



Achievement House Cyber Charter School Board of Trustees

Public Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 17, 2021

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

- I. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Officer Elections
 - A. As Solicitor of the Board of Trustees, Brian Leinhauser opened up the floor to announce that we are seeking nominations for Board members to serve or to return to service on the Board of Achievement House Cyber Charter School.
 1. Lisabeth Sweeney nominated to reappoint Kristin Chettle, Don Fraatz, and Bob Maranto as Board members.
 2. Brian Leinhauser asked if there were any other nominations and there were none.
 - B. Brian Leinhauser called for a motion to approve this slate of nominees: Kristin Chettle, Don Fraatz, and Bob Maranto to be invited to return to service on the Board of Trustees of Achievement House Cyber Charter School.
 1. Lisabeth Sweeney called for a motion to approve the slate of nominees. Seconded by Kristin Chettle.
 2. Brian Leinhauser asked, "Having been moved and seconded, is there any discussion?" Hearing none, he asked for all current Board members to vote in the affirmative by saying aye. There were all ayes and no abstentions.
 - C. Brian Leinhauser stated that the Board is now reconstituted, and we need to open up the floor to other nominations.
 - D. Brian Leinhauser made a call for nominations for the **President** of the Board of Trustees for the coming term.
 1. Lisabeth Sweeney nominated Marilou Strangarity.
 2. Brian Leinhauser asked if there were any other nominations and there were none.
 3. Brian Leinhauser called for a motion to approve Marilou Strangarity as President of the Board of Trustees.
 4. Gerri Light called for a motion to approve Marilou Strangarity as President of the Board of Trustees. Seconded by D. Fraatz. All ayes and there were no abstentions.
 - E. Brian Leinhauser turned the meeting over to M. Strangarity, Board President, for the remainder of the reconstitution of the Board.
 - F. Marilou Strangarity made a call for nominations for **Vice President** of the Board of Trustees for the coming term.
 1. Kristin Chettle called for a motion to nominate Lisabeth Sweeney as Vice President of the Board of Trustees. Seconded by Don Fraatz. All ayes and no abstentions.
 - G. Marilou Strangarity made a call for nominations for **Secretary** of the Board of Trustees for the coming term.
 1. Kristin Chettle called for a motion to nominate Don Fraatz. Seconded by Bob Maranto. All ayes and no abstentions.
 - H. Marilou Strangarity made a call for nominations for **Treasurer** of the Board of Trustees for the coming term.
 1. Don Fraatz called for a motion to nominate Kristin Chettle. Seconded by Lisabeth Sweeney. All ayes with no abstentions.
 - I. Brian Leinhauser stated that the Board of Trustees have elected to serve on the various committees of the Board and the Board should accept the selections submitted by the Board members to serve on those committees and they will be published after the meeting along with the Board meeting minutes.
 - J. Strangarity called for a motion to approve the selection committee membership by the Board of Trustees now that the Board has been reconstituted.
 1. Lisabeth Sweeney called for a motion to approve the committees as stated above. Seconded by Bob Maranto. All ayes with no abstentions.
- III. Notification of Recording
 - A. Marilou Strangarity announced that the Public Session is be recorded on an audio device.

- IV. 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
 - Dr. Gerri Light – Present
- V. Approval of the Minutes
 - A. M. Strangarity called for a motion to approve the minutes from the July 20, 2021 Board meeting.
 - 1. Motion to approve the minutes from the July 20, 2021 Board meeting by G. Light. Seconded by D. Fraatz. Unanimous.
- VI. 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.
- VII. 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 said there were no updates to his Board report and that they were in the process of finalizing the pre-service schedule and the seating chart.
 - C. M. Strangarity was excited to hear about the School Improvement Plan and N. Thomas explained that our two main objectives this year are student attendance and curriculum.
 - D. L. Sweeney loved the idea of authentic assessment and encouraged him to loop in the Special Ed Coordinator on that process.
- VIII. 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 updated the Board and stated that now that our summer school has completed, we have our percentages of our students with IEP's who graduated. She was excited to say that we met our goal for last year and we are at 81.39%. For this next school year, the goal is set at 85%. We continue to improve each year. She was very thankful for the help from guidance and the mentors. B. Maranto was impressed with our results but cautioned us not to set goals too high because there is a temptation to cut corners.
 - C. K. Chettle asked T. Knauff to explain the ESY (Extended School Year) program. This program is for students with an IEP who meet 1 of 7 criteria points or a combination of points. We have live learning support classes 3 times per week, and we break the students into 2 groups by iterant and supplemental. We have a reading and a math group, and we focus on different points throughout the week to make sure that all students are having opportunities for instruction towards their major annual goals and IEPs.
 - D. M. Strangarity said that if there is ever a need for a new position for help with the special education students to please let the Board know.
- IX. Discussion Curriculum Video Report
 - A. M. Strangarity asked if there were any questions or comments about the Curriculum Video Report.
 - B. Jodi Byrne noted that she had the privilege of sitting in on the new teacher training today and she was very impressed by the teachers that were running the training. She was also able to sit in on the AHIT meeting with Jim Flick and was so nice to hear what everyone is doing to promote student engagement.
- X. 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 noted that we now have 805 students enrolled in our school. Her department is very busy with all the new students and new leads coming in and they have 50+ students scheduled for student orientation before the start of school. M. Strangarity asked if she needed any additional help and some discussion followed. It was then noted that A. Butler's department does not need additional help at this time.
- XI. Discussion HR Video Report
 - A. M. Strangarity asked if there were any questions or comments about the HR Video Report.
 - B. Bob Worn was not available to attend the meeting tonight so Don Asplen spoke in his absence. We have one new addition to the HR report. We hired John Chovanes as a Science Teacher who will be teaching Earth Science, Physical Science, and Life Science.
- XII. Discussion of Guidance Video Report

- A. M. Strangarity asked if there were any questions or comments about the Guidance Video Report.
 - B. Kris Botes updated the Board and noted that 97 students moved from one grade to the next over summer because of summer school and the efforts of the teachers and the mentors. She wanted the Board to know that we get a lot of students who are under on their credits when they come to us, so we work with them over the summer to help them get back on track. Of the 97 students, 15 of them were seniors which allowed them to graduate. K. Botes stated that we had 31 students in our PLATO asynchronous class and 17 earned credits.
 - C. M. Strangarity asked if we are doing enough to handle the children who are coming in and are behind academically possibly because emotionally and psychologically they have been devastated by the prior year. She wants to make sure we are able to handle students from that standpoint. Some discussion followed. D. Asplen noted that the steps that have been taken to help guidance out are that Mike Kass will now be teaching all of the career study courses and we hired a social worker and another guidance assistant. M. Strangarity would like us to hire someone right away to help the Guidance Department with data entry and it could possibly just be a part-time position.
- XIII. Finance/Business Report
- A. Ryan Schumm provided a summary of the monthly Treasurer's Report. There has been minimal activity in regard to revenues and expenses in the month of July.
 - B. M. Strangarity called for a motion to approve the written Treasurer's Report.
 - 1. Motion to approve the written Treasurer's Report by K. Chettle. Seconded by L. Sweeney. Unanimous.
- XIV. Discussion CEO Video Report
- A. M. Strangarity asked if there were any questions or comments about the CEO Video Report.
 - B. D. Asplen did not have any updates on his report but took some time to address two of the guests who attended the meeting tonight because they are in the scouting program and working on their merit badges. D. Asplen personally applauded them for taking an interest in civics; the idea of giving back to your society and your community and shared some words of wisdom.
- XV. Personnel
- A. In B. Worn's absence, D. Asplen shared the following information. He also stated that there was another new hire not listed on the Agenda. We have a new Science Teacher, and his name is John Chovanes.
 - B. New Hires:
 - 1. Paul Dubin – Social Studies Teacher
 - 2. Dr. Katherine Chandler – Music Teacher
 - 3. Kendall Porter – Science Teacher
 - 4. Beverly Kelsey – Engagement & Truancy Coach
 - 5. Nicole Chapman – Math Specialist
 - 6. Chelsey Hoynak – Math Teacher (Calculus & Pre-Calculus)
 - C. Separations:
 - 1. Alicia Simpson – Music Teacher
 - 2. John Hulik – Science Teacher
 - D. Promotions:
 - 1. Pam Klass – Curriculum Coach (10 Mo's + 2 weeks)
 - E. Open Positions:
 - 1. Regional Mentors
 - 2. Fulltime Foreign Language Teacher
 - 3. ICA Instructor
 - 4. Teaching Assistant
 - F. M. Strangarity disclosed that she has known Dr. Katherine Chandler for many years. Even though M. Strangarity disclosed her relationship, she does not need to abstain from the vote because there is no family relationship.
 - G. M. Strangarity called for a motion to approve the new hires identified on the agenda as well as the new hire that was disclosed during the meeting, approve the separations reported to the Board and the promotion noted in the agenda as well.
 - 1. Motion to approve the new hires identified on the agenda as well as the new hire that was disclosed during the meeting, approve the separations reported to the Board and the promotion noted in the agenda as well by B. Maranto. Seconded by L. Sweeney. Unanimous.

XVI. Governance

A. D. Asplen noted there was a signing of a contract that was approved.

XVII. New Business

A. M. Strangarity asked if there was any new business.

B. Brian Leinhauser introduced the two Scouts that joined our meeting tonight. They are Benjamin and Hannah Leinhauser. Benjamin is a Life Scout and has almost completed all of the ranks necessary to join the Eagle Scouts. He is currently working on his Communications Merit Badge which requires attendance at a public meeting. Hannah is a First-Class Scout and has been in scouting for 10 months and is already at the 4th rank for scouting. Hannah is also working on the Communications Merit Badge as well. This public meeting attendance will also satisfy their requirement for Citizenship in the Community Badge.

XVIII. Public Comment

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

XIX. Adjournment

A. M. Strangarity called for a motion to adjourn the public Board meeting at 8:22 p.m. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

1. Motion to adjourn the public meeting by G. Light. Seconded by K. Chettle. Unanimous.