

Uncommon Schools – Camden Prep

Board of Trustees Meeting

9:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 28th, 2025

1650 Copewood St. Camden NJ, 08103

The trustees in attendance were: LaVonnia Abavana, Natalie Aronson-Cooper, Cassetta Perry, Julie Jackson, Joe Mangini, Ratna Shah, Colin Devlin, Jakijah Moore

Also Present: Mary-Kate Miller, Maya Roth Bisignano, Jon Hillery, Yvanna Saint-Fort, Peggy Liao, Josie Ocasio, Summer Moore

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Ms. Aronson-Cooper, who noted that the meeting had been duly publicized, as required by law, in the Courier-Post and on Camden Prep’s website.

It having been moved and duly seconded, the trustees voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the December 3rd, 2024 board meeting.

It having been moved and duly seconded, the trustees voted unanimously to approve the decisions of the Student Hearing Committee.

Ms. Aronson-Cooper reviewed Board Priorities.

The Board and all in-person attendees observed Copewood’s 3rd and 4th Grade Community Circle. Copewood Elementary School’s Principal, Yvanna Saint- Fort facilitated the circle.

Ms. Roth-Bisignano gave an update on External Affairs including alumni and family engagement, media efforts and community engagement during the 24-25 school year.

Ms. Roth-Bisignano gave an update on elementary and middle school academics including recent interim assessment data and strategies for continued improvement.

Ms. J Moore gave her Student Representative Report from CPHS.

Ms. Aronson-Cooper opened the floor to public comments. There was one visitor, Ms. Ocasio.

Ms. Ocasio shared about her organization, Parents Invincible, with the board and regional leaders. Following her introduction and information about the organization she had no other comments, and the meeting moved to Executive Session.

Ms. Liao presented the Finance Update. Mr. Mangini presented the Financial Resolutions. The following subjects were presented:

- Financial, Accounting, & Compliance Resolutions:
 - Resolution to Approve FY 23-24 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and Auditor’s Management Report
 - Resolution to Approve Transfer to Cover Deficit in Enrichment Programs
 - Resolution to Approve Monthly Financials

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

Ms. Miller presented the Enrollment Update for the 24-25 School Year.

Mr. Hillery presented the Development Update for efforts during the 24-25 School Year.

Ms. Aronson-Cooper facilitated a Board Reflection segment, encouraging trustees to share takeaways from past meetings as an opportunity for collaborative discussion.

Ms. Roth-Bisignano presented the administrative items. The following subjects were presented:

- Administrative Resolutions
 - o Resolution to Approve Coordinated Transportation Services with Somerset County
 - o Resolution to Approve Out of District Placement L.G.

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

Ms. Roth-Bisignano presented the Personnel Report. The following new hires were presented:

Mt. Ephraim Elementary School

- Atia Howell, Teacher
- Falande Decaze, Teacher

Copewood Elementary School

- Rosheeka Williams, Teacher
- Kaina Pichardo, Teacher

Mt. Ephraim Middle School

- Dawaine Whetstone, Dean of Students

Copewood Middle School

- Belinda Gordon, Teacher

Camden Prep Regional Support Team

- Lexy Williams, Enrollment Manager

It having been moved and duly seconded, the trustees voted unanimously to approve to accept the aforementioned new hires and returner salaries.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

The next board meeting is **Tuesday, March 25th at 1800 Copewood St. Camden, NJ 08103**