

**Uncommon Schools – Camden Prep
Board of Trustees Meeting
9:00 a.m., Monday, January 27, 2020
1575 Mt. Ephraim Ave. Camden, NJ**

The trustees in attendance were: Bob Howitt, Joe Mangini, Cassetta Perry, Janellen Duffy, Reverend Floyd White, Lindsay Kruse, Julie Jackson. Also present: Linda White, Charles Syms, Joyce Johnson, Tara Marlovits, Laura McGinley, Giana Solomon-Campbell, Kelly Dowling, and Yoni Samuel-Siegel.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Ms. Kruse, 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 November 18, 2019 board meeting.

Mr. Weishaupt, principal of Camden Prep Mt. Ephraim Middle School, led board members on a tour to observe classroom instruction across all grade levels. He shared information about the schoolwide efforts underway to ensure that students feel academically and socially prepared to transition to high school this fall.

Ms. Dowling presented an overview of Camden Prep's Special Education Program, noting student performance and services provided. She described situations where students require out-of-district placements for special services. She reviewed state test results, which have improved year over year amongst classified as well as unclassified students.

Ms. Kruse opened the floor for public comments. The mother of MMS student T.W. expressed concerns about a bullying incident involving her child and another student.

At 10:05 AM a motion was made to move to executive session to discuss confidential personnel matters and student HIB reports. 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 AM.

Ms. Solomon-Campbell presented the personnel hires of McKenzie Senick, Nishat Hossain, and Zafirah Diggs 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.

Ms. Solomon-Campbell presented the resolution to approve two HIB Investigation Reports. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the HIB Investigation Reports.

Ms. Solomon-Campbell presented the resolution to approve the Garfield Park Academy Out of District contract for student K.W.. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve Garfield Park Academy Out of District contract.

Ms. Solomon-Campbell presented the resolution to approve the Garfield Park Academy Out of District contract for student N.S.. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve Garfield Park Academy Out of District contract.

Ms. Solomon-Campbell presented the resolution to approve the Archway (Cooper's Poynt) contract for student K.L.M.. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve Archway (Cooper's Poynt) contract.

Ms. Solomon-Campbell presented the resolution to approve the Castle services contract for the 19-20 SY. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the Castle services contract.

Ms. Solomon-Campbell presented the resolution to approve the Technology for Education and Consulting contract for speech therapy services. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve the Technology for Education and Consulting contract.

Ms. Solomon-Campbell presented the resolution to approve participation in the Educational Cooperative Pricing System. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve participation in the Educational Cooperative Pricing System.

Ms. Solomon-Campbell presented the resolution to approve affiliate membership in the Education Services Commission of NJ. After discussion, it having been moved and duly seconded, the board voted unanimously to approve affiliate membership in the Education Services Commission of NJ.

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

- Revised FY19 Audit
- Revised FY20 State Budget
- Purchase Orders, 11/1/19 – 12/31/19
- Treasurer's Report, 11/1/19 – 12/31/19

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

Ms. Solomon-Campbell reminded board members to register for their required governance training sessions and complete NJDOE Ethics Nondisclosure forms this spring.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM.

THE NEXT BOARD MEETING IS Monday, MARCH 16th at 9:00 am, AT CAMDEN PREP COPEWOOD ELEMENTARY (1650 COPEWOOD ST.).