

CENTRAL FLORIDA VIRTUAL CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD

Suite #100, 1452 N. US Hwy 1, Ormond Beach, FL 32174

Thursday, July 26, 2012 at 10:30 a.m.

The Central Florida Virtual Charter School Board was called to order at approximately 10:32 a.m. by Chris Calabucci, acting chairman.

Board members present

Christopher Calabucci, Chair
Peter Morcombe
Debbie Palmer (by phone)
Rusty Graf (by phone)

Other persons present

None in person
Joe Chisholm, k12 (by phone)

Board members absent

Maria Cherjovsky, UCF

Members of the public

None

Apologies

Brady Cobb (via Sharon @ 10:50)

Introduction

Mr. Yirmyah has indicated to Brady Cobb his willingness to serve as a board member but he was not present at the meeting.

Reports

Treasurer's report

Christopher circulated the Treasurer's report dated 7/26/2012. There were no comments. Peter moved that the report be accepted, seconded by Debbie. Motion passed 4:0

Old Business

Minutes

The reading of the minutes of the June 20 meeting was waived. Peter moved that the minutes be approved, seconded by Debbie. Motion passed 4:0. The minutes were signed by Chris.

The reading of the minutes of the three emergency meetings held on July 9 was waived. Peter moved that the minutes be approved, seconded by Debbie. Motion passed 4:0. The minutes were signed by Chris.

Update on Osceola Virtual Charter Academy

Patty was not available owing to a "Meet and Greet" for prospective students and parents so the update was given by Joe based on a meeting with Patty two days ago. Marketing actions were in hand including mailings and web site based recruiting. A report showing detailed progress would be provided by Patty.

Board Training/Fingerprinting/Background Check

Chris proposed that all available board members meet at the Osceola County School District offices on August 7 at 10 a.m. to complete the fingerprinting. Chris, Debbie and Rusty confirmed their commitment to attend. Peter will be in Georgia on that date so he is responsible for making his own arrangements.

Discussion of school district applications

Joe stated that the Seminole and Orange applications are going to the printers today. It is not too late to include Debbie's bio assuming it is received today. The revised submissions have several changes since the 2011/12 applications. In particular the ELL and "Goals" sections have been expanded. Plans for 50% and 100% enrollment are included to demonstrate flexibility. The linkage of teacher pay to student performance is clearly explained.

New business

Length of Board Member Terms

Chris recommended deferring this item to the next meeting. There were no objections.

Nomination for Board Chairman/Election of Officers

Rusty nominated Chris for Chairman. There were no other nominations. Rusty moved to appoint Chris as Chairman. Seconded by Peter. The motion was approved 3:0.

Chris nominated Rusty for Treasurer. There were no other nominations. Chris moved to appoint Rusty as Treasurer. Seconded by Peter. The motion was approved 4:0.

Chris nominated Peter for Secretary. There were no other nominations. Rusty moved to appoint Peter as Secretary. Seconded by Debbie. The motion was approved 4:0.

k12 Conflict of Interest?

Chris asked if there was a potential conflict issue for k12 arising from their business relationships with independent (charter) schools and traditional (district) schools. Joe explained that these services are offered through two separate divisions at k12. He works for the part of k12 that operates charter schools. Another part of k12, known as "Institutional Sales" works with school districts and private schools. There are sharp contrasts between the types of products and services provided by each and from the customer's standpoint the "Education Experience" is completely different.

Due to their long term nature, k12 served charters are able to attract and retain talented board and staff leadership dedicated to providing a complete K through 12 school experience. School districts typically only commit to enrollment in a particular curriculum one year at a

time and may change curriculum from one year to the next. Also every effort is made to maximize parental involvement and extra-curricular activities in the charter school model.

Discussion/Acceptance of New Board Members

Joe confirmed that Mr. Yirmyah had been nominated to the board by the Parents Coalition. Joe said that Brady had reviewed Mr. Yirmyah's application and recommended it to the board. Chris pointed out that as his employer is the Orange County School District that is engaged in litigation with this board, and asked if a conflict of interest could exist. Chris asked Brady give written assurance that there is not a conflict of interest issue with Mr. Yirmyah's membership..

Chris moved that Mr. Yirmyah be appointed to the board conditioned on Brady's written assurance that there is not a conflict of interest issue¹. Rusty seconded. The motion was approved 4:0.

Other business

Dates and locations of future meetings

Wednesday, August 22, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. Same location.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Peter moved to adjourn the meeting. Rusty seconded. Motion approved 4:0. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:25 a.m.

Signature Christopher M. Calabucci

Signature Maria Cherjovsky

Signature Rusty Graf

Signature Peter H. Morcombe

Signature Debbie Palmer

Signature Yirmyah

1 The written assurance was received by Chris on 7/27/12