

# Hope Academy Northwest

*Meeting Minutes*

January 21, 2016

LS N. Akron

1458 Brittain Rd.

Akron, Ohio 44310

## **I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 PM.

## **II. Roll Call**

### **Board Members Present:**

Robert Engels, President

Charlotte Burrell, Vice President

Jean Lee, Treasurer

Bonnie Childs, Secretary

Marilyn Holley, Director

### **Attendees:**

Julio Alarcon, *HA Northwest Administrator*

Steven Garton, *WHM*

Tony Cardinal, *OCCS*

Amy Goodson, *Board Legal Counsel*

Maggie Ford, *Accel Schools*

Jeff Foster, *Fiscal Officer*

Gina Nash, *WHM*

Dr. Mary Ann Schneider, *WHM*

Sue Brindley, *WHM*

## **III. Approval of Agenda**

Moved: Dr. Burrell Seconded: Ms. Holley

Ayes: 5 Opposed : 0

## **IV. Public Comment**

None

## **V. Action and Discussion Items**

### **A. Financial Report**

Mr. Foster presented the financial report as of December 31, 2015. The audits have been completed and there were no findings.

**16-01 RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors approves the Financial Report as presented.

Moved: Ms. Holley Seconded: Ms. Lee  
Ayes: 5 Opposed : 0

**B. Fiscal Services**

The board discussed the proposals from Mr. Foster and Dan Lamb. The board inquired as to why Accel would present an alternative proposal on cash reporting opposed to accrual based reporting. Ms. Ford indicated that Accel will pay the catch-up fee as indicated on the proposal from Mr. Foster and will pay \$1,200 per month as reimbursement for a portion of the fee. The board asked legal counsel to continue discussions with Accel regarding the management agreement requirement which obligates the operator to provide the fiscal officer services.

**16-02 RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors approves the revised fiscal services terms and upon receipt of written confirmation that the School's management company shall fully reimburse the School for said expenses, authorizes the Board President to sign the engagement letter once in a form reviewed and approved by legal counsel.

Moved: Ms. Lee Seconded: Ms. Childs  
Ayes: 5 Opposed : 0

**C. November 16, 2015 minutes**

The board reviewed the minutes, no modifications were requested.

**16-03 RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors approves and adopts the minutes from November 16, 2015 as presented.

Moved: Dr. Burrell Seconded: Ms. Holley  
Ayes: 5 Opposed : 0

**D. State of the School Report**

Mr. Alarcon presented the State of the School report. He presented the winter test data which did show improvement.

**16-04 RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors accepts the State of the School Report as presented.

Moved: Ms. H Seconded: Ms. Lee  
Ayes: 5 Opposed : 0

**E. Racial Balance Report**

The board tabled discussion of the Racial Balance report as the report was not included in the materials.

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

The board reviewed the report on incidents of bullying, harassment and intimidation. There were no incidents for the first half of the school year.

**16-05 RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors accepts the Semi-Annual Report on Verified Incidents of Bullying, Harassment, and Intimidation as presented.

Moved: Ms. Childs Seconded: Ms. Holley

Ayes: 5 Opposed : 0

#### **G. Board Policies**

Ms. Goodson reviewed the Educator Misconduct Policy, the Code of Ethics/Conflict of Interest statement, the Whistleblower Policy, and the Ohio Teacher Evaluation Policy with the board.

**16-06 RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors hereby approves and adopts the following policies as presented:

- Ohio Teacher Evaluation Policy
- Whistleblower Policy
- Educator Misconduct Policy
- Code of Ethics Policy and Conflict of Interest Statement

Moved: Ms. Holley Seconded: Ms. Dr. Burrell

Ayes: 5 Opposed : 0

#### **H. Stipend Reduction**

The board discussed the requirements in House Bill 2 regarding board member stipends.

**16-07 RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors authorizes the payment of a \$125.00 stipend for each Board Member in attendance at each board meeting, \$60 per day for attendance at a training three hours or less and \$125.00 per day for attendance at a training longer than three hours; effective February 1, 2016 and subject to any additional limits imposed by law.

Moved: Ms. Childs Seconded: Ms. Holley

Ayes: 5 Opposed : 0

#### **I. Reimbursement Request**

Amy Goodson Co., LLC has been providing governance services for the board in lieu of the management company. This has added an additional \$3,225.00 in legal fees for the board.

**16-08 WHEREAS**, the school's management company was not providing governance and compliance services as contemplated in the management agreement beginning July 1, 2015 and as a result the Board of Directors incurred additional legal expenses.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors hereby requests reimbursement from management in the amount of \$3,225.00.

Moved: Ms. Childs Seconded: Ms. Holley

Ayes: 5 Opposed : 0

#### **J. Annual Report**

Ms. Ford presented the annual report on the projection screen. The survey section will be corrected to indicate "parent" survey.

**16-09 RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors approves the Annual Report for the 2014-2015 school year as corrected, subject to the approval of the Board President.

Moved: Dr. Burrell Seconded: Ms. Lee  
Ayes: 5 Opposed : 0

**VI. Informational Reports**

**A. Sponsor Update**

Mr. Cardinal provided the sponsor update.

**B. Legal Update**

Ms. Goodson provided the legal update including updates on House Bill 2 and the sponsor performance review committee.

**VII. Confirmation of next meeting:** March 17, 2016 at 6:00 PM at LS N. Akron  
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**VIII. Adjournment:** 7:26 PM

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Approved by the Board of Directors of Hope Academy Northwest on 3-17-16

*Bonnie L. Childs*  
Board President/Secretary