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Reach Cyber Charter School
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

Held via teleconference

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Mr. Taylor called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. when all participants were present and able to hear each other.

Board Members Present: David Taylor, Gail Hawkins-Bush, Brian Leinhauser and Joe Harford (via phone);

Board Members Absent: Paul Donecker and Alex Schuh;

Guests via Phone: Patricia Hennessy, Board Counsel; Dennis Tulli, Pat Laystrom, Lyn McCullen, Jay W. Ragley, 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. There being no changes, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Agenda for the April 27, 2016 meeting of the Reach Cyber Charter School Board of Directors, as presented, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

b. Approval of Minutes from the February 24, 2016 Board Meeting

Board members briefly discussed the draft minutes from the February 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 February 24, 2016 Board Meeting, as presented, are hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

III. Oral Reports

a. Update on Charter and Next Steps

Ms. Hennessy provided the Board with an update on the approved Charter and next steps in the process. She congratulated the Board on their award of a charter. She reviewed the initial next steps in the charter approval and implementation process.

b. Update on Statement of Agreement with Connections

Mr. Taylor reviewed the timeline for finalizing an agreement with Connections Academy of Pennsylvania, LLC. He noted the previous approval by the Board and the timing for execution of the agreement.

c. Implementation Timeline

Mr. Ragley introduced himself to the Board. Mr. Taylor asked Mr. Ragley to update the Board on the implementation timeline and those items completed to date. He reviewed several key dates the Board and school support staff should be working toward in order to be on time for implementation and school opening for the 2016-2017 school year.

d. Update on Facility

Mr. Ragley provided the Board with an update on the PDE timing requirements surrounding the facility lease and Mr. Taylor informed the Board of a facility tour scheduled for the upcoming week.

IV. Action Items

a. Approval of Charter with PDE

Mr. Taylor presented this item to the Board. The Board reviewed the charter as approved by the PDE. There being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Charter with PDE, as presented, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

b. Consideration of Job Description and Recruitment Plan for School Leader and Authorization for Connections to Post the Job Description and Begin Recruitment for School Leader

Ms. Graver presented this item to the Board, and reviewed the process, as well as the timeline for recruitment of key personnel. The Board discussed the posting of the job description, the timeline for reviewing applications and candidates and the Board's involvement and participation in recruitment for the school leader. The Board also discussed the necessity to recruit for staff and the timing for the recruitment of staff. Ms. Graver discussed her support in the Board review of school leader candidates. There being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the job description and recruitment plan for the school leader and authorization for Connections to post the job description and begin recruitment for school leader, as presented, is hereby approved;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the recruitment for school staff and authorization for Connections to post job descriptions and begin recruitment for school staff for school leader review, as presented, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously

c. Approval of Board Meeting Schedule through June 2016

The Board discussed the need to hold regular meetings and Board members reviewed their schedules. Ms. Woodward reviewed their past meeting times and recommended the Board consider meeting the first and third Wednesday of each month through June. There being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Board Meeting Schedule through June 2016, 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 held on Wednesday, May 4, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. The Board being at the end of its agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 9:41 a.m.