

APPROVED 2/24/16
Reach Cyber Charter School
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.

Held via teleconference

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Mr. Taylor called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. when all participants were present and able to hear each other.

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

Board Members Absent: Joseph Harford;

Guests via Phone: Patricia Hennessy, Board Counsel; Mike Whisman, member of the public; Dennis Tulli, Lyn McCullen, Curtis Valentine, Jay W. Ragley, Pat Laystrom, Josh Solomon, Earl Grier, Melissa Nelson, Rachel Graver and Heather Woodward, 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 asked to add the following items: Executive Session pursuant to §708(a)(4) to consult with attorney or other professional advisor in connection with litigation or on issues on which identifiable complaints are expected to be filed, Action Item (c) Approval of Retirement System and Action Item (d) Approval to Identify a School Finance Fiscal Consultant. There being no further changes, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Agenda for the January 26, 2016 meeting of the Reach Cyber Charter School Board of Directors, as amended, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

b. Approval of Minutes from the December 21, 2015 Board Meeting

Board members briefly discussed the draft minutes from the last meeting, as included in the Board materials. There being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Minutes from the December 21, 2015 Board Meeting, as presented, are hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session

Executive Session pursuant to §708(a)(4) to consult with attorney or other professional advisor in connection with litigation or on issues on which identifiable complaints are expected to be filed.

The Board entered into an Executive Session at 1:06 p.m. The Board cited the following for entering into the Executive Session: to consult with attorney in connection with litigation or on issues on which identifiable complaints are expected to be filed (65 PA CSA § 708(a)(4)). Board members entered into the Executive Session via a roll call vote. All present remained for the Executive Session.

Mr. Leinhauser joined the meeting at 1:17 p.m.

Open Session resumed at 1:34 p.m. via a roll call vote. No action was taken during Executive Session.

III. Oral Reports

a. Update on Charter Application and Next Steps

This item was reviewed with Board Counsel during the Executive Session.

IV. Action Items

a. Approval of Next Step for Charter Application

Mr. Taylor presented this item to the Board. The Board confirmed its desire to resubmit a revised charter application and to provide an executive summary to PDE outlining the updated Charter Application. There being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Board will resubmit a charter application, as presented, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

b. Authorization for the Board President to Act on the Boards Behalf Regarding Revision of the Charter Application or Appeal of the Charter Application Decision

Mr. Taylor reviewed the desire for the Board President to act on the Board's behalf regarding revision of the Charter Application. There being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Board President to act on the Board's behalf regarding revision of the Charter Application or appeal of the Charter Application decision, as presented, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Retirement System

Ms. Hennessy reviewed this item with the Board. She presented the Board with retirement system options available to the school and discussed the pros and cons associated with each option. The Board discussed PSERS and 403b plans.

(Dr. Tulli joined the meeting at 1:41 p.m.)

There being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the school will offer a 403b plan as the school's retirement system, as presented, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

Approval to Identify a School Finance Fiscal Consultant

Ms. Hennessy reviewed this item with the Board and the Board confirmed its desire to move forward to engage Charter Choices as the school's fiscal consultant. The Board discussed their desire to reach an agreement with Charter Choices and to have Board Counsel review the agreement prior to the Board President entering into the engagement. There being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the appointment of Charter Choices as the school Fiscal Consultant and authorization for the Board President to work with Board Counsel to negotiate and execute an agreement with Charter Choices, as presented, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

V. Adjournment and Next Meeting at the Call of the Chair

Mr. Taylor inquired if there was any other business or discussion. There being no further business or discussion, he noted that the next meeting would be scheduled at a later time. The Board being at the end of its agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.