



**PROVIDENT CHARTER SCHOOL
MINUTES
OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF PROVIDENT CHARTER
SCHOOL
April 13, 2021
6:00 – 7:50 PM
Provident Charter School**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT	BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT	OTHERS PRESENT
Dan Sponseller		
	Roland Gargani	Alan Shuckrow
	Andy Patterson	
David Baker		Maria Paluselli
	John Rushford	
Curtis Kossman		
Dr. Jean Ferketish		
Joseph DiMario		Rachel Owens
	David Whitcomb	

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

Approval of Minutes

ACTION: Upon motion by Mr. Kossman, seconded by Joe DiMario, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the Board’s regular monthly meeting for March 9, 2021.

Executive Session

The Board met in executive session to discuss certain employment matters relating to teacher evaluations. The public meeting then reconvened.

Report on Governance/Legislative Update

Counsel Alan Shuckrow provided a Pennsylvania legislative update regarding possible legislation impacting charter schools.

Report on School Operations

Ms. Paluselli presented a health and safety update. She confirmed that the School has not had three or more positive Covid tests in any 14 day period, so as to trigger extraordinary actions under the School's protocol.

She also confirmed that the PPS audit of the School had successfully been completed, and that the audit of the 21st Century Grant program at the School has also been successfully completed.

The Board also reviewed and discussed the proposed 2021-2022 School Calendar presented by Ms. Paluselli.

ACTION: Upon motion by Mr. Kossman, seconded by Mr. Sponseller, the Board unanimously approved the proposed 2021-2022 School Calendar presented by Ms. Paluselli, a copy of which will be filed with these minutes.

The Board also discussed certain Board members' view that the teacher effectiveness evaluation forms should be modified to place greater emphasis on "experiential learning" by the students.

ACTION: Upon motion by Mr. Sponseller, seconded by Mr. Kossman, the Board unanimously approved deleting the 10% "attendance" factor, and adding 10% to the "experiential learning" factor, in the teacher effectiveness evaluation form, to reflect the Board's particular emphasis on the importance of "experiential learning" at the School and in teacher performance.

Report on Business Services

Ms. Paluselli provided a detailed list of vendor purchases for March 2021, which the Board reviewed and approved.

ACTION: Upon motion by Mr. Kossman, seconded by Mr. Sponseller, the Board unanimously approved the vendor purchases for March 2021, provided by Ms. Paluselli, copy of which will be filed with these minutes.

Mr. Kossman reported that Fukui Architects is preparing a request for bids for repair of the Annex roof.

Report on Hiring

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

ACTION: Upon motion by Mr. Kossman, seconded by Mr. Sponseller, 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.

Report on Finance and Facilities

Roland Gargani submitted the March 2021 Treasurer's Report to the Board, a copy of which will be filed with these minutes.

ACTION: Upon motion by Mr. Sponseller, seconded by Mr. Kossman, the Board unanimously approved the Treasurer's Report.

Report on Special Events

The Junior Board's Transition program for 8th grade students, which will focus on self-advocacy and studying skills as they transition to high school, will be May 7, 2021. 8th grade Promotion will be June 6, 2021.

Mr. Sponseller coordinated an effort to obtain contributions from Board members to help fund the Junior Board's program to purchase special teacher care packages for teaching staff in recognition of their extraordinary effort and contribution to the ongoing operation of the school during these challenging times of Covid. Mr. Sponseller expressed thanks to all Board members who collectively contributed the target \$2900 to make this fundraiser a success.

A Staff End of Year picnic will be held June 10, 2021 at Riverview Park. Julie Ewing is graciously planning the event.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Date

Daniel J. Sponseller
Secretary of the Board