

**Uncommon Schools – Camden Prep  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
9:00 a.m., Monday, May 20, 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, Brett Peiser, Jade Dean, Abkilah Johnson, Elizabeth Lynch, Teresa Moore. 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 March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 board meeting.

Ms. Jessica King led the board on a school tour, taking board members to observe classrooms.

A motion was made to move to executive session. It having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:33 am.

Ms. Kelly Dowling described the discipline incident for student IBL. The family was not present. After asking questions and discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the expulsion recommendation.

After declaring a desire to return to open session, it having been moved and duly seconded, the Board voted unanimously to reconvene in open session at 9:59 am

Mr. Ambriz and Ms. Dowling shared the recommendation that student IBL be expelled. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the aforementioned recommendation.

Ms. Jade Dean presented an update on the Mt Ephraim construction project. She shared before and after photos of improvements; she also shared milestone dates for construction completion and move in dates. She also discussed Camden Prep High School and her team's plan for future High School space.

Mr. Brett Peiser and Mr. Bob Howitt presented an update on the revised Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Uncommon Schools and Camden Prep. Mr. Howitt shared his notes on the negotiations and edits for the current MOU draft.

Mr. Ambriz shared that there were no the personnel hires since the previous meeting. Mr. Ambriz presented the resolution to approve 2019-2020 Elementary and Middle Parent Handbooks (including code of conduct). After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as outlined in the Resolution to Approve the Parent Handbooks.

Mr. Ambriz presented the resolution to approve the Title I Parent Involvement Policy and School-Parent Compact for the 2019-20 School Year. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as outlined in the Resolution to approve the Title I Parent Involvement Policy and School-Parent Compact for 2019-20.

Mr. Ambriz presented the resolution to approve 2019-20 Board Meeting Schedule. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as outlined in the Resolution approve 2019-20 Board Meeting Schedule.

Mr. Ambriz presented the resolution to approve 2019-20 School Calendar. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as outlined in the Resolution approve 2019-20 School Calendar.

Mr. Ambriz presented the resolution to approve using Grant Funds to invest in Innovation (i3) Funds for Personnel. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as outlined in the Resolution approve Use of Grant Funds Investing in Innovation (i3) Fund for Personnel.

Mr. Ambriz presented the resolution to award and execute the contract for Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as outlined in the Resolution to award Bid Furn-2019 and Execute Contract for Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment.

Mr. Ambriz presented the resolution to authorize the Affirmative Action Team to conduct the Needs Assessment and develop a Comprehensive Equity Plan. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the resolution as outlined in the Resolution authorizing the Affirmative Action Team to conduct the Needs Assessment and Develop a Comprehensive Equity Plan.

Ms. Giana Solomon presented an update on community advocacy. She shared the district announced a permanent Superintendent and shared an update on CCSD consolidations and closures for school year 2019-20.

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

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

- Preliminary 2019-20 State Budget
- Quarterly Budget Transfer Resolution
- Annual Charter School Fiscal Questionnaire
- Check Register and Purchase Orders, 3/1/19 – 4/30/19
- Treasurer's Report, 3/1/19 – 4/30/19

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

The meeting was adjourned at 11:01 a.m.

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING IS Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am, AT CAMDEN PREP  
COPEWOOD ELEMENTARY (1650 COPEWOOD STREET).