



**PROVIDENT CHARTER SCHOOL
MINUTES
OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF PROVIDENT CHARTER
SCHOOL
November 9, 2021
6:00 – 7:31 PM**

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

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

Public Comment

None.

Approval of Minutes

ACTION: Upon motion by David Baker, seconded by Mr. Kossman, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the Board's regular monthly meeting for October 12, 2021.

Report on Governance/Legislative Update

Mr. Kossman notified the Board that Board member and Treasurer, Roland Gargani, has submitted a notice of his intention to resign from the Board, effective the end of the year. The Board discussed how much Roland has done for Provident, both personally and professionally.

Acceptance of Resignation

ACTION: Upon motion by Curtis Kossman, seconded by Mr. Baker, the Board unanimously accepted the resignation of Roland Gargani, with regret.

Alan Shuckrow reminded the Board about the need to find additional board members and encouraged all board members to think about existing contacts who might make good board members.

Report on School Operations

Ms. Paluselli provided a brief update on the Health and Safety Plan, noting that in the past month there were seven (7) total positive covid-19 cases, 3 who were staff and 4 positive student cases. She also noted that at the weekly IU meetings the IU is encouraging vaccine clinics and Provident will be planning to hold another vaccine clinic soon. The Board engaged in a discussion regarding vaccine mandates.

Ms. Paluselli reported that Pittsburgh Public will be conducting their fall visit in person – PPS indicated they will not be going into classrooms, but they will be on-site to review files.

Rachel Owens discussed graduation follow-up with the Board – recent contacts from families who have reached out after the students have graduated from Provident to talk about how they are doing (handout). Some of the students who have reported back to Provident are currently attending Pittsburgh CAPA, Bethel Park, Butler, Avonworth, Eden Christen Academy, Shaler and City Charter High School. Although this was the result of an informal contact, Ms. Owens indicated that there are plans for a more formal survey of students who transitioned after 8th grade.

Report on Business Services

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

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

Report on Hiring

Ms. Paluselli reported on new hiring as reflected in Appendix A to the Agenda. The Board engaged in a discussion about the difficulty the school is having finding a van driver. This position requires someone to work a split shift.

ACTION: Upon motion by Mr. Kossman, seconded by Dr. Ferketish, 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. She noted that the numbers have not changed since the report from last month's meeting.

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. Mr. Gargani noted that the audit is currently occurring, and he does not foresee any issues.

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

Maria Paluselli provided the Board with a report on the Annual Appeal, noting that as of November 3, 2021, the school received \$7,600 in donations.

Special Events

Maria Paluselli shared information on the family engagement series.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Date

Daniel J. Sponseller
Secretary of the Board