

## Meeting of the Board of Directors June 9th, 2015

**Meeting Location:** Academy of Career Exploration, 155 Harrison Street, Providence, RI 02907  
**Date & Time:** June 9th, 2015, 4:30 pm  
**Directors Present:** Jane Nugent, Kathy Fisher, Jane Bernardino, Ela Silva, Alan Neville, Donna Paine, Carmen Ferguson, Phil Zarlengo, Kerry Altman, Marion Hague, Roberto Garcia, Denise DeBarros  
**Others Present:** Mario Cirillo, Randy Dittmar, Dittmar, McNeil, & Ferolito, LLC., Vanessa Toledo-Vickers, Eileen Rapose and Pam O'Day, EBEC  
**Directors Absent:** None  
**Presiding Officer:** Jane Nugent

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

Board Chair Jane Nugent called the meeting to order at 4:37 pm.

**II. Roll Call**

**III. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**IV. Chair's Opening Remarks**

Ms. Nugent remarked that we have a full agenda and there are some key items to approve tonight.

**V. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes**

Ms. Fisher moved and Mr. Neville seconded the approval of the Tuesday, May 12th meeting minutes. The motion passed by unanimous vote of all members present.

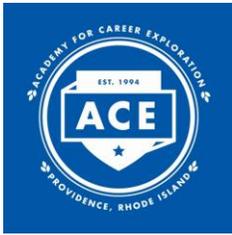
**VI. Discussion/vote - Approval of proposed amendment to Articles of Incorporation, amending registered agent from Larry DeSalvatore to Matthew R. Plain, Esq.**

Ms. Hague moved and Ms. Silva seconded provisional acceptance of the proposed amendment to the articles of incorporation amending the registered agent from Larry DeSalvatore to Matthew R. Plain, Esq. until it is determined if there are costs associated with Mr. Plain to serve in this role. The motion was defeated by the majority of members.

Mr. Garcia moved and Ms. Silva seconded a motion to amend the Articles of Incorporation amending the registered agent from Larry DeSalvatore to Dr. Mario Cirillo. The motion passed by unanimous vote of all members present.

**VII. Discussion/Vote on Budget for SY 2015-16**

Mr. Dittmar distributed a copy of the budget for the 15/16 fiscal year. He commented that there is still a lot of information that they have not received from PPSD about different revenues streams and expenses which they have estimated in the current budget version. State aid and per pupil funding is based on the proposed Governor's budget. It is the local aid that is at risk based on the current freeze of funds to the charter schools. Mr. Dittmar reviewed the revenue



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and expense lines and explained how they arrived at the numbers. State and local aid is based on enrollment of 209.

Mr. Garcia moved and Ms. Altman seconded a motion to approve the SY 15-16 school budget. The motion passed by unanimous vote of all members present.

### **VIII. Discussion/Vote on Dual Enrollment Policy**

Dr. Cirillo explained that every LEA is required to have a dual enrollment policy by the end of this month. He distributed a proposed policy and reviewed the contents with the group and answered questions regarding the policy parameters and funding.

Mr. Zarlengo moved and Mr. Garcia seconded a motion to approve the dual enrollment policy as presented. The motion passed by unanimous vote of all members present.

### **IX. Head of School Report**

Dr. Cirillo introduced Eileen Rapose and Pam O'Day, EBEC representatives who reviewed testing data with the group. The Board had questions about the ELA results and EBEC reps discussed their approach to this for the next school year. Dr. Cirillo also provided the board with data from the senior class in terms of graduation rate and post secondary plans. These data were well received.

### **X. RIDE Conditions Update**

Mr. Neville updated the board on progress, noting that the next (and hopefully final) meeting with S. Lusi will be on Monday, June 15th.

### **XI. Strategic Planning Update/Next Steps**

Ms. Nugent tabled discussions of items XI and XII due to lack of time, saying that the July meeting will be devoted primarily to these two items. The board thanked Roberto Garcia for his service as he indicated that his term ends with the graduation of his son, who has accepted a place in the freshman class at Boston College.

### **XII. Board Recruitment**

As per note above, this item was tabled until the July meeting.

### **XIII. Inspiring Story / Anecdote**

Dr. Cirillo shared with the members of the board a summary of the "Say you're beautiful, believe you're beautiful" Event which was organized by Aileen Cepeda, Class of 2015. The event was held on June 1st, 2015 at ACE during the school day. More than one hundred ACE students attended the event and were inspired by Nidia Reyes, the guest speaker and founder of Glam Team 4 Life. Ms. Reyes' organization helps women and adolescents who are going through a life threatening illness by giving them a chance to feel beautiful. She gives them a complete makeover, hair, makeup and manicure, and then the women sit for a professional photo shoot. She pampers them for an entire day that is dedicated to them because they are special. She wants to help



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them remember that no matter what, they can feel beautiful, even if they are going through a life threatening illness.

See event summary attached.

#### **XIV. Other/New Business**

No other business was discussed.

#### **XV. Adjourn**

Mr. Zarlengo moved and Ms. Fisher seconded a motion to adjourn at 6:30 p.m. The motion passed by unanimous vote of all members present.