

Ohio Digital Learning School *Meeting Minutes*

January 27, 2021

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I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 AM.

II. Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Jennifer Wise, President
Chris Canova, Secretary
Tiffany Akeman, Vice President
Meloney Osby, Director

Board Members Present:

Gregory Fockler, Treasurer

Other Attendees:

Kathleen Harkless, *ODLS School Leader*
Todd McIntire, *K12*
Rebekah Enz, Esq., *Board Legal Counsel, Amy Goodson Co., LLC*
Kristin Katakis, *OCCS*
Dawn Cummings, *Fiscal Officer*
Kelly Warnke, *K12*
Chelsea Kania, *Potential Board Member*

III. Public Comment

None

IV. Review of Agenda

V. Action and Discussion Items

A. Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting

The Board reviewed the meeting minutes of December 16, 2020.

21-01 RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors approves the minutes of the meeting of December 16, 2020 as presented.

Motion: Mr. Canova Second: Ms. Akeman
Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

B. Financial Report

Ms. Cummings presented the financial report, discussing actual vs budget and approval of K12 payment request. The school is receiving additional funds from ESSER and is waiting on guidance for use of those funds. Basic state funding has gone from \$5,931 to \$5,970 per FTE.

21-02 RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors approves the financial update, bank reconciliation, and payment of \$118,006 to K12 as presented.

Motion: Mr. Canova Second: Ms. Wise
Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

C. Head of School Report

- **Number of Suspensions and Expulsions**
- **Residency Verification (January)**
- **Semester 1 Academic Update**
- **Closing Enrollment**

Ms. Harkless presented the school report and gave an update on Newrow. Attendance is 7% higher than last year. Fifty students have graduated. Current enrollment is 632 students. Twenty-five students have a future start date. Over 100 students are in the pipeline. Ms. Harkless also discussed student demographics.

21-03 RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors accepts the state of the school report as presented, including the number of suspensions and expulsions and January residency verification.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors closes enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year on March 5, 2021.

Motion: Ms. Akeman Second: Ms. Wise
Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

D. The Appointment of an Audit and Finance Committee

The board tabled consideration of the audit and finance committee until Mr. Fockler is in attendance.

E. Revised Code of Regulations

Ms. Enz spoke to revisions to the Code of Regulations to accommodate temporary laws allowing for virtual meetings.

21-04 RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby approves and adopts the Code of Regulations as presented.

Motion: Ms. Wise Second: Ms. Akeman
Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

F. Virtual Meetings Resolution

The board discussed continuing to utilize virtual meetings.

21-05 WHEREAS, HB 197 and HB 404 temporarily permit Ohio public bodies to hold meetings via teleconference, video conference, or any other similar electronic technology;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors desires to conduct meetings via teleconference, video conference, or any other similar electronic technology while the law allows;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors will comply with all other aspects of Ohio's Open Meetings Act;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors approves the temporary practice of holding its meetings via teleconference, video conference, or any other similar

electronic technology from March 2020 through July 1, 2021 or such later date as allowed by subsequent law.

Motion: Mr. Canova Second: Ms. Akeman
Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

G. Attendance, Truancy, and Automatic Withdrawal Policy

Ms. Harkless discussed the added section regarding auto withdrawal of a student if the student does not participate in testing for two consecutive years.

21-06 RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors approves and adopts the Attendance, Truancy, and Automatic Withdrawal Policy as presented.

Motion: Ms. Wise Second: Ms. Akeman
Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

H. Semi-Annual Report on Incidents of Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying

Ms. Harkless gave the semi-annual report on verified incidents of harassment, intimidation, and bullying. There were no incidents.

21-07 RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors accepts the Semi-Annual Report of Verified Acts of Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying as presented.

Motion: Mr. Canova Second: Ms. Wise
Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

I. Driver Exclusion Policy Change

Ms. Harkless and Ms. Enz spoke to the change in the insurance policy to address an employee being excluded from drivers insurance.

21-08 RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors approves the Driver Exclusion Policy Change and authorizes the Board President to sign the policy change.

Motion: Mr. Canova Second: Ms. Akeman
Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

J. Board Membership Discussion

The board discussed appointing Ms. Chelsea Kania as a member. Ms. Harkless discussed distributing a resume from an additional potential board member.

21-09 RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors appoints Chelsea Kania as a Member of the Board for a three-year term effective until the 2024 annual organizational meeting, pending receipt of paperwork and sponsor approval.

Motion: Mr. Canova Second: Ms. Akeman
Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

VI. Review of Policies

A. Parental Involvement Policy

Ms. Enz reviewed the Parental Involvement Policy.

21-10 RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors has reviewed and approves the Parental Involvement Policy as presented.

Motion: Ms. Akeman Second: Ms. Wise

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

B. Homeless Student Policy

Ms. Enz spoke to the Homeless Student Policy.

21-11 RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors has reviewed and approves the Homeless Student Policy as presented.

Motion: Mr. Canova Second: Ms. Wise
Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

VII. Informational Reports

A. Legal Update

Ms. Enz presented the legal update and spoke to Sunshine Law training being held after the next board meeting. The board asked if a community school can receive "GEAR" funds. Ms. Cummings answered that a school can receive only the GEAR funds or the ESSER funds. The school has received the ESSER funds and therefore is not eligible for GEAR.

B. Sponsor Update

Ms. Katakis gave the sponsor update. She is working on uploading compliance materials.

C. K12 Update

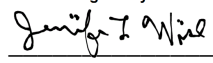
Mr. McIntire gave the K12 update. CEO Nate Davis is retiring, and James Rhyu will be the new CEO. K12 is focused on academic performance and registration for the next school year. Mr. McIntyre also gave an update on the stride equity program.

VIII. Confirmation of Next Meeting: February 24, 2021 at 10:00 AM
Video/telephone conference

IX. Adjournment: 11:04 AM

Motion: Ms. Wise Second: Mr. Canova

Approved by the Board of Directors of Ohio Digital Learning School on February 24, 2021

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Board President/Secretary