

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MINUTES

Wednesday, September 15, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Merit School of Music

38 S. Peoria, Chicago, IL 60607

Special Call Meeting

Special Call Board meeting called to order at 7:00pm by Board president Earl Fredrick. Members present are Rudy Martin, Mary McCann, Kevin Bargon, and Justin Solomon. Also present are Board Attorney Allen Wall and Farland Jenkins from K12.

Public Comment

Ms. Pittman has a student at CVCS who had to attend summer school due to attendance issues. Ms. Pittman stated that she was unaware that her daughter was going to have to attend summer school until after 8th grade graduation. She stated that there were a lot of issues with summer school. Her daughter received F's but still earned a diploma at the end of the summer. She says she also has not been able to get a final transcript for her 8th grader for the academy she is applying to. She came to the last Board meeting to complain and was told that she would be able to have a meeting with Ms. Rodgers and Mr. Reed. She stated she has tried contacting Mr. Reed, Ms. Rodgers and Ms. Russell and never received a response. The issue has still not been resolved to her satisfaction. Dr. Fredrick requested that Ms. Pittman write a specific email to Ms. Rodgers and include the Board on the email.

Charter Renewal Process

The Board has continued to negotiate the service agreement with K12. The Board is close to an agreement at this time, but there are still some details that need to be worked out.

CVCS parent, Mr. Kellar asked if the Board feels pressure because of the 22% M/T fees. Mr. Bargon explained that without money to manage the school, CVCS cannot maintain what needs to be done. There have been a lot of CPS layoffs that CVCS has been able to avoid because K12 is covering CVCS's costs. The Board does not have fiscal ties with K12 and there is not an overwhelming conflict. K12 has never put pressure on the Board by saying they will not cover the school's costs. CVCS would have a difficult time existing without K12. The interests of K12 and CVCS are aligned even though K12 is for-profit. When there are conflicts of interest, the Board needs to make sure that money is spent on the right things. The Board feels that they need to have a level of accountability over how CVCS functions.

One of the points of negotiation is how long the new service agreement will be in effect. The current CVCS charter and the service agreement expire at the end of the next fiscal year. K12 wants the new agreement to be ten years and the Board wants less so a compromise will be made. A lot of charter schools have a management company and this is a common negotiation item. A longer contract allows K12 to feel more comfortable making a financial investment. CVCS would have had drastic cuts in programs and staff without K12.

Ms. McCann motioned to move the meeting into the Executive Session at 7:20pm. Mr. Solomon seconded. Roll Call vote: Unanimous Aye.

Meeting Reconvened at 9:10. Motion to adjourn at 9:11 made by Bargon, seconded by McCann. Unanimous vote aye.



Respectfully submitted by Mr. Justin Solomon

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Date

Board Secretary