

Present: Tim Dutton, Sandy Lefkowitz, Rachel Allison, Kit Kaolian, Dolores Fuller, Vincent Musto, Michael Bologna, Jackie Marumoto, Wendy Phillips, John Rodriguez, Ken Smith, Celeste Markle and Zainab Muhammad.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm

1. **Public comment (Each guest is allowed 3 minutes):** No Public comment.
2. **Approval of minutes from previous (March) meetings:** A motion to approve April minutes was granted.
3. **Old Business:** No old business
4. **Status report and update on school (end of year, National Honor Society, etc...):**

The National Honor Society ceremony will be held on June 2nd, along with Graduation being held on June 19th. June 22nd will be the official last day of school and it will be the first official day of summer school for the Bridge Academy. Along with the end of the year nearing to a close the students will be attending many trips; including Campus visits, Field day, Six flags and much more. It must be reported to the Board that the students did begin the smarter balance testing. One of the students' parents did choose to opt-out of allowing their child to have the test administered to them. It was explained to the Board that although the parent did choose to opt-out, there is really no such possibility.

5. **Personnel (Fingerprint reports, early retirement plan, pregnancy leave, notices for next year...)**

The early retirement plans are still being offered and are due by the beginning of June. Board members were reminded of fingerprinting that needs to be completed by all of the members before next year.

It has been decided last meeting that the faculty member taking maternity leave will only take the 6 weeks of FMLA, paid with her own sick days. The employee affected was told of this change and there were no repercussions.

The Board was informed that at least an RTI teacher and building substitute position were going to be cut next year.

6. **Governing Council update (April meeting, Approval of calendar)** A motion to approve the minutes was granted.
7. **Financial committee report (15 minutes, Maurumoto, Dutton)**

•**New auditor, new audit format, new bank, credit line, monthly report.)**

The Bridge Academy will start banking with Westport National Bank; we will open two new accounts, alongside continuing to bank with Peoples United. Eventually we will close out all but one of our accounts with Peoples United. A resolution was made and passed to set up the new accounts.

It was agreed that the board members who were check signers with Peoples United will remain the same with this new bank of Westport National.

A motion was moved that along with her Board presidency Sandy Lefkowitz will also be reporting secretary for banking purposes. This motion was approved.

The monthly report showed The Bridge Academy finishing the year with a small deficit. When a correction was made for Bridgeport Public School Special education funding this will change to a small surplus.

8. **Building issues (1 minute) (Dutton) – New grant!!!, Building committee report, Bid documents:** We have approved the company to repair the basement ceilings, build new entry ways, building coating. The roofing contractor and asbestos removal contractor were also approved. The Board reviewed the current approved bids and expected budgets.

9. **Executive session:** A motion to move into Executive Session was granted and

began at 6:20 and ended at 6:35.

10. Other New Business –Appointment of Officers!, Board gift., It was asked if any of the Board members would like to contribute to the annual Board graduation gift. It was brought to the Boards attention that if anyone would like to volunteer and help be a judge of the senior projects that they are more than welcome. Senior Project presentations will be held on the last week of May.

11. Adjournment: 7:02 p.m.