APPROVED

Vida Charter School

Minutes

Special Meeting

Date and Time
Wednesday June 1, 2016 at 6:30 PM

Location
Eisenhower Building; Remote attendance by dialing 717-253-9033.

Trustees Present
A. Kittelberger (remote), C. Bowen (remote), D. Marritz, J. Arnold, J. Brandauer, L. Leonard, M. Rosenberger, S. White

Trustees Absent
None

Ex Officio Members Present
C. Maldonado

Guests Present
Alicia Lair, Emily Cost, Greg Murry, Jen Yablonsky, Laura Wukovitz, Maribel Gonzalez, Yolanda Garcia

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

S. White called a meeting to order on Wednesday Jun 1, 2016 at 6:36 PM.
The Pledge of Allegiance was omitted since the meeting was held in the cafeteria
L. Leonard noted that the board held an executive session from 6:01 to 6:25 for the purpose of discussing personnel issues.

C. Call to Public

Greg Murry thanks the executive search committee and is sympathetic to the amount of work that was done in a short period of time. It is his belief that 1 candidate is not enough and is worried about the candidate's qualifications. He wishes to see an additional candidate and an interim executive director may be prudent.
Laura Wukovitz spoke to thank Vida and to congratulate everyone on a successful school year.

II. New Business

A. Appoint new Executive Director of Vida Charter School

L. Leonard is pleased to announce that the Vida Charter School Board of Directors has selected Martha Davis as the new executive director of Vida Charter School effective July 1, 2016. L. Leonard appreciates the patience of the stakeholders and the contributions made by the executive search committee while the board made their decision, as well as thanking the candidates that applied for the position.

J. Brandauer made a motion to approve the employment agreement between Martha Davis and Vida Charter School which serves to appoint her as the Executive Director of Vida Charter School beginning 7-1-16.
D. Marritz seconded the motion.
The team **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call	
L. Leonard	Aye
C. Bowen	Aye
A. Kittelberger	Aye
J. Brandauer	Aye
M. Novoa	Absent
M. Rosenberger	Abstain
J. Arnold	Aye
S. White	Aye
D. Marritz	Aye

L. Leonard read the press release announcement for the benefit of all parties present and is a follows:

PRESS RELEASE

Vida Charter School Announces Martha Viadana Davis Appointed New Executive Director

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Gettysburg, PA, June 1 – Vida Charter School announces the appointment of Martha Davis as its new Executive Director. She will assume responsibilities on July 1, 2016 and will succeed Cynthia Maldonado.

"After a thorough and deliberate selection process, the Board of Directors is delighted that Ms. Davis will lead Vida Charter School in the upcoming years," said Lynn Leonard from Vida's Board of Directors. "Ms. Davis has an in-depth understanding of the needs of our bilingual students and brings to Vida a wide variety of experience and skill in the areas of second language acquisition, business ownership, school administration, and non-profit board service."

We welcome Ms. Davis' experience as a Spanish teacher in the Philadelphia and Oxford Area School Districts. In this capacity, Ms. Davis developed curriculum, provided professional development in cross cultural training and ESL teaching strategies, established an ESL After School Program, produced student plays on Incan and Mayan cultures, and designed and established a school-wide diversity program. Most recently as Director of Operations of Esperanza Charter School she oversaw all business, IT, cafeteria, enrollment, facilities, safety, and other essential functions of the school. As an entrepreneur and long-time CEO of her own company, the Abroad Link language school, Ms. Davis designed customized language curriculum and provided students with cultural training. Moreover, she published a book titled "History and Culture of Mexico" by the Rochester School District. Ms. Davis' rich and varied experience also includes working as an actuary in her native Mexico; directing a program for children with disabilities in Rochester, NY; teaching reading and writing to migrant students; being an adjunct professor; collaborating with the PA State Department of Economic Development in creating conferences for small businesses; serving on numerous nonprofit boards and planning committees; and much more.

Ms. Davis holds an Associates in Actuarial Science from Universidad Autónoma de México, a Bachelors in Liberal Arts and a Masters in Public Administration from SUNY Brockport, a Principal K-12, and Spanish level II certificates from Immaculata University. Ms. Davis is passionate about languages (she is bilingual in English/Spanish and is learning Japanese), cultures, and travel. She is also a visual artist and enthusiastic supporter of the arts in all forms.

"I am honored that Vida Charter School's Board of Directors selected me as their new Executive Director and am thrilled to have the opportunity to serve in such a fine Charter School. I look forward to positioning Vida as the leader of Dual Language Immersion and global Education in the central part of the state of Pennsylvania." said Martha Davis

L, Leonard noted that the parents will be notified through the mail along with the report cards and the staff will be notified on 6-2-16.

S. White, Secretary notes that an Abstention Memorandum is on file for M. Rosenberger at the Vida Charter School Office.

III. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

L. Leonard made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
J. Brandauer seconded the motion.
The team **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.
There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
S. White