

**Uncommon Schools – Camden Prep
Board of Trustees Meeting
9:00 a.m., Monday, January 28, 2019
1650 Copewood Street, Camden, NJ**

The trustees in attendance were: Lindsay Kruse, Bob Howitt, Janellen Duffy, Joe Mangini, Cassetta Perry. Also present: Michael Ambriz, Giana Solomon, Kelly Dowling, Elizabeth Lynch. Absent: Jon Goldberg, Julie Jackson

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m. by Mr. Ambriz, who noted that the meeting had been duly publicized, as required by law, in the Courier-Post and El Hispano.

It having been moved and duly seconded, the trustees voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the November 19th, 2018 board meeting.

Ms. Natalie Cooper led the board on a school tour, taking board members to observe classrooms.

Ms. Kelly Dowling presented the school dashboard data from December and January, noting that students are currently taking interim assessments. Math data has made double digit improvements from the last period.

Mr. Michael Ambriz presented an update on Uncommon Schools. He shared an updated timeline for the new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Uncommon Schools and Camden Prep. He also shared an update on the Home Office Services Survey (HOSS) results. This survey is how the Home Office measures its success within the region and schools. The presentation provided a snapshot of current satisfaction levels within Camden Prep.

Ms. Giana Solomon presented an update on parent engagement in the community. Camden Prep has developed a group of about 40 parents who have consistently participated in events and trainings. Student recruitment season has started, and the parent group feels strong with increased parent participation and engagement.

Mr. Ambriz presented the personnel hire of Pedro Concepcion for Shared Regional Staff and Basma Qazi for Mt. Ephraim Elementary School. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the hiring of the aforementioned individuals.

Mr. Ambriz presented the resolution to authorize the signing of checks and printing signatures. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as outlined in the Resolution for Signing of Checks and Printing of Signatures.

Mr. Ambriz presented the preliminary resolution to award and execute a contract for furniture bidding. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as outlined in the Preliminary Resolution to award and execute Contract for BID FURN-2019.

Mr. Ambriz presented the resolution to approve the uniform state Memorandum of Agreement. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve

the Resolution as outlined in Resolution to approve and execute the Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement between Education and Law Enforcement Officials.

Mr. Ambriz presented the resolution to approve Camden Prep Bonsall Transactions. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as outlined in the Resolution to approve Camden Prep Bonsall Transactions. (Bob Howitt abstained from vote per conflict of interest with this resolution)

Ms. Giana Solomon presented an update on community engagement and proposal on community members to engage for future board participation.

Mr. Ambriz opened the floor for public comments: There were none.

Mr. Ambriz presented the Financial Report. The following subjects were discussed:

- Revised FY19 State Budget.
- Check Register and Purchase Orders, 11/1/18 – 12/31/18
- Treasurer's Report, 11/1/18 – 12/31/18

It having been moved and duly seconded, the trustees voted unanimously to approve resolutions to accept the aforementioned reports.

Mr Ambriz reminded board members they will need to complete NJDOE Ethics Nondisclosure forms this spring.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING IS Monday, MARCH 18th at 9:00 am, AT CAMDEN PREP COPEWOOD ELEMENTARY (1650 COPEWOOD AVENUE).