

The Hope Academy

Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes

Town Hall
Town of North Providence
2000 Smith Street
North Providence, Rhode Island 02911
February 25, 2014
2:00 P.M.

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Chair: Mayor Charles A. Lombardi

Present: Mayor Charles A. Lombardi, John M. Kelly, Toby Shepherd

1) Welcome

Chairman Lombardi opened the meeting at 2:15 pm and welcomed the Board members. Chairman Lombardi noted that he was pleased to Chair the Board of The Hope Academy and is happy that the proposed Mayoral Academy provides choices for students. Chairman Lombardi acknowledged and thanked the Board members including Toby Shepherd, Director of Policy, City of Providence, and John Kelly, President of Meeting Street. In addition Chairman Lombardi thanked Board member Mayor Angel Taveras for his commitment to The Hope Academy. Mr. Shepherd shared that he was pleased to be a part of The Hope Academy and expressed Mayor Taveras' enthusiasm for the proposed Mayoral Academy, The Hope Academy. Additional members of the public present included Amanda McMullen and Matthew Plain, Esq.

Chairman Lombardi asked Mr. Kelly to provide an update on the Academy. Mr. Kelly noted that The Hope Academy had received preliminary approval from the Board of Education at the Rhode Island Department of Education last fall. He noted that a team dedicated to establishing the Academy is hard at work to getting the program model launched and staffing in place. Mr. Kelly stated that for the first year, this coming fall of 2014, the Academy would be enrolling two Kindergarten classes with 18 students in each class. The Hope Academy will be renting two classrooms from Meeting Street. Over time

the goal will be to enroll an additional 36 students each year in Kindergarten as the Academy works to full enrollment of 324 students from Providence and North Providence.

- 2) Discussion – responsibilities of the governing body of a Rhode Island public charter school
Chairman Lombardi led a conversation about the shared understanding and role of the Board of The Hope Academy. The Chairman welcomed Matthew Plain, Esq. from Barton Gilman and asked him to provide a highlight of the legal responsibilities of charter school boards. A conversation about Charter Board responsibilities followed.

 - 3) Ratification of Actions of Incorporator (VOTE)
Chairman Lombardi indicated that the Board needed to vote on a few pending items to help establish the school. He provided an overview that these items included the acceptance of the Articles of Incorporation, the Election of Officers and the Adoption of the By-laws.
A motion was made by John Kelly to approve the Incorporator, the Election of the Officers and the By-Laws. A second to the motion was made by Toby Shepherd and Chairman Lombardi asked for a vote. The vote by the Board of Directors to approve the Incorporator, the Election of the Officers and the By-Laws was unanimous.

 - 4) 501 (c)(3) Status – Authorization to Apply (VOTE)
Chairman Lombardi informed the Board that the vote would be to establish the School’s status as a nonprofit entity.
A motion was made by Toby Shepherd to authorize seeking nonprofit (501c3) status for the School. A second to the motion was made by John Kelly and Chairman Lombardi asked for a vote. The vote by the Board of Directors to authorize seeking nonprofit (501c3) status for the School was unanimous.

 - 5) Presentation of Following Policies for Discussion and Approval: (VOTE)
Chairman Lombardi indicated that the School needed to approve policies that included the Financial Management Policies, Lottery and Enrollment Policy, and Conflict of Interest Policy that had previously been sent out to the Board members.
A motion was made by Chairman Lombardi to approve the Financial Management Policies, Lottery and Enrollment Policy, and Conflict of Interest Policy for the School. A second to the motion was made by Toby Shepherd and Chairman Lombardi asked for a vote. The vote by the Board of Directors to approve the Financial Management Policies, Lottery and Enrollment Policy, and Conflict of Interest Policy for the School was unanimous.
- All items voted on by the Board are attached to these minutes as a matter of public record.
- 6) Future Agenda Items
Chairman Lombardi indicated that at the next meeting we will be reviewing a School Community/Discipline Policy, as well as a Performance Management Agreement. The Board also noted that they would like an update on the lottery and enrollment. The Chair asked for any additional items from the Board and a discussion was had about the recruitment of the remaining Board members.

7) Next Meeting

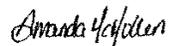
The next meeting for the Board of Directors for The Hope Academy will take place on Monday March 17, 2014 at 2 pm at the North Providence Town Hall.

8) Adjournment

a) A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and the meeting concluded at 2:50 pm.

Any changes in the minutes will be posted on The Hope Academy's website, The Hope Academy's principal place of business, and will be electronically filed with the secretary of state at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Amanda McMullen
Secretary Pro Tem