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Circle City Schools

Minutes

February Board Meeting

Date and Time
Wednesday February 19, 2025 at 7:30 AM

Location
4002 N Franklin Rd.
Indianapolis, IN 46226

Directors Present
A. Sowder, D. Neves, D. Rosenbarger, D. Sawyers, K. Lennon, L. Tarble (remote), N. Riggins, R. Grimm

Directors Absent
None

Directors who arrived after the meeting opened
D. Sawyers, L. Tarble

Guests Present
Brian Anderson (remote), Katina Knox (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

N. Riggins called a meeting of the board of directors of Circle City Schools to order on Wednesday Feb 19, 2025 at 7:34 AM.

C. Welcome Guest(s), Public Comment

D. Neves made a motion to approve the minutes from December Board Meeting on 12-18-24.
K. Lennon seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

II. Consent Agenda

A. Approve Previous Board Minutes

D. Neves made a motion to approve the minutes from.
K. Lennon seconded the motion.
Approve December Board Minutes
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

R. Grimm	Aye
D. Rosenbarger	Aye
A. Sowder	Aye
D. Sawyers	Aye
D. Neves	Aye
N. Riggins	Aye
K. Lennon	Aye
L. Tarble	Aye

B. Approve February Agenda

D. Neves made a motion to approve February agenda.
K. Lennon seconded the motion.
Darius joined just after Agenda approved unanimously by those present
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.
D. Sawyers arrived.

III. Head of School Update

A. Update

Megan provided update and brief discussion that attendance is really strong (perhaps in part because of legislation), discipline incidents have gone down, count day numbers were fairly strong and above budget, and a few staff members recently resigned.

Some things we are monitoring: non-competitive grant submitted to Lilly for an activity bus and FT HS Placement Coordinator; new ICSB Exec. Director who should be voted on in March (part of Gov. Braun's reorganization).

Max Glenn (Board Member of ACE Prep Academy) joined public session at 7:46

Other brief updates included summer school, monitoring changes and compliance requirements on immigration enforcement in/around schools, same with evolving/updated DEI guidance/orders/legislation.

Black History Month performance 2.26.25 5:30 pm and working on publicity

Fri. 2.28 8:00 - 8:30 Read Across America

Staff member Alise Dalstrom joined 7:54 and left at 7:56

IV. Executive Session

A. Potential School Merger

Board discussed potential merger with another charter school
L. Tarble arrived at 7:50 AM.
D. Rosenbarger made a motion to Pursue MOU to merge with ACE Prep.
A. Sowder seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

V. Board Chair

A. Board Meeting Schedule for Remainder of SY25

Max Glenn rejoined public session

Discussed and agreed to continue monthly meetings at 7:30 on Wednesdays

VI. Finance Committee

A. December and January Financials

Haven't reviewed Jan. financials yet as a finance committee, but ahead on revenue. Dec. financials look a bit different (accrual instead of cash basis reporting).

Title I recently approved and will soon hit our bank account, and same with Charter Innovation Grant ($325k).

Haven't yet received property tax money so that's noted as a receivable.

Monitoring and planning around potential upcoming expenses like HVAC replacements.

Also some other grant revenues we are monitoring for potential award in near future.

B. December and January Transactions

K. Lennon made a motion to approve December and January transactions.
N. Riggins seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

VII. Governance Committee

A. Background Check

D. Sawyers made a motion to approve CCP management using discretion to hire individuals with OWI convictions on background check and board approval for the hiring may come before or after the hire. Otherwise, management must have board approval before hiring individuals with any other convictions in Ind. Code 20-26-5-11.2 (which convictions are still permissible for employment).
N. Riggins seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Creating Board Retreat Agenda

encouraged board members to ideate and send Megan and Bobby ideas of what they want to cover at the board retreat.

C. Board Recruitment & Board Assessment Completion

Robert Grimm will recirculate list of potential board prospects, requesting input from Directors.

VIII. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 9:09 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
N. Riggins