



**PROVIDENT CHARTER SCHOOL
MINUTES
OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF PROVIDENT CHARTER
SCHOOL
June 9, 2020
6:00 – 7:40 PM**

Provident Charter School (Virtual Meeting)

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT	BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT	OTHERS PRESENT
Dan Sponseller	Andy Patterson	Kathy Clark
Roland Gargani		David Zeiler
David Whitcomb		Rachel Owens
David Baker		Maria Paluselli
John Rushford		Julie Ewing
Curtis Kossman		Elizabeth Risa
Dr. Jean Ferketish		Heather LaBuda
Joseph DiMario		Alan Shuckrow
		Mindy Bramer

Curtis Kossman convened the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Public Comment

None.

Approval of Minutes

ACTION: Upon motion by Mr. Kossman, second by Mr. DiMario, the Board unanimously approved the minutes, previously circulated by Mr. Sponseller, for the May 12, 2020 monthly Board Meeting.

Report on Governance

Alan Shuckrow noted that there are 4 board members whose terms are expiring at the end of June and are eligible for 4 year renewal terms. These are listed on a resolution and are: Andy Patterson, John Rushford, Roland Gargani, Joe DiMario. Alan commented that these board members have all served with distinction. Andy is not present this evening but is willing to continue to serve.

ACTION: Upon motion by Jean Ferketish and second by David Baker the four members were reappointed for 4 year terms.

Next, Tammy Ferguson, a notary public administered the Oath of Office for these board members present. Andy Patterson will take the Oath outside the meeting.

Finally, Alan noted for the Board that the renewal of the charter by Pittsburgh Public will be voted on by the PPS board on June 24. In addition, on June 17, 2020, the PPS board will hear a presentation from the Administration regarding the renewal at the Agenda review meeting which begins at 4:00 p.m.

Report on School Operations

David Zeiler provided a detailed and excellent presentation regarding the School's plan for reopening for the upcoming year. The plan is included in the written Phased School Reopening Health and Safety Plan, and the Path to Reopening Plan circulated by Mr. Zeiler to the Board. Mr. Zeiler proposes therein plans and policies for health and safety, reopening, a remote work policy and a visitor policy, all intended to address the issues associated with COVID-19. As reflected therein, the School will be choosing a total reopen policy, but with options for remote education if and as necessary or advisable, as explained in detail by Mr. Zeiler.

ACTION: Upon motion by Joe DiMario, seconded by Mr. Kossman, all four of the foregoing policies were approved by the Board.

Mr. Zeiler then proposed dates for Board meetings through December 2020.

ACTION: Upon motion by Dan Sponseller, second by Joe DiMario, the Board voted that monthly Board meetings would be held on the second Tuesday of every month through December, 2020, and that no meeting would be held in July 2020.

Report on Business Services

David Zeiler reviewed and reported on health care options for employees, and that the School is forced to eliminate the Platinum Plan availability, but that the School may have the Gold Plan available, so the School will only have two, rather than three, plans available.

Mr. Zeiler also reported that additional technology would be needed in light of the Reopening Plan and COVID19, and that the PA Department of Education was allocating approximately \$90,000 for COVID19-related technology expenses. He advised that the School had applied for a \$67,000 grant.

Report on Hiring

No hiring this month.

Enrollment Report

David Zeiler presented the current enrollment report which was attached as Appendix B to the Agenda.

Report on Finance and Facilities

Treasurers Report

Roland Gargani presented the Treasurer’s Report to the Board.

ACTION: Upon motion by Mr. DiMario, second by Mr. Sponseller, the Board unanimously approved the Treasurer’s Report, a copy of which will be filed with these minutes.

2020-2021 Budget

Mr. Zeiler reviewed, and the Board asked numerous questions, concerning the 2020-2021 proposed Budget for the School.

ACTION: Upon motion by Mr. DiMario, second by Mr. Sponseller, the Board unanimously approved the 2020-2021 proposed Budget for the School, submitted by Mr. Zeiler, a copy of which will be filed with these minutes.

Report on Results of Annual Parent Satisfaction Survey

Mr. Zeiler reported that 113 parents were satisfied with the School’s performance in the annual School parent survey, and only 1 parent was less than satisfied, and 1 parent was neutral.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Date

Daniel J. Sponseller
Secretary of the Board