



**PROVIDENT CHARTER SCHOOL  
MINUTES  
OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF PROVIDENT CHARTER  
SCHOOL**

November 14, 2017

6:00 – 8:00 PM

Provident Charter School

<b>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	<b>BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT</b>	<b>OTHERS PRESENT</b>
Curtis Kossman	Jennifer Fichtner	Amelia Brett
Scott Cunningham	John Rushford	Brett Marcoux
Dr. Jean Ferketish	Dr. David Whitcomb	Maria Paluselli
Roland Gargani		
Joseph DiMario	Andy Patterson	
Dan Sponseller	Avi Baran Munro	
Karen Colbert		
	Tyra Oliver	

Curtis Kossman convened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

**Public Comment**

None.

**Approval of Minutes**

**ACTION:** Upon motion by Dan Sponseller, seconded by Roland Gargani, the minutes for the Board's October 10, 2017 meeting, previously circulated to the Board, were unanimously approved.

**Enrollment Report**

Brett Marcoux reported that enrollment is presently 138 students.

## **Governance**

The Schedule for Board meetings for January through July 2018 was announced and approved for the second Tuesday of the month, except that no meetings will be held in January or July unless specially scheduled. Amelia Brett will prepare and publish the Notice of such meetings.

## **Report on Business Services**

Brett Marcoux stated that Aquinas Academy is renting the use of the School gym for basketball twice a week.

Brett Marcoux reported that the School will be providing school-based therapy to families and students in need of same, and that the cost would be covered by CHIP insurance. The ability to offer this service was brought to the school's attention by one of the School's counselors, who was alert to this important opportunity.

## **Hiring**

Brett Marcoux discussed the need for additional hiring at the school. After discussion, the following actions were taken by the Board:

**ACTION:** Upon motion by Dan Sponseller, seconded by Scott Cunningham, the Board unanimously voted to approve the hiring of the persons listed on Appendix A to the Agenda of today's meeting.

**ACTION:** Upon motion by Dan Sponseller, seconded by Roland Gargani, the Board unanimously voted to increase the School budget by up to \$85,000 to hire one floating full time substitute teacher, and one additional teacher, and to cover the previous hiring of one other employee at approximately .5 capacity.

## **Finance and Facility Report**

Roland Gargani delivered the Treasurer's Report for October 2017, a copy of which will be filed with these minutes. He reported that there are large accounts receivable from certain school districts, and that he planned to contact the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to obtain collections soon if necessary. He also reported that the school will receive money from the sale of certain Microsoft stock, which will be used to buy ipads for students.

Mr. Gargani also reported that the School audit has been successfully concluded.

The Board also discussed charges by the PWSA for water and sewage and appeals regarding same. Brett Marcoux reported on certain water damage in the Annex Building and related insurance issues.

The Board also discussed the formation of the PCS Foundation, the details of which will be addressed in the appropriate minutes of that newly-formed organization

Mr. Kossman reported on efforts to refinance certain of the School's credit facilities. After full discussion, it was agreed that Mr. Kossman should explore available refinancing options and report back to the Board with his findings.

**Executive Session**

The Board went into executive session to discuss the recent announcement by Mr. Marcoux that he has accepted an offer to lead another school beginning in the Fall of 2019, and that he will accordingly be leaving the School at the end of this school year in June 2018. Before going into executive session, members of the Board expressed their deep appreciation for all the work and remarkable success of Mr. Marcoux in starting up the School and leading its operation to date, and that we look forward to continued success with Mr. Marcoux this year, and that he will be missed.

The Board then went into executive session to discuss certain personnel matters in light of Mr. Marcoux's announcement.

**CEO Search**

The Board then resumed the meeting, and discussed with Mr. Marcoux and Ms. Paluselli procedures for future CEO search.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm

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Secretary of the Board