



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

August 10, 2021

6:00 – 8:15 PM

Provident Charter School

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

Curtis Kossman convened the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Public Comment

Student parents expressed their strong views favoring in-person classes this Fall with masking, and made suggestions regarding outside classes to the extent possible and masking in order to maximize safety. The Board discussed the views and received them favorably, as did the staff of the School. The parents included Gabrielle Strong, Dr. and Mrs. Andrew and Mimi Perez, and (via email) Rachel Cravotta.

Approval of Minutes

ACTION: Upon motion by Mr. Kossman, seconded by Dr. Ferketish, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the Board's regular monthly meeting for June 8, 2021, previously circulated by Mr. Sponseller.

Report on Governance

Legislative Update: Counsel Kathy Clark advised of the passage of Section 554 of Act 65 in Pennsylvania requiring posting notice of the Agenda for public meetings on the School's website and in the main office within 24 hours of such meeting, and provisions concerning any changes to such Agenda from what is stated in the noticed Agenda.

Report on School Operations

Ms. Paluselli presented an updated detailed health and safety plan for the School, requiring, among other things, in person attendance and that students wear masks at the School, until further notice.

ACTION: Upon motion by Mr. Kossman, seconded by Mr. Gargani, the Board unanimously approved a revised health and safety plan allowing the administration to provide for 100% in-person attendance beginning in the Fall of 2021, based on their assessment of the guidance provided by applicable health guidelines, and authorizing the administration to require the wearing of masks, and to make such further decisions regarding the wearing of masks, and other safety precautions, as it deems appropriate under the circumstances in the future, a copy of which shall be filed with these minutes.

Ms. Paluselli presented the current enrollment report which the Board discussed. Enrollment was strong across all grades. Mr. Kossman encouraged that School staff attempt to determine if another group can be added to increase the capacity for enrollment of 2nd graders, to attempt to accept potentially another 9 students if feasible and prudent.

Report on Hiring

Ms. Paluselli reported on the need for new hires, as reflected in Appendix A to the Agenda.

ACTION: Upon motion by Mr. Kossman, seconded by Mr. Sponseller, the Board unanimously approved the new hires as reflected in Appendix A to the Agenda.

Report on Business Services

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

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

Report on Finance

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

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

Report on Facilities

Ms. Paluselli and Mr. Kossman reported that the School gym ceiling is now being repaired at a cost of approximately \$9,800, that immediately-needed sidewalk repairs are being made by the lowest of three bidders at a cost of approximately \$14,663, and that the Annex roof repairs previously discussed are being deferred because of the cost set out in the received bids and that necessary spot patching will be made in lieu thereof.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Date

Daniel J. Sponseller
Secretary of the Board