



PROVIDENT CHARTER SCHOOL
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MINUTES
OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF PROVIDENT CHARTER SCHOOL
Tuesday, August 9, 2016
6:00 – 8:00 PM
Provident Charter School

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT	BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT	OTHERS PRESENT
Curtis Kossman		
Dr. Jean Ferketish	Darra Brock	Amelia Brett
Tyra Oliver		Brett Marcoux
Scott Cunningham		Karen Colbert
Dan Sponseller		
Joseph DiMario	Jennifer Fichtner	Maria Paluselli
John Rushford	Dr. Sharon Arffa	
Avi Baran Munro		
Roland Gargani		
Dr. David Whitcomb		
Andy Paterson		

1. Call to Order by President: Mr. Kossman

Mr. Kossman called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Minutes from Prior Board Meeting: July 12, 2016:

A **MOTION** was made by Dan Sponseller, duly seconded by Jean Ferketish, and the meeting minutes, previously circulated by email to all Board members, were approved, as modified to indicate that Avi Munro was present in person and took the referenced oath of office, and to correct the spelling of Joe DiMario's name.

3. Public Comments:

No Public Comments.

4. Election of Karen Colbert to Board:

After a presentation of the qualifications of Karen Colbert, and discussion of same, John Rushford moved for a vote to elect Karen Colbert to the Board, which **MOTION** was seconded by Mr. DiMario, and all present voted in favor, and the motion passed.

5. Approval of Minutes of Special Board Meeting Held: June 13, 2016:

A **MOTION** was made by D. Sponseller, duly seconded by Tyra Oliver, and the meeting minutes for the Special Board Meeting Held June 13, 2016, previously circulated by email to all Board members, prepared by counsel Alan Shuckrow, were approved.

6. Report on Business Services:

Brett Marcoux reported on various contracts for services and supplies, which are itemized in the Agenda for this meeting (and which will be included as an attachment to these minutes) and designated as "entered agreements" therein. After questions and discussion among the Board and Mr. Marcoux, John Rushford moved for approval of these agreements, which **MOTION** was seconded by Jean Ferketish, and all present voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Mr. Marcoux also described the other agreements listed on the Agenda as "for consideration." After questions and extensive discussion among the Board and Mr. Marcoux relating to the Young Brothers Tae Kwon Do offer for services and the possibility of hiring an alternative martial arts instructor or program provider, John Rushford moved for approval of a **MOTION** to (i) authorize Mr. Marcoux and Mr. Kossman to evaluate alternative options and vendors for martial arts instruction; (ii) to notify Young Brothers Tae Kwon Do of the Board's rejection of their offer; (iii) to advise Young Brothers that Provident will be taking requests for services to the market to seek alternative offers for services; and (iv) that the Board will hold a special meeting to evaluate alternatives and to determine how to proceed, the Motion was seconded by Dr. David Whitcomb, and all present voted in favor, the Motion passes.

7. Report on Hiring and Enrollment:

Mr. Marcoux delivered the report on hiring and the proposed hiring of the employees set forth on Exhibit A: Employment Report. A copy of Exhibit A was attached to the Agenda for this meeting and shall be attached hereto. After a review of the proposed new employees, both salaried and hourly, Andy Paterson moved to authorize the hiring of the employees set forth on Exhibit A, which **MOTION** was seconded by Joe DiMario, and all present voted in favor, and the motion passed.

Mr. Marcoux reported that 46 students had pre-enrolled, and that he and others were working with Shift Collaborative, Think Communication, and eHoldings Inc. regarding various marketing and proposed marketing efforts, which are ongoing and being pursued diligently.

8. Report on Finance and Facilities:

Mr. Kossman reported on finances and the status of the School building, including the progress made and matters remaining to be completed before the opening of the School.

Mr. Marcoux discussed the Pittsburgh Public School's Pre-Opening Checklist.

9. Recent and Future Events:

Mr. Marcoux presented an update on upcoming open houses and community job fairs.

Since there was no further business to address a **MOTION** was made to close the meeting by Andy Paterson at 8:11p.m. and Dr. David Whitcomb seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Sponseller, Esq.
Board Secretary