



Achievement House Cyber Charter School Board of Trustees
Public Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 20, 2024

The Executive Session commenced at 6:00 p.m. and continued until approximately 7:10 p.m.

- I. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Roll Call
 - Mrs. Marilou Strangarity (President) – Present
 - Mr. Bob Worn (Vice President) – Present
 - Mrs. Kristin Chettle (Treasurer) – Not Present
 - Mr. Don Fraatz (Secretary) – Present
 - Dr. Bob Maranto (Member) – Present
 - Dr. Lisabeth Sweeney (Member) – Present at 7:24 pm
- III. Notification of Recording
 - A. Marilou Strangarity announced that the Public Session would be recorded on an audio/video device.
- IV. Executive Session Statement
 - A. M. Strangarity 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. M. Strangarity called for a motion to approve the minutes from the July 16, 2024 Board meeting.
 1. Motion to approve the minutes from the July 16, 2024 Board meeting by Bob Maranto.
Seconded by Don Fraatz. Unanimous.
- VI. Discussion of Academic Video Report
 - A. M. Strangarity asked if there were any questions or comments about the Academic Video Report, and there were none.
 - B. Angela Alderfer did not have any updates for the Board.
 - C. Bob Worn commented that he noticed there was a scholarship fund for children of color listed in the employee manual and asked to be refreshed on that scholarship. Some discussion followed, and
 - D. Asplen explained that the scholarship is meant to encourage more students of color to go into teaching.
- 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 did not have any updates for the Board, but there was some discussion regarding some of the special education students who are not engaging and we are looking for more supports to help them. Trina also noted she was happy with our dropout rate.
- VIII. Lisabeth Sweeney joined the meeting at 7:24 pm.
- IX. Discussion Curriculum Video Report
 - A. M. Strangarity asked if there were any questions or comments about the Curriculum Video Report.
 - B. Jodi Byrne shared with the Board that pre-service started on Monday, August 19th. Amanda Reighard and Andrew Guy will be holding mini lessons on how to personalize learning, and she was thankful to all the staff for all their ideas. M. Strangarity noted that she loves that we are diving in and helping each other.
- X. Discussion Enrollment/Marketing Video Report
 - A. M. Strangarity asked if there were any questions or comments about the Enrollment/Marketing Video Report.
 - B. Becky Aller shared they are busy enrolling students, and orientations have begun.
 - C. B. Worn congratulated B. Aller on her promotion to this new position.

- D. M. Strangarity asked how the students were assigned their proper placements. B. Aller noted it is part of their enrollment process, orientation, and Launch Pad sessions. If they come in with an IEP, there is an established protocol. We will also now be checking for gifted students.
- XI. Discussion HR Video Report
 - A. M. Strangarity asked if there were any questions or comments about the HR Video Report.
 - B. Stefani Frank updated the Board and noted that we have seven new hires starting at the beginning of the school year. They are a great group of people and they told S. Frank that they felt a warm welcome from us.
- XII. Discussion of Guidance Video Report
 - A. M. Strangarity asked if there were any questions or comments about the Guidance Video Report.
 - B. Angela Galie shared we had one summer graduate. She also highlighted a person who had been in danger of aging out, but with our support, he was able to graduate.
- XIII. Finance/Business Report
 - A. Ryan Schumm provided a summary of the monthly Treasurer's Report and highlighted some of its items.
 - B. M. Strangarity called for a motion to approve the written Treasurer's Report.
 - 1. Motion to approve the written Treasurer's Report by B. Maranto. Seconded by L. Sweeney. Unanimous.
 - C. D. Asplen thanked Ryan Schumm, Abby Dubinchik, Stefani Frank, and Gerri Light for the outstanding job they did on the ESSER pilot audit.
- XIV. Discussion CEO Video Report
 - A. M. Strangarity asked if there were any questions or comments about the CEO Video Report.
 - B. G. Light did not have any updates for the Board.
 - C. D. Asplen thanked and congratulated G. Light on what a great job she is doing.
 - D. M. Strangarity asked Neal Thomas to give an update on our QUEST program. Some discussion followed. He thanked Kris Botes for her efforts in recruiting students.
- XV. Personnel
 - A. New Hires:
 - 1. Kristin Kessler – Guidance Assistant
 - 2. Faith Bull – Auxiliary Teacher
 - 3. Katie Kollars – Mentor
 - 4. Daniel Puentes – Mentor
 - 5. Anne Daughton – Enrollment & Orientation Assistant
 - B. Separations:
 - 1. Emily Forrest – Special Education Teacher
 - 2. Alyssa Wright – Summer School Teacher
 - 3. John Hulik – Summer School Teacher
 - C. Open Positions:
 - 1. English Teacher
 - 2. Special Education Teacher
 - 3. School Counselor
 - D. M. Strangarity called for a motion to approve the new hires and separations listed above with salaries as discussed in the Executive Session.
 - 1. Motion to approve the new hires and separations as listed above with salaries as discussed in the Executive Session by Bob Worn. Seconded by D. Fraatz. Unanimous
- XVI. Governance
 - A. Ratify the July New Hires
 - 1. M. Strangarity called for a motion to ratify the July new hires.
 - 2. Motion to ratify the July new hires by B. Maranto. Seconded by D. Fraatz. Unanimous.
 - B. Adopt the Updated Employee Manual
 - 1. M. Strangarity called for a motion to adopt the updated employee manual.
 - 2. Motion to adopt the updated employee manual by B. Worn. Seconded by D. Fraatz. Unanimous.
 - C. Approve the School Improvement Plan (SIP)

1. M. Strangarity called for a motion to add a line item to the agenda to add the approval of the School Improvement Plan (SIP).
2. Motion to add a line item to the agenda for the approval of the School Improvement Plan (SIP) by L. Sweeney. Seconded by B. Maranto. Unanimous.
3. M. Strangarity called for a motion to approve the School Improvement Plan (SIP).
4. Motion to approve the School Improvement Plan (SIP) by D. Fraatz. Seconded by B. Worn. Unanimous.

XVII. New Business

A. COO Discussion of Budget and School Code

1. D. Asplen noted that we are in agreement with the budget adjustment that the legislators made because it fixes a problem in which schools were legitimately not able to deduct some of their expenses, and it is not going to jeopardize the operations of this school. D. Asplen commented on House Bill 700 of the school code and said we are excited about some of the things that are in there, for example, the requirement for us to have a gifted program. This gives us more tools to raise our cohort graduation rate so that we can exit the School Improvement Plan. The legislation also said that when we do some advertising, we must let people know that taxpayers' money paid for it. We have long said we wish we had a closer relationship with the PDE since they are our authorizer. We are working on the Board requirements and visual check-ins. He feels we will be in great shape. G. Light also stated she is very confident that we have the strategies to fulfill the PDE requirements.
2. D. Asplen noted another change is that districts and intermediate units are now required by law to offer us, if available, and at the same rate they would charge local people, their facilities for testing purposes. School districts must also now, by law, file their 363 by November 1.

XVIII. Public Comment

A. M. Strangarity asked if there were any public comments.

1. D. Asplen thanked Kevin Smochko for coming to the Board meeting.

XIX. Adjournment

- A. M. Strangarity called for a motion to adjourn the public Board meeting at 8:13 pm. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
1. Motion to adjourn the public meeting by L. Sweeney. Seconded by B. Worn. Unanimous.