



**PROVIDENT CHARTER SCHOOL  
MINUTES  
OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF PROVIDENT CHARTER  
SCHOOL  
August 8, 2023  
6:00 PM  
HELD AT PROVIDENT CHARTER SCHOOL AND VIA ZOOM**

<b>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	<b>BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT</b>	<b>OTHERS PRESENT</b>
Dr. Jean Ferketish	John Rushford	Maria Paluselli
Dan Sponseller	Joe DiMario	Kathy Clark
Curtis Kossman	George Robinson	Rachel Owens*
David Baker *	Terry Smith	Darlene Brown*
Don Marinelli		Alan Shuckrow
Sheila Conway		
Mike Brady		

\*Via Zoom

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

**Public Comment**

None.

**Resignation of Board Member**

Curtis Kossman announced that long time and beloved Board Member Joe DiMario had advised Mr. Kossman that he was reluctantly resigning from the Board at this time. The Board discussed Mr. DiMario's great contributions to the operation of the School and the Board and uniformly stated that they would miss his presence on the Board. A letter of appreciation to Mr. DiMario for his wise counsel and service to the Board will be forthcoming.

**ACTION:** Upon motion by Curtis Kossman, seconded by Mike Brady, the resignation of Mr. DiMario from the Board was unanimously but reluctantly accepted, effective immediately. .

### **Approval of Minutes**

The meeting minutes from the June 13, 2023 regular Board meeting were reviewed by the Board.

**ACTION:** Upon motion by Mr. Kossman, seconded by Dr. Ferketish, the meeting minutes from the June 13, 2023 regular Board meeting were unanimously approved.

### **School Operations**

Maria Paluselli presented and the Board discussed the results of the 22-23 End of Year Parent Survey, which were overwhelmingly positive, and contained detailed and specific comments regarding the performance of the School teachers and staff and their impact on the students, which were both overwhelmingly positive and also constructive regarding areas for improvement.

Ms. Paluselli presented, and the Board discussed a new detailed Outside Agency Visitor Policy, a copy of which will be filed with these minutes.

**ACTION:** Upon motion by Curtis Kossman, seconded by Dan Sponseller, the Outside Agency Visitor Policy, a copy of which will be filed with these minutes, was unanimously approved.

Ms. Paluselli presented, and the Board discussed a new detailed Combined Tech Lending and Acceptable Use Policy, a copy of which will be filed with these minutes.

**ACTION:** Upon motion by Dan Sponseller, seconded by Mike Brady, the Combined Tech Lending and Acceptable Use Policy, a copy of which will be filed with these minutes, was unanimously approved, subject to review and approval by counsel and the adding of appropriate compliance language to be reviewed and approved by counsel.

Ms. Paluselli also presented the current enrollment report, which the Board reviewed.

Ms. Paluselli also presented the current hiring report to the Board, a copy of which is attached as Appendix A to the Agenda.

**ACTION:** Upon motion by Curtis Kossman, seconded by Dan Sponseller, the hiring report was unanimously approved.

### **Finance**

Curtis Kossman presented the Board with the vendor purchases for the month of July, 2023.

**ACTION:** Upon motion by Mr. Kossman, seconded by Dan Sponseller, the vendor purchases for the month of July, 2023 were unanimously approved.

Mr. Kossman also presented the financial report to the Board.

**ACTION:** Upon motion by Mr. Kossman, seconded by Dan Sponseller, the finance report was unanimously approved.

**Facilities**

The Pittsburgh Public School System annual Facility Review Spring 2023 Provident School site report was reviewed and discussed, and it was agreed that the School consultant would review the report and draft a response for ultimate submission as a response to the report after review by counsel.

The Board discussed reports that the School gym acoustics create loud echos, and Mr. Kossman suggested to Ms. Paluselli that an acoustics committee be formed to address the issue.

Ms. Paluselli advised that work on the new School vestibule has begun.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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Daniel J. Sponseller  
Secretary of the Board