

APPROVED 09/17/2015
Advance Cyber Charter School
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Friday, September 4, 2015 at 12:00 p.m.

Held via teleconference

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Mr. Taylor called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. when all participants were present and able to hear each other.

Board Members Present: David Taylor, Gail Hawkins-Bush, Paul Donecker, Joseph Harford and Alex Schuh (via phone);

Board Members Absent: Brian Leinhauser;

Guests via Phone: Patricia Hennessy, Board Counsel candidate; Lyn McCullen, Curtis Valentine, Pat Laystrom, Heather Woodward and Kristin DeGroff, Connections staff.

II. Routine Business

a. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Taylor asked the Board to review the Agenda distributed prior to the meeting. The Board removed Oral Report (c) Overview of Charter Choices Services. There being no further changes, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Agenda for the September 4, 2015 meeting of the Advance Cyber Charter School Board of Directors, as amended, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

III. Oral Reports

a. Overview of Charter Application Process and Timeline

Mr. Taylor reviewed the Charter Application process and timeline with the Board. The Board reviewed the recent work done in preparation for the application submission, and noted that all Board members will receive a draft copy of the application for review shortly.

b. Introduction of Board Counsel Candidate, Patricia Hennessy

Mr. Taylor introduced Patricia Hennessy to the Board. Ms. Hennessy reviewed her qualifications and partnership with the law firm, Conrad, O'Brien PC. She also discussed her experiences with charter schools throughout the state, and thanked the Board for their time and consideration.

IV. Action Items

a. Approval of Appointment of Founding Board Members

Mr. Taylor introduced the proposed Board members, and reviewed their qualifications with the Board. Mr. Taylor advised the Board of their roles as Directors and asked the Board for approval of their appointment to the Board. There being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the appointment of David Taylor, Gail Hawkins-Bush, Paul Donecker, Joseph Harford, Brian Leinhauser and Alex Schuh as the Founding Board Members of Advance Cyber Charter School for a term until the Annual Meeting 2016, as presented, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

b. Approval of Election of Board Officers

Mr. Taylor presented this item to the Board. He reviewed with the Board each Officer position as set out in the Bylaws and in the Board materials provided to the Board for their review and consideration. He advised the Board that all positions would be for the term until the Annual Meeting 2016. Nominations were opened for each position. Board members discussed the appointment of Board Treasurer, to be considered at a future meeting. There being no further nominations, nominations were closed. The following motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the appointment of:

David Taylor, Board President; and
Joseph Harford, Board Secretary, as presented, are hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

c. Approval of Organizational Resolutions

Mr. Taylor reviewed the Organizational Resolutions, as set forth in the Board Meeting materials, with the Board. Board members discussed the removal of the Board Bylaws, for review and consideration at a future meeting. There being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Organizational Resolutions, as amended to remove the Bylaws, are hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

d. Approval of the Board President to Submit Charter Application and All Other Charter Related Correspondence on Behalf of the Board

Mr. Taylor reviewed the desire for Connections to work with the Board President on finalizing and submitting the Charter application on behalf of the Board. There being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Board President to submit a Charter application and all other Charter related correspondence on behalf of the Board, as presented, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously

e. Approval of Board President to Negotiate, Finalize and Execute an Agreement with Board Counsel

Mr. Taylor presented this item to the Board. He reminded the Board of Ms. Hennessy's credentials, as discussed earlier in the meeting. There being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Board President to negotiate, finalize and execute an agreement with Board Counsel, as presented, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously

f. Approval of Board Designee to Finalize a Statement of Agreement with Connections Academy of Pennsylvania, LLC for Future Consideration by the Board

Mr. Taylor reviewed the timeline for finalizing an agreement with Connections Academy of Pennsylvania, LLC. Board members nominated Mr. Taylor to serve as Board designee to finalize the agreement with Connections. There being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that David Taylor as Board designee, to finalize a Statement of Agreement with Connections Academy of Pennsylvania, LLC for future consideration by the Board, as discussed, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

g. Approval of Letter of Intent for a School Facility and Board Designee to Work on Facility Matters

Mr. Taylor presented this item to the Board. The Board reviewed the current due diligence to secure a school facility, as well as the letter of intent for inclusion in the school's Charter application. Board members nominated Mr. Taylor to serve as Board designee to work on facility matters. There being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Letter of Intent for a School Facility and David Taylor as Board Designee to work on facility matters, as discussed, are hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

V. Information Items

a. Legislative Update

The Board discussed recent legislative activities in the state, which may impact the school. The Board discussed the political climate in Pennsylvania.

VI. Adjournment and Confirmation of Next Meeting

Mr. Taylor inquired if there was any other business or discussion. There being no further business or discussion, he noted that the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 17, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. via teleconference. The Board being at the end of its agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 12:31 p.m.