



**PROVIDENT CHARTER SCHOOL
MINUTES
OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF PROVIDENT CHARTER
SCHOOL
June 11, 2024
6:00 PM
HELD AT PROVIDENT CHARTER SCHOOL AND VIA ZOOM**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT	BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT	OTHERS PRESENT
Terry Smith	John Rushford	Maria Paluselli
Dr. Jean Ferketish	Mike Brady	Alan Shuckrow
Curtis Kossman		Katrena Loy
David Baker		Darlene Brown
George Robinson		Quinn Connelly
Sheila Conway		Brian Weismantle
Dan Sponseller		Dan Lynch
		Amy Cooper
		Sallie Richards

Curtis Kossman convened the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

Public Comment

Alan Shuckrow introduced Quinn Connelly, a summer law clerk present to take minutes for the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

The meeting minutes of the May 14, 2024 meeting were reviewed by the Board.

ACTION: Upon motion by Shiela Conway, seconded by Dr. Jean Ferketish, the May 14, 2024 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Matters of Note

Board Terms

Alan Shuckrow reminded the Board that three members' terms were soon to end. George Robinson and John Rushford will no longer serve on the board following the end of term on June 30, though there was some discussion as to George's wife potentially taking his seat. Terry Smith's term will end at the same time, though he will take another.

ACTION: Upon motion by Curtis Kossman, seconded by Dan Sponseller, the board voted unanimously to approve Terry Smith taking another four (4) year term.

ACTION: Upon motion by Curtis Kossman, seconded by Dr. Ferketish, the declination of an additional term of George Robinson and John Rushford were unanimously accepted, with regret.

New Board Member

Curtis Kossman informed the Board that he was nominating Dan Lynch to the Board. Mr. Lynch was present via Zoom, introduced himself, and discussed his experience serving on other boards and as an attorney. He then signed off the meeting for the Board to discuss and vote on his candidacy. He later rejoined the call after the vote occurred.

ACTION: Upon motion by Curtis Kossman, seconded by Dan Sponseller, Dan Lynch was unanimously voted onto the board. His term is to begin July 1, with orientation to happen at a later date.

Enrollment Report

Maria Paluselli presented the enrollment report for Central and West. The average number of new students in a year for Central is 50-60, but the school is currently anticipating 83 new students for the 2024-2025 academic year. The number is still in flux, as many students are still in the enrollment process. Noted that it is unlikely that Central will be able to exceed 74 students in 4th grade, while 2nd grade is slow to grow. 8th grade has 29 in process, but where they will end up is still questionable.

Hiring Report

The only information of note on the hiring report at Central were five separations taking effect at and around the end of the academic year.

ACTION: Upon motion by Dan Sponseller, seconded by David Baker, the hiring report for May, 2024 was unanimously approved.

Finance

Maria Paluselli presented several recent financial reports for Central. The CSP monitoring visit was intended to take place on June 11, but was cancelled. The Central budget, revenue, upcoming expenditures, and current resources. A discussion took place regarding the money that

Central currently holds – specifically whether it would be wise to invest a portion rather than storing the entirety of the funds in a bank account.

Following an analysis of vendor reports, there was also discussion on insurance pricing, notably with several board members speaking in favor of asking their provider about combining the two schools into one rate, with the possibility of reaching out to other providers mentioned as well.

ACTION: Upon motion by Curtis Kossman, seconded by Dan Sponseller, the vendor purchases for May, 2024 were unanimously approved.

ACTION: Upon motion by Curtis Kossman, seconded by Dan Sponseller, the finance report as of May 31, 2024 was unanimously approved.

Charter Renewal

Mr. Shuckrow mentioned the impending renewal of Provident Central’s charter, as the 2024-2025 school year will be the last for its current term. The final year starts July 1, and preparations need to be made for seeking renewal. A letter must be sent to Pittsburgh Public, on or before October 1, seeking a five year renewal. The school will likely be subject to greater monitoring during the renewal year. The Board is fully supportive of seeking renewal of the charter.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned to executive session at 7:15 p.m.

Date

Daniel J. Sponseller
Secretary of the Board