



Commonwealth Charter Academy (CCA)
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
May 13, 2020 at 8:30 AM

Held at the following location:

Virtually and Via Telephone

I. Call to Order

Mr. Dyer called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. when all participants were present and able to hear/see each other.

II. Roll Call

Board Members Present: Lil Jackson, Lori Renne, Ralph Dyer, Chris Choi, Jeffrey Piccola, Marcie Mulligan (Via Video) Rob Barr (Via phone).

Guests Via Video: Maurice Flurie, President and CEO; Tom Longenecker, President and CEO-Elect; Roberto Datorre, Christine Hakes, Tim Eller, Natasha Shane, Christy Sink, Jennifer Clarke, Bryon Klingel, Adam Fraser, Jim Skinner, Paulie Zozos, Sharon Pallotta, School Staff; Phil Murren, Katherine Fitz-Patrick, Board Counsel.

III. Executive Session

The Board entered into Executive Session at 8:30 a.m. Executive Session was held to discuss Special Education matters, personnel matters, contractual matters, potential litigation and outreach strategies.

The following Action Items resulted from Executive Session:

Action Item d. Approval of Special Education offer as discussed in Executive Session

Action Item e. Approval of Special Education reorganization plan and associated positions

Action Item f. Approval of the teacher compensation plan

Executive Session Ended at 10:10 a.m.

The Board entered into Public Session at 10:17 a.m.

IV. Approval of Agenda – R. Dyer

Mr. Dyer informed the Board that the agenda was amended to include the following Action Items from Executive Session:

Action Item d. Approval of Special Education offer as discussed in Executive Session

Action Item e. Approval of Special Education reorganization plan and associated positions

Action Item f. Approval of the teacher compensation plan

Mr. Dyer asked the Board if there were any other changes to be made to the Agenda. There being no further items to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Piccola and seconded by Ms. Jackson as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Agenda for the May 13, 2020 meeting of the Commonwealth Charter Academy Board of Trustees as amended is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

V. Approval of Consent Items – R. Dyer

Mr. Dyer asked the Board if there were any items from the Consent Items they wanted moved to Action Items for discussion, or tabled. There being no further items to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Piccola and seconded by Mr. Barr as follows:

RESOLVED, the Consent Items:

- a. Approval of Minutes from April 15, 2020 Board Meeting
- b. Approval of Board Payables
- c. Approval of Staffing Report.
- d. Approval of contracts and agreements in the attached schedule

The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Approval of Action Items

- a. Approval of proposals, contracts and agreements in the attached schedule

Mr. Longenecker reviewed the attached schedule of proposals, contracts and agreements with the Board. There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Jackson and seconded by Mr. Piccola as follows:

RESOLVED, the proposals, contracts and agreements in the attached schedule are hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

- b. Approval of Resolution authorizing and directing the CEO to use reasonable discretion in waiving graduation requirements for the 2019-2020 school year in response to the COVID-19 pandemic

Dr. Flurie informed the Board that Action Item b. only applies to the 12th grade students who have started CCA since March 13, 2020. CCA will waive some of the CCA specific requirements but will still meet all of the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) requirements. There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Jackson and seconded by Ms. Mulligan as follows:

RESOLVED, the Resolution authorizing and directing the CEO to use reasonable discretion in waiving graduation requirements for the 2019-2020 school year in response to the COVID-19 pandemic is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

- c. Approval of Board Resolution to authorize the incoming President and CEO to use electronic signature to submit documents through PDE's e-grants system.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Piccola and seconded by Ms. Jackson as follows:

RESOLVED, the approval of Board Resolution to authorize the incoming President and CEO to use electronic signature to submit documents through PDE's e-grants system.

The motion passed unanimously.

- d. Approval of Special Education offer as discussed in Executive Session

There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Jackson and seconded by Mr. Choi as follows:

RESOLVED, the Special Education offer as discussed in Executive Session is hereby approved

The motion passed unanimously.

- e. Approval of Special Education reorganization plan and associated positions

There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Piccola and seconded by Ms. Jackson as follows:

RESOLVED, the Special Education reorganization plan and associated positions is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

f. Approval of the Teacher Compensation Plan

There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Barr and seconded by Ms. Jackson as follows:

RESOLVED, the Teacher Compensation plan is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Oral Reports

a. President and CEO Report

Dr. Flurie asked Mr. Klingel to share an I.T. Security update with the Board. Mr. Klingel discussed security updates with the Board.

Dr. Flurie updated the Board on legislative activities. Dr. Flurie informed the board that only one School District reached out to CCA for assistance during the COVID-19 pandemic.

b. President and CEO-Elect Report

Mr. Longenecker asked Ms. Clarke to update the Board on enrollment. Ms. Clarke informed the Board that CCA enrollment is currently 11,178 and Intent to Return is 63% with 89% "yes" responses.

Mr. Barr asked for a report on this year's enrollment numbers compared to last year's enrollment numbers at this time. Ms. Clarke reported that CCA has 1,050 students more this year than last year at this time.

Mr. Skinner reviewed the Facilities Report with the Board and informed the Board that work has restarted at all of the CCA Facilities undergoing construction.

Mr. Eller updated the Board on the CCA website. He informed the Board that on April 23 the website went live with a new provider.

Mr. Eller reported CCA is still recruiting teachers. Mr. Eller informed the Board that CCA graduation ceremonies will be held virtually on June 16 and June 17 at 6 p.m.

Mr. Longenecker informed the Board that he and Dr. Flurie joined CCA families during virtual coffee chats. These coffee chats are a way to connect with families this summer since the Family Fun Fests may not occur due to COVID-19.

c. Financial Reports

Ms. Hakes reviewed the financial reports with the Board.

VIII. Information Items

Mr. Dyer thanked the leadership staff for their direction during the COVID-19 disruptions to the school.

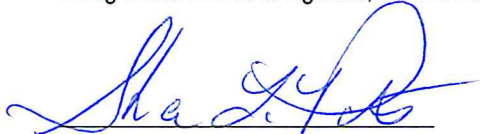
Mr. Dyer announced a special Board meeting to be held virtually on May 27, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. The special Board meeting will begin with Executive Session

IX. Board Trustee Comments

There were no Board Trustee comments.

X. Adjournment and Next Regular Meeting Date June 10, 2020 at 8:30 AM with a Special Board meeting on May 27, 2020 at 8:30 AM

Mr. Dyer inquired if there was any other business or discussion. There being no further business or discussion, he noted that the next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for June 10, 2020 starting with an Executive Session and reminded the Board of the Special Board meeting on May 27, 2020 starting with an Executive Session. The Board being at the end of its agenda, the meeting adjourned at 11:26 AM.



Sharon Pallotta, Assistant Secretary