered. Month to month contract with Lindley for this year. Motion

to approve Michael Little as authorized signer for meal claims and reimbursements: Albertha moved / second Pam passed unanimously. Conflict of Interest disclosure forms: Susan distributed conflict of interest disclosure forms for all Board members and school leaders to fill out.

- Corey made a clarification to the Board advising the Board that he is an independent contractor with the Legend Group and is not an officer, director, trustee, member, owner or employee with the Legend Group and does not have a financial interest in the Legend Group; and that the School's relationship with the Legend Group preceded Corey's service on the Board; and that he does not service the school's account and is not the financial advisor of the school.

### **Finance Committee Report (Corey Sneed & Ben Chan)**

- Ben Chan gave an overview of the ERate Grant and the RFP process carried out by the foundation for the school's vendor. Based on the RFP process, the foundation recommends EPlus as the e-vendor for the school.
- Corey raised concerns about ACS (our current IT company) and the accuracy of what may be needed, and wants to be sure additional items would not be added to any current quotes.
- Motion moved to accept EPlus as the new vendor for the school's electronic hardware moved by Corey Sneed second by Pam Abder-Frasier passed unanimously.
- Motion to approve the signing of the purchase order with EPlus for the installation of school access points that should not exceed \$45k and authorizing Corey to sign the purchase order moved by Albertha and second by Leticia passed unanimously
- Motion to approve Crown Castle as the school's internet provider and new vendor moved by Pam Abder Frasier second by Corey Sneed passed unanimously.
- Ben Chan gave the board an overview of the Preliminary Financial Dashboard.
- Corey advised the board of the need to continue to be mindful of expenses as there may be additional expenses associated with the new building that come up.

(No reports from Governance, Academic Excellence, or Community Engagement Committees.)

### **Principal's Report (John Scalice)**

- John gave the board an overview on goals for the upcoming 2019-2020 school year including the year to year comparative of SBAC data.
- John gave the board an overview regarding credit recovery for High School Students.
- Angelina Cardoso informed the board that she has reviewed all SBAC scores to identify additional support that students need and where gaps may be in the classroom so Professional Development can be provided to teachers.
- Chris Pellegrino gave an overview of the new high school design and noted it would be based on three core values which include:
  - Mastery
  - Leadership

- Community
- Susan Briggs made a suggestion about posting Graduate Aims in places where they can be visible to students.
- Pastor Dexter made a suggestion about a school Mascot and Varsity Jackets.
- Chris shared an overall highlight of different experiences that HS students had including end of year trips to Washington DC and Rhode Island and University visits.
- Angela Cardoso advised the Board that GOBPT will be partnering with Housatonic Community College to offer a Financial Literacy course on the GOBPT campus through which they will earn a HS and college credit.
- We will also be partnering with Fairfield University who have offered us 15 seats for an Upward Bound Program which will include potential access to Sports Medicine programs and access to their space.
- Chris noted a big area of growth is student ownership over their own learning.
- John noted an over 40% reduction in suspensions compared to data from last year
- High School attendance improved from 89% to 91.5% this school year.
- Albertha gave the board an overview of restorative practices that were implemented and successful in SY 18-19.
- Albertha also gave the board an overview of systems and practices that will be added and implemented in SY 19-20. This includes:
  - Culture Handbook
  - Schoolwide Structures and Systems
  - Consistency & Accountability
  - Collection of data to support students
  - Parent Partnerships

### **Grand Opening Gala**

- Michael Duffy informed the board of a Community/fundraising event that will take place on Thursday, October 3rd in which he would like staff, families and students to attend.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made 7:35 pm by Dexter Upshaw second by Albertha Brown.