



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

February 6, 2024

6:00 PM

HELD AT PROVIDENT CHARTER SCHOOL AND VIA ZOOM

<b>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	<b>BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT</b>	<b>OTHERS PRESENT</b>
Dr. Jean Ferketish	John Rushford	Maria Paluselli
George Robinson		Alan Shuckrow
Curtis Kossman		Rachel Owens
Don Marinelli		Darlene Brown
Terry Smith		Luke Weismantle
Sheila Conway		Brian Weismantle
Dan Sponseller		Sallie Richards
David Baker Mike Brady		

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

**Public Comment**

None.

**Approval of Minutes**

The meeting minutes of the November and December meetings were reviewed.

ACTION: Upon motion by Sheila Conway, seconded by George Robinson, both sets of minutes were unanimously approved.

**Governance Report**

Alan Shuckrow reminded the Board that the Statement of Financial Interest (Ethics) forms are due May 1. The forms were provided to the Board members. Mr. Shuckrow offered to assist any

member in completing them. Mr. Shuckrow also mentioned that the subject of education and charter school funding was actively being debated and discussed in Harrisburg. George Robinson suggested that Provident do some outreach in Harrisburg in terms of awareness of Provident's mission. The Board liked the idea of an advocacy day in May. It was agreed that at the March meeting this topic will be explored further with the idea to have a plan to approve.

## **Reports**

### *Facility Committee*

Mr. Kossman informed the Board that they are awaiting a proposal and drawings from our architect regarding accessibility improvements and also improvements to the gymnasium. This could include the construction of an outdoor catwalk to connect the two buildings together and an outdoor elevator. The School may explore grants for the gymnasium improvements from the Buhl Foundation and Eden Hall Foundation. The priority is to work with our architect on drawings because these are needed in order to submit for grants.

### *Enrollment Report*

Ms. Paluselli delivered the report on enrollment. There are currently 326 students enrolled at PCS Central. The School is accepting applications for the next school year.

## **Matters Recommended for Board Action**

Maria Paluselli also presented the hiring report (Appendix A) to the Board, which included a new technology specialist, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher, coordinator of student engagement and belonging and a 7<sup>th</sup> grade math teacher. There are also several separations.

**ACTION:** Upon motion by Dan Sponseller, seconded by David Baker, the hiring report was unanimously approved.

Curtis Kossman presented the Board with the vendor purchases for the months of December, 2023 and January, 2024.

**ACTION:** Upon motion by Curtis Kossman, seconded by George Robinson, the vendor purchases for the months of December, 2023 and January, 2024 were unanimously approved.

Mr. Kossman and Darlene Brown presented the financial report to the Board with the information as of December 31, 2023.

**ACTION:** Upon motion by Curtis Kossman, seconded by George Robinson, the finance report as of December 31, 2023 was unanimously approved.

It was announced that the Board would be going into executive session at the conclusion of the meeting in order to receive the annual safety and security report which, by law, is to be delivered to the Board in executive session. Luke and Brian Weismantle, the School's security guard and former SRO have assisted in preparing the report and will attend the executive session.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned to the executive session for the safety and security report at 7:45 p.m.

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Daniel J. Sponseller  
Secretary of the Board