



Achievement House Cyber Charter School Board of Trustees
Public Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 18, 2024

The Executive Session commenced at 6:00 p.m. and continued until approximately 7:15 p.m.

- I. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Roll Call
 - Mrs. Marilou Strangarity (President) – Not Present
 - Dr. Lisabeth Sweeney (Vice President) – Present
 - Mrs. Kristin Chettle (Treasurer) – Present
 - Mr. Don Fraatz (Secretary) – Present
 - Dr. Bob Maranto – Present
 - Mr. Bob Worn – Present
- III. Notification of Recording
 - A. Lisabeth Sweeney announced that the Public Session would be recorded on an audio/video device.
- IV. Executive Session Statement
 - A. L. Sweeney announced that the Board held an Executive Session this evening to discuss personnel matters, financial matters and legal issues.
- V. Approval of the Minutes
 - A. L. Sweeney called for a motion to approve the minutes from the March 19, 2024 Board meeting.
 1. Motion to approve the minutes from the March 19, 2024 Board meeting by Bob Maranto.
Seconded by Don Fraatz. Unanimous.
- VI. Discussion of Academic Video Report
 - A. L. Sweeney asked if there were any questions or comments about the Academic Video Report.
 - B. Neal Thomas provided the Board with an update on a couple of the programs that the QUEST Academy is considering. The QUEST teachers presented one of the sample hour-long programs they created for students to staff during post-service.
- VII. Discussion of Special Education Video Report
 - A. L. Sweeney asked if there were any questions or comments about the Special Education Video Report.
 - B. Trina Knauff did not have any updates for the Board but noted that we will know our graduation percentage by the end of the summer after we see how many of the special education students successfully completed summer school requirements.
 - C. Don Asplen noted that we have 400 plus students enrolled in summer school this year and approximately 80% of them are enrolled for credit recovery.
- VIII. Discussion Curriculum Video Report
 - A. L. Sweeney asked if there were any questions or comments about the Curriculum Video Report and there were none.
 - B. Jodi Byrne did not have any updates for the Board.
- IX. Discussion Enrollment/Marketing Video Report
 - A. L. Sweeney asked if there were any questions or comments about the Enrollment/Marketing Video Report.
 - B. Alane Butler did not have an update for the Board but since this is her last Board meeting, she thanked everyone for all the support that we have had from them over the years. She would always take their kind words back to her team and they would be so grateful to know that the Board thinks about them, asks questions about them, is interested in them and celebrates with them. She also shared that they would be in wonderful hands with Becky Aller, who will be replacing her next month.
 - C. The Board thanked A. Butler for her years of service and noted she would be missed.
- X. Discussion HR Video Report
 - A. L. Sweeney asked if there were any questions or comments about the HR Video Report.

- B. Stefani Frank did not have any updates for the Board.
 - C. Bob Worn shared that he read an article that in the state of PA, we will have three times more teacher openings than new teacher certifications and asked S. Frank to let the Board know what some of the keys are that made us so successful. S. Frank said that it is our current staff who make it so easy to talk and gloat about who we are to our candidates. We also promote from within a lot.
- XI. Discussion of Guidance Video Report
- A. L. Sweeney asked if there were any questions or comments about the Guidance Video Report.
 - B. Angela Galie was not able to attend tonight's meeting and D. Asplen offered to answer any questions.
 - C. D. Asplen reported our graduation numbers. We will have close to 220 out of 240 seniors graduate by the end of August.
- XII. Finance/Business Report
- A. Ryan Schumm provided a summary of the monthly Treasurer's Report and highlighted some of its items. They have a draft budget and a fund balance reservation recommendation for the Board to consider.
 - B. L. Sweeney called for a motion to approve the written Treasurer's Report.
 - 1. Motion to approve the written Treasurer's Report by D. Fraatz. Seconded by Kristin Chettle. Unanimous.
 - C. L. Sweeney called for a motion to approve the draft budget.
 - 1. Motion to approve the draft budget by K. Chettle. Seconded by B. Worn. Unanimous.
- XIII. Discussion CEO Video Report
- A. L. Sweeney asked if there were any questions or comments about the CEO Video Report.
 - B. D. Asplen gave an update on the state budget cuts for charter schools.
 - C. D. Asplen shared an incredible graduation story about one of our students who was told by her previous school's principal that she was unteachable and would probably not go to college. Not only did she graduate but she was accepted to all eleven colleges that she applied to.
- XIV. Personnel
- A. New Hires:
 - 1. Sarah McMickle, Special Ed Coordinator
 - 2. Michael Gergely, Special Ed Teacher
 - 3. Mikaela Quintois, Special Ed Teacher (2024-2025 SY)
 - B. Promotions eff. 7/1/24:
 - 1. Gerri Light, CEO
 - 2. Neal Thomas, CAO
 - 3. Angela Alderfer, Principal
 - 4. Christina Swiontek, Vice Principal
 - 5. Becky Aller, Student Services Manager
 - C. Separations:
 - 1. Daniel Golden, Special Ed Teacher
 - 2. Sarah McMickle, Special Ed Coordinator
 - 3. Allison Hopkins, Mentor
 - 4. Jennifer Coia, Special Ed Teacher
 - 5. Kate Scholl, English Teacher
 - D. Changes:
 - 1. Elizabeth Swaim, Help Desk Technician, Fulltime
 - E. Summer School & ESY:
 - 1. Alyssa Wright
 - 2. John Hulik
 - 3. Mikaela Quintois
 - F. Open Positions:
 - 1. English Teachers (2)
 - 2. Science Teacher
 - 3. Math Teacher
 - 4. Special Education Coordinator
 - 5. Act 158 Administrator

- G. L. Sweeney called for a motion to approve the new hires, promotions, separations and changes listed above with salaries as discussed in the Executive Session.
 - 1. Motion to approve the new hires, promotions, separations and changes as listed above with salaries as discussed in the Executive Session by D. Fraatz. Seconded by K. Chettle. Unanimous.

XV. Governance

A. Resolution to install Dr. Gerri Light as the CEO as of July 1, 2024

- 1. L. Sweeney called for a motion to install Dr. Gerri Light as the CEO as of July 1, 2024, and asked if any discussion was needed.
- 2. No discussion was needed and there was a motion to install Dr. Gerri Light as the CEO as of July 1, 2024, by K. Chettle. Seconded by B. Maranto. Unanimous.

B. Resolution to move funds to assigned accounts

- 1. R. Schumm provided the details to move the funds to the following assigned accounts:
 - a. \$1,000,000 assigned for facility contingencies
 - b. \$1,000,000 assigned for technology investments
 - c. \$2,000,000 committed to curriculum and inst. program development
 - d. \$2,000,000 assigned for employee retirement expenditures
 - e. \$7,000,000 assigned for regular education tuition reduction contingency
 - f. \$13,000,000 assigned for special education tuition reduction contingency
 - g. \$4,000,000 assigned for ESSER fiscal cliff contingency
 - h. \$3,000,000 assigned for legal contingencies
- 2. L. Sweeney asked if there was any discussion needed regarding the funds being moved to the assigned accounts and there was none.
- 3. L. Sweeney called for a motion to move funds to the assigned accounts.
 - a. Motion to move the funds to the assigned accounts by K. Chettle. Seconded by D. Fraatz. Unanimous.

XVI. New Business

- A. L. Sweeney asked if there was any new business and there was none.

XVII. Public Comment

- A. L. Sweeney asked if there were any public comments.
 - 1. N. Thomas shared about a parent who loves our school and said she is willing to share her story with anyone.

XVIII. Adjournment

- A. L. Sweeney called for a motion to adjourn the public Board meeting at 7:58 pm. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, July 16, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
 - 1. Motion to adjourn the public meeting by B. Worn. Seconded by D. Fraatz. Unanimous.