



Meeting of the Board of Directors October 16, 2012

Meeting Location: Academy for Career Exploration, 130 Broadway, Providence, RI 02903

Date and Time of Meeting: October 16, 2012 4:40 PM

Directors Present: Kerry Altman, Donna Paine, Jane Nugent, Alan Neville, Kristin Smilevski, Mark Andrade

Others Present: Lawrence DeSalvatore; Randy Dittmar, accountant (Dittmar, McNeil & Ferolito); Cheryl Howard, Emily Eggleston, Brian Smith

Directors Absent: Paul Racicot, Chris Santilli, Chelle Butler

Presiding Officer: Jane Nugent

I. **Call to Order & Opening Remarks**

Director Jane Nugent called the meeting to order at 4:40 PM.

II. **Public Comment**

Teacher Brian Smith spoke about the process of interviewing for the head of school position and his role in that process.

III. **Motion to Accept Minutes of September 18, 2012 Board Meeting**

The voted to accept, without opposition or abstention, the minutes of the September 18, 2012 Board meeting as presented, Donna Paine moving and Mark Andrade seconding.

IV. **Accountant's Report**

Accountant Randy Dittmar reported that the ACE FY2012 audit had been put out to bid, and the bid had been awarded to the firm of Yaras, Kaplan, Santilli & Moran, Ltd. He reviewed recommendations put forth by YKS&M after the FY2011 and by the RI Department of Education as part of the school's charter renewal review. Alan Neville offered a motion instructing the ACE accounting firm of Dittmar, McNeil & Ferolito to review the concerns outlined by YKS&M and RIDE and to outline those actions that the ACE Finance Committee should consider to address those concerns, so that the Finance Committee can come back to the full Board with recommendations for Board action. This motion carried by voice vote with no opposition or abstentions.

V. **Math Plan**

Dr. DeSalvatore provided an update on progress of the ACE Mathematics Success Plan. After substantial discussion, the Board requested timelines for implementation of Plan components, the steps involved in implementation, and measures of success in implementation and outcomes.

VI. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:29 PM by unanimous voice vote without opposition or abstention, Alan Neville moving and Kerry Altman seconding.