



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

December 8, 2020
6:00 – 7:05 PM
(Virtual)

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT	BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT	OTHERS PRESENT
Dan Sponseller	David Whitcomb	Alan Shuckrow
Roland Gargani		Kathy Clark
Andy Patterson		Rachel Dodson
David Baker		Maria Paluselli
John Rushford*		Junior Board Members (2)
Curtis Kossman		Lauren Kossman
Dr. Jean Ferketish		Mindy Bramer
Joseph DiMario		Rachel Owens
		Tim Tray

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

Public Comment

None.

Approval of Minutes

ACTION: Upon motion by Mr. DiMario, seconded by Mr. Kossman, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the Board meetings for November 10 and November 18, 2020.

Report on Governance/Legislative Update

Mr. Shuckrow reported agreement from Pittsburgh Public School on language for the school's charter renewal, for a charter renewal effective as of July 1, 2020, per a redlined version dated December 2, 2020.

ACTION: Upon motion by Mr. Sponseller, seconded by Mr. DiMario, the Board unanimously approved the charter renewal substantially in the form of the redlined version dated December 20, 2020 referenced by Mr. Shuckrow.

Mr. Gargani reported that the school mortgage had been paid off and that the school's line of credit was in place, available as needed.

The Board discussed potential new Board candidates. It was agreed Mr. DiMario would be the focus person for evaluation and proposal of new Board members, with assistance from Mr. Sponseller and Mr. Gargani.

New Board meeting dates for 2021 were proposed.

ACTION: Upon motion by Mr. Kossman, seconded by Mr. Sponseller, the Board unanimously approved the following dates for regular monthly Board meetings for 2021:
Feb. 9, March 9, April 13, May 11, June 8, Aug. 10, Sept. 14, Oct. 12, Nov. 9, Dec. 14

Report on School Operations

Ms. Paluselli provided a detailed list of vendor purchases for November 2020, which the Board reviewed and approved.

ACTION: Upon motion by Mr. Sponseller, seconded by Mr. Kossman, the Board unanimously approved the vendor purchases for November 2020, provided by Ms. Paluselli, copy of which will be filed with these minutes.

Ms. Paluselli reported that remote learning was proceeding, and the current plan was that the school would remain remote so long as there was ongoing substantial spread of Covid 19, although that was not required. She reported that the administration was considering resuming in-school learning in January, 2021, and that she would report back to the Board regarding same.

The junior board members reported on their planning of transition events to help graduating students transition from the school to high school – potentially focusing initially on helpful organization and time management practices, and other practices and advice to assure success in the transition. The Board responded very favorably to this initiative. The junior board members will report back in the future on their progress.

It was reported that the administration, including Julie Ewing and others, were arranging for gifts to help students and their families with free breakfasts and lunches. The Board was very appreciative of these personal efforts to help in these challenging times.

Report on Hiring

Ms. Paluselli reported no new hiring in the last month.

Enrollment Report

Ms. Paluselli presented the current enrollment report which was attached as Appendix B to the Agenda.

Report on Finance and Facilities

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

Report on Philanthropy

The board reviewed and discussed a report on philanthropy matters prepared by Mr. Tim Tray. It was noted the school had sponsored "Elfburg." The school will put a link on its website for EITC information and coordination of EITC donations to the school. Mr. Tray reported on a gift from the Caliguiri Foundation.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Date

Daniel J. Sponseller
Secretary of the Board