



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

August 9, 2022
6:00 – 8:00 PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT	BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT	OTHERS PRESENT
Dr. Jean Ferketish	Joseph DiMario	Maria Paluselli
Dan Sponseller (via zoom)	John Rushford	Kathy Clark (via zoom)
Curtis Kossman		Rachel Owens
David Baker		Alan Shuckrow
Terry Smith (via zoom)		
Sheila Conway (via zoom)		
George Robinson		
Dr. David Whitcomb (via zoom)		

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

Executive Session

Alan Shuckrow announced that prior to this evening's meeting the Board held an Executive Session to discuss employment matters, pending litigation and conducted a review of the 2021-2022 threat assessment summary.

Public Comment

None

Approval of Minutes

The board reviewed the meeting minutes from the May 10, 2022 and the June 14, 2022 meetings. **ACTION:** Upon motion by Curtis Kossman, seconded by George Robinson, the meeting minutes from the May 10, 2022 and the June 14, 2022 meetings were approved.

Report on Governance

Alan Shuckrow informed the Board that the charter school regulations spear-headed by Governor Wolf and set to be effective this fall were pulled by the governor's office in the midst of budget negotiations.

Board terms: Due to a few new members on the board, Attorney Shuckrow reviewed with the board the terms as Mr. Robinson is replacing Andy Patterson and succeeds to his remaining term as well as Mr. Smith replaces Roland Gargani and succeeds to his remaining term. Ms. Conway was elected to her own 4-year term. Mr. Shuckrow recommended that the board vote on the current terms as well as select someone to be the Treasurer to replace Mr. Gargani and that a new slate of officers be elected at the September meeting.

Report on School Operations

Maria Paluselli presented various reports on school operations. Ms. Paluselli noted that there was to be a discussion on modifications to be made to the 403(b) plan, but that discussion will be held until the September meeting.

Ms. Paluselli presented a new meal charge policy to the Board for review and discussion. As noted by Maria, families may continue to apply for and receive free and reduced price lunch; however, unlike the past two years, all students no longer will receive free meals and there is now a need for a meal charge policy. Attorney Clark discussed with the Board the policy and its compliance with current law and the notion of no "lunch shaming."

ACTION: Upon motion by Curtis Kossman, seconded by George Robinson, the meal charge policy was unanimously approved by the Board.

Ms. Paluselli presented the Board with a new cell phone policy for review and discussion. The cell phone policy prohibits the use of cell phones by students in the school building and provides for cell phones to be placed in pouches upon entry into school.

ACTION: Upon motion by Curtis Kossman, seconded by Jean Ferketish, the cell phone policy was unanimously approved by the Board.

Next, the Board reviewed the Instructional Time template, which is required to be submitted to PDE. Ms. Paluselli discussed the template with the Board.

ACTION: Upon motion by Curtis Kossman, seconded by George Robinson, the Instructional Time template was unanimously approved by the Board.

Ms. Paluselli also reviewed the school's comprehensive plan with the Board, which also must be submitted to PDE.

ACTION: Upon motion by Curtis Kossman, seconded by David Baker, the Comprehensive Plan was unanimously approved by the Board.

Report on Hiring

Ms. Paluselli reported on hiring as reflected in Appendix A to the Agenda.

ACTION: Upon motion by Curtis Kossman, seconded by Jean Ferketish, the Board unanimously approved the hiring reflected on Appendix A to the Agenda for this meeting.

Enrollment Report

Ms. Paluselli presented the current enrollment report which was attached as Appendix B to the Agenda. She noted that the total enrollment is at 335.

Report on Business Services

Ms. Paluselli provided a detailed list of vendor purchases for July and August 2022, which the Board reviewed and approved.

ACTION: Upon motion by Curtis Kossman, seconded by David Baker, the Board unanimously approved the vendor purchases for July and August 2022, provided by Ms. Paluselli, copies of which will be filed with these minutes.

Treasurer's Update

Curtis Kossman submitted the Treasurer's Report to the Board, a copy of which will be filed with these minutes.

ACTION: Upon motion by Curtis Kossman, seconded by George Robinson, the Board unanimously approved the Treasurer's Report.

Facilities Update

Ms. Paluselli provided the Board with an update on ongoing summer projects occurring at the school including the annex floor replacement, replacement of electrical panels to now allow for window air conditioning units for the classrooms, and demolition of the garage building out in the parking lot.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Date

Daniel J. Sponseller
Secretary of the Board