



**APPROVED 04/21/2021**

**Reach Cyber Charter School  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING**

Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at 12:00 p.m.

**Meeting Location:**

750 East Park Drive, Suite 204  
Harrisburg, PA 17111

-And via teleconference-

**1(800) 747-5150; Code 703-4511#**

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**I. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Mr. Taylor called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m. when all participants were present and able to hear each other. The meeting was open to the public in person at the school, and held via teleconference.

Board Members Present: David Taylor, Paul Donecker, Joe Harford, Gail Hawkins Bush and Dave Biondo (all via phone);

Board Members Absent: Alex Schuh;

Guests: Karen Yeselavage and Scott Stuccio (in person at the school, following COVID-19 social distancing protocols); Jane Swan, School Leader; Pat Hennessey, Board Counsel; Kristin Hovorka, Rachel Graver, LeeAnn Ritchie, Devin Meza-Rushanan, Greg McCurdy and Andy Gribbin, School Staff; Laura Johnson and Megann Arthur, Online and Blended Learning (OBL) staff (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, and inquired if there were any changes requested. There being no changes noted, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Agenda for the January 27, 2021 Special Meeting of the Reach Cyber Charter School Board of Directors, as presented, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

[Ms. Hennessey joined the meeting at 12:03 p.m.]

#### IV. Financial Report

Ms. Yeselavage reviewed the school's financial statements with the Board. She reviewed the revenue and expense statements, and balance sheet with the Board and advised of updated projections. Ms. Yeselavage further discussed changes being made to the format of the financial statements to more closely align with PDE's recommended reporting and account code structure, as indicated in the form of the school's required Annual Financial Report to PDE structure.

[Mr. Meza-Rushanan joined the meeting at 12:06 p.m.]

#### V. Strategic Planning

##### a. Strategic Plan Report

Ms. Swan presented this item to the Board. She provided brief overview of recent updates to action items within the Strategic Plan, reminding the Board of discussion at their last regular meeting the week prior, as well.

##### b. Approval of STEM Gaming Microgrant Agreement

Ms. Swan asked Mr. Gribbin to present this item to the Board. Mr. Gribbin provided the Board with an overview of content areas to be covered, advantages to the recommended program, and student feedback on trials with the Gaming program(s). There being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the STEM Gaming Microgrant Agreement, as presented, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

##### c. Approval of MOU with Penn State University (PSU)

Ms. Swan asked Ms. Ritchie to present this item to the Board. Ms. Ritchie provided an overview of the agreement, as included in the Board materials. She indicated that the school had received a request from PSU to enter into a cooperative pre-service teaching agreement. Ms. Ritchie further advised that there would be a stipend provided to teachers for hosting students of the University, and that the terms of this proposed partnership are similar to other university agreements in place at Reach currently. There being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the MOU with Penn State University, as presented, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

#### VI. **Executive Session- Mid Year School Leader Review - Pursuant to 65 Pa. C.S. §§ 708(a)(1) – to discuss any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of performance, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee**

The Board entered into an Executive Session at 12:14 p.m. upon a motion being made, seconded and confirmed via roll call vote of all Board members present. The Board cited the following for entering into the Executive Session: Pursuant to 65 Pa. C.S. §§ 708(a)(1) – to discuss any matter involving the employment,

appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of performance, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee. Board members present were: David Taylor, Dave Biondo, Paul Donecker, Gail Hawkins Bush and Joe Harford. Guests present at the request of the Board were: Jane Swan, Kristin Hovorka and Pat Hennessey. All others left the meeting at this time.

The Board discussed personnel matters.

There being no further discussion and upon a motion being made, seconded and confirmed via roll call vote of all Board members present, the Board resumed Open Session at 12:32 p.m. No action was taken during Executive Session.

**VII. Adjournment and Confirmation of Next Meeting – Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.**

Mr. Taylor inquired if there was any other business or discussion. There being no further business or discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the next meeting date is February 17, 2021 at 9:00 a.m., to be held at the school location and/or via teleconference, based on state recommendations regarding public health and safety, is hereby approved; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board being at the end of its agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 12:33 p.m., is hereby approved.

The motions passed unanimously.