

Uncommon Schools – Camden Prep

Board of Trustees Meeting

9:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 25th, 2025

1800 Copewood St. Camden NJ, 08103

The trustees in attendance were: LaVonnia Abavana, Natalie Aronson-Cooper, Cassetta Perry, Julie Jackson, Joe Mangini, Floyd White, Colin Devlin, Jakiyah Moore

Also Present: Mary-Kate Miller, Maya Roth Bisignano, Jon Hillery, Christy Carvalho, Peggy Liao, Summer Moore

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 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 January 28th, 2025 board meeting.

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

Ms. Aronson-Cooper reviewed Board Priorities and shared an update that Camden Prep has been renewed by the NJ DOE and CCSD until June 30th 2030 (5 years).

Ms. Roth-Bisignano gave an update on External Affairs including takeaways from the Leadership Retreat, Ms. Glover's recipient of the Jerrothia Riggs Education Award by the Camden Community Planning and Advisory Council, and the state of Camden Prep High School (CPHS) college acceptances.

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

Ms. Roth-Bisignano gave an academic update on Elementary and Middle School ELA and Math projected proficiency data on recent interim assessments.

Ms. Fern presented a spotlight on Uncommon School's Master Teacher Institute (MTI) a program designed to support teacher development, strengthen instructional leadership, and elevate the quality of classroom instruction across the network.

The Board heard from Ms. Letizia, a Third Grade Copewood Elementary Teacher who is part of a MTI cohort.

Ms. Aronson-Cooper opened the floor to public comments.

The meeting moved to Executive Session to hear public comments.

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

- Financial, Accounting, & Compliance Resolutions:

- Resolution to Approve Submission of the Revised State Budget
- 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. Roth-Bisignano presented the Attract and Retain Update for the 24-25 School Year.

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

- Administrative Resolutions
 - Resolution to Approve SY 24-25 Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESSA)
 - Resolution to Approve Special Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Action Plan
 - Approval of 2025 Camden County Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) Between Education and Law Enforcement

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:

Camden Prep High School

- Imani Saunders, Teacher

Mt. Ephraim Middle School

- Viviana Caamano, Teacher

Copewood Elementary School

- Emily Evans, Teacher
- Ja’Nelle Felisbret, Teacher
- Layonie Unthank, Teacher
- Rokiatou Kaba, Teacher

Mt. Ephraim Elementary School

- Paula Gordon, Principal

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

The next board meeting is **Tuesday, May 20th at 1650 Copewood St., Camden NJ, 08103**