



Achievement House Cyber Charter School Board of Trustees

Public Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

The Executive Session commenced at 6:00 p.m. and continued until approximately 7:00 p.m.

- I. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Roll Call
 - Mrs. Marilou Strangarity (President) – Present
 - Mrs. Lisabeth Sweeney (Vice President) – Present
 - Mrs. Kristin Chettle (Treasurer) – Present
 - Mr. Don Fraatz (Secretary) – Present
 - Dr. Bob Maranto – Present
 - Desmondé Pringle – Not Present
 - Dr. Gerri Light – Present
- III. Notification of Recording
 - A. Marilou Strangarity announced that the Public Session would be recorded on an audio and video device.
- IV. Approval of the Minutes
 - A. M. Strangarity called for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 16, 2021 board meeting.
 1. Motion to approve the minutes from the February 16, 2021 board meeting by Gerri Light. Seconded by Lizabeth Sweeney. Unanimous.
- V. Executive Session Statement
 - A. M. Strangarity announced that the Board held an executive session this evening to discuss personnel matters, real estate, and legal issues.
- VI. Discussion of Academic Video Report
 - A. M. Strangarity asked if there were any questions or comments about the Academic/SPED Video Report.
 - B. Neal Thomas shared that one of his homeroom students is a success story from our Fresh Start Academy. She has been on our distinguished honor roll for two quarters.
- VII. Discussion of Special Education Video Report
 - A. M. Strangarity asked if there were any questions or comments about the Special Education Video Report.
 - B. Trina Knauff shared that 84% of our students with IEP's are on track to graduate in June or August so they are really excited about that. The students who are not graduating this year are on track to graduate next year.
 - C. Don Asplen noted that he held an administrative staff meeting where he asked for ideas prior to the meeting on ways to use the funds to make sure we can show increased engagement. D. Asplen thanked T. Knauff for the 15 ideas that she sent him, of which some of them he presented to the board.
- VIII. Discussion of Curriculum Video Report
 - A. M. Strangarity asked if there were any questions or comments about the Curriculum Video Report.
 - B. Declan French stated that we have 64 students enrolled in the Fresh Start Academy which is double from last year. He is very optimistic that a lot of these students will get reengaged through this process.
 - C. D. Asplen expressed his appreciation for D. French who has been responsible for planning our in-services and noted that he hears more and more compliments about them. D. French has done a great job at differentiating 12-month staff and 10-month staff and he like how he integrates fun activities into them. He thanked Declan for a productive and well received in-service yesterday.
- IX. Discussion Enrollment/Marketing Video Report
 - A. M. Strangarity asked if there were any questions or comments about the Enrollment/Marketing Video Report.
 - B. Alane Butler reported that we now have 1029 students. She said they are busy coming up with new project ideas to work on.

- C. A. Butler also heads up the engagement and student retention efforts and D. Asplen noted that one of the ideas that her group came up with is to have N. Thomas send out cards over the summer to all the returning students. M. Strangarity expressed how she is very proud of our school because we take the time to care about everyone individually.
- D. A. Butler said they are also working on trying to retain the 8th graders going into 9th grade.
- E. D. Aspen expressed his appreciation for A. Butler and said what a great job she is doing.
- X. Discussion HR Video Report
 - A. M. Strangarity asked if there were any questions or comments about the HR Video Report.
 - B. Bob Worn said there have been no new hires or terminations since he did his report. He is looking to hire a Special Education teacher and will know tomorrow if they accepted the position.
 - C. B. Worn shared his Teacher Separation Report and explained the data. We have a very high retention rate.
 - D. Bob Maranto praised our leadership for doing a great job.
- XI. Discussion of Guidance Video Report
 - A. M. Strangarity asked if there were any questions or comments about the Guidance Video Report.
 - B. Kris Botes did not have any updates from her video report.
- XII. Finance/Business Report
 - A. Ryan Schumm provided a summary of the monthly Treasurer's Report and noted we are at a comfortable place with our finances. This time of year they spend a lot of their time and energy fighting funding cuts.
 - B. M. Strangarity called for a motion to approve the written Treasurer's Report.
 - 1. Motion to approve the written Treasurer's Report by Don Fraatz. Seconded by Kristen Chettle. Unanimous.
- XIII. Discussion CEO Video Report
 - A. M. Strangarity asked if there were any questions or comments about the CEO Video Report.
 - B. D. Asplen announced that he had received confirmation from the PDE that the only students that we will be responsible for testing in the fall will be students that are enrolled with us in the spring.
- XIV. Personnel
 - A. New Hires:
 - 1. Patricia Cohen, Special Education Teacher, \$54,000
 - 2. Aaron Dake, English Teacher, \$47,500
 - 3. Jessica Reynolds, Math Teacher, \$43,000
 - 4. Kelly Kniha, Substitute Teacher, \$40,000
 - B. Separations:
 - 1. Deirdre Yeager – Temporary, Part-time Special Ed Teacher – Assignment ended
 - 2. Lois Hillman – Temporary, Part-time Special Ed Teacher – Assignment ended
 - 3. Tina Krovetz – Temporary, Part-time Special Ed Teacher – Assignment ended
 - 4. Chris Soleil – Teacher Assistant-Special Ed – Resignation
 - C. M. Strangarity called for a motion to approve the new hires and separations as listed above.
 - 1. Motion to approve the new hires and separations as listed above by L. Sweeney. Seconded by K. Chettle. Unanimous.
- XV. Governance
 - A. Loyalty Salary Increase
 - 1. D. Asplen called for motion to approve the loyalty salary increase for next year as discussed with the details presented in the private session.
 - a. Motion to approve the loyalty salary increase as discussed with the details presented in the private session by G. Light. Seconded by D. Fraatz. Unanimous.
 - B. Van Purchase Resolution
 - 1. D. Asplen reported that the board had already approved the purchase of the ICA van, but he needs to take a resolution to the dealership to purchase the van. He then called for a motion for a board resolution to purchase the van. This would give D. Asplen the authority to enter into the purchase agreement. If necessary, the solicitors office can prepare a written resolution for execution by the board.
 - a. Motion for a board resolution to give D. Asplen the authority to purchase the van by L. Sweeney. Seconded by G. Light. Unanimous.

XVI. New Business

A. M. Strangarity asked if there was any new business and there was none.

XVII. Public Comment

A. M. Strangarity asked if there were any public comments and there were none.

XVIII. Adjournment

A. M. Strangarity called for a motion to adjourn the public board meeting at 8:38 p.m. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

1. Motion to adjourn the public meeting by D. Fraatz. Seconded by L. Sweeney. Unanimous.