



APPROVED 6/15/2016
Reach Cyber Charter School
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

Held via teleconference

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Mr. Taylor called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. when all participants were present and able to hear each other.

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

Board Members Absent: Brian Leinhauser;

Guests via Phone: Patricia Hennessy, Board Counsel; Linda Leftrict, Sylvia Pryor, TraKisha McNeil, Dennis Tulli, Marjorie Rofel, Lyn McCullen, Jay W. Ragley, Rachel Graver, Tanya Lee and Heather Woodward, Connections staff (all via phone).

II. Public Comment

There were no public comments made at this time.

III. 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 May 18, 2016 meeting of the Reach Cyber Charter School Board of Directors, as presented, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

IV. 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))

This item was moved to later in the agenda.

V. Approval of Actions Items Resulting from Executive Session

This item was moved to later in the agenda.

VI. Oral Reports

These items were moved to be reviewed later in the meeting.

VII. Consent Items

Mr. Taylor asked the Board Members whether there were any items from the Consent Items that they wanted moved to Action Items for discussion, or tabled. There being no items moved, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, the Consent Item:

- a. Approval of Minutes from the April 27, 2016 Board Meeting; is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Action Items

- a. Approval of Board Designee to Work with Connections on School Leader Recruitment

Ms. Graver reviewed with the Board the need for a Board Designee to work with Connections on School Leader recruitment. The Board expressed their desire to be involved in the recruitment process. Mr. Taylor and Ms. Hawkins Bush volunteered to work with Connections on this item on behalf of the Board. The other members present were supportive of the two volunteers working on the Boards behalf in this capacity. There being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that David Taylor and Gail Hawkins Bush as Board Designees to work with Connections on School Leader recruitment, as discussed, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

- b. Approval of Board President to Work with Connections on Facility Matters and Authorization for Board President to Negotiate, Finalize and Execute a Lease Agreement on behalf of the Board

Ms. Graver reviewed the desire for the Board President to work with Connections on facility matters and authorization for Board President to negotiate, finalize and execute a lease agreement on behalf of the Board. There being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Board President to work with Connections on facility matters and authorization for Board President to negotiate, finalize and execute a lease agreement on behalf of the Board, as presented, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

- c. Ratification of Draft Documents Contained Within the Previously Approved Charter Application

This item was tabled earlier in the meeting.

Oral Reports

a. Update on Facility

Ms. Graver provided the Board with an update on the recent work done to identify additional facility options for the school. She reviewed the three most recent property visits and reviewed the current status of the locations and the considerations with each location.

[Mr. Schuh joined at 9:09 a.m.]

Mr. Taylor requested a facility tour of the new locations being considered.

b. Update on Staff Recruitment

[Mr. Taylor left the meeting at 9:15 a.m. and asked Mr. Harford to chair the meeting in his absence.]

Ms. Graver reviewed the staff positions that have been posted with the Board and noted that several applications have been received to date.

She noted that there are currently 15 applicants for the school leader position and the process is ongoing. Ms. Graver noted that a recruiting firm has been engaged to further assist in the recruitment process.

[Ms. Hennessy joined the meeting at 9:21 a.m.]

c. Financial Update

Ms. Lee provided the Board with an introduction to the financial services the Board will be receiving from Connections.

i. Preparation for Opening of School

Ms. Lee noted the items that are being coordinated in support of the opening of the school.

d. Outreach Presentation

Ms. Leftrict and Ms. Pryor presented the outreach presentation that was included in the Board materials with the Board. The Board provided suggestions for in person outreach as well as radio outreach outlets. The Board expressed their support of the plan and initiatives provided therein.

The Board discussed the timing of an upcoming press release and the signatures being obtained from Board members. Ms. Hennessy advised that outreach efforts have begun to initiate lead generations, and that she will soon issue the press release.

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))

The Board entered into an Executive Session at 9:56 a.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. Gail Hawkins-Bush, Paul Donecker, Alex Schuh and Joe Harford remained for the Executive Session. At the request of the Board, Marjorie Rofel, Jay W. Ragley, Rachel Graver and Heather Woodward attended the Executive Session. All other attendees left the meeting at this time.

Open Session resumed at 10:06 a.m. via a roll call vote. No action was taken during Executive Session.

Approval of Actions Items Resulting from Executive Session

No further action was needed at this time.

IX. Adjournment and Confirmation of Next Meeting - Wednesday, June 1, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

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, June 1, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. The Board being at the end of its agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 10:07 a.m.