

**Uncommon Schools – Camden Prep  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
9:00 a.m., Monday, September 16, 2019  
1575 Mt. Ephraim Avenue, Camden, NJ**

*The trustees in attendance were: Julie Jackson, Bob Howitt, Joe Mangini, Cassetta Perry, Janellen Duffy. Absent: Reverend Floyd White, Lindsay Kruse. Also present: Nechole Wilson, Bryan Hill, Giana Solomon, and Yoni Samuel-Siegel.*

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. by Mr. Howitt, who noted that the meeting had been duly publicized, as required by law, in the Courier-Post and NJ Daily News.

It having been moved and duly seconded, the trustees voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the August 15, 2019 board meeting.

Ms. Cooper and Mr. Weishaupt, principals of Camden Prep Mt. Ephraim Elementary and Middle School, led board members on a tour to observe classroom instruction across all grade levels.

Mr. Howitt opened the floor for public comments. The mother of MMS students J.P. and J.P. shared about her experience being a founding parent and expressed concern regarding recent communication challenges with school leaders. The father of a CES student K.H. expressed concern about the quality of pants from the current uniform vendor.

At 10:00 AM a motion was made to move to executive session to discuss confidential personnel and financial matters. It having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to move into executive session.

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 10:32 a.m.

Ms. Duffy presented the 5-year update of the Urban Hope Act. Ms. Duffy reviewed the origins of the Urban Hope Act, named the key players in the instatement of the Urban Hope Act, and the what could be in the future. Ms. Solomon explained the 5-year efficacy review process of the Urban Hope Act.

Mr. Mangini and Mr. Howitt presented Fiduciary 101 Training. The training provided Board members with a framework and resources for how to review and analyze financial reports.

Ms. Solomon presented the personnel hires of Karen Gaffney, Tylar Thacker, Adabelle Rodriguez, Nachisha Lightsey, Luis Lozada-Jerez for Mt. Ephraim Elementary School; Joseph Paolini, Kevin Mann, Robert Moore for Mt. Ephraim Middle School; Christina Fuscellaro for Copewood Elementary School. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the hiring of the aforementioned individuals.

Ms. Solomon presented the resolution to approve the Title I Schoolwide plan. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the Title I Schoolwide plan.

Ms. Solomon presented the resolution to approve the HIB Self-Assessment. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the HIB Self-Assessment.

Ms. Solomon presented the resolution to approve Uncommon Schools Camden Prep Bonsall-Haddon Refinance Agreement. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the Uncommon Schools Camden Prep Bonsall-Haddon Refinance Agreement.

Ms. Solomon presented the Financial Report. The following subjects were discussed:

- Budget and Secretary's Report, as of 8/31/19
- Check register and Purchase Orders, 7/1/19 – 8/31/19
- Treasurer's Report, 7/1/19 – 8/31/19

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

The meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

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