

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
OPTIONS CHARTER SCHOOLS – CARMEL AND NOBLESVILLE,
INC.**

April 21, 2020

Directors present virtually were Matthew Abbott, Gordon Heminger, John Kerr, Will Mattingly, Stacy Segal, Thomas Lyons III, Valerie Love, Hannah Heuser

Directors absent were Brenda Flowers, Bob Barker

Staff Present virtually were Adam Barr, Michelle Walden, Shannon Franklin, Mike Gustin, Jake Brandau, Lisa Chandler

Stacy Segal opened the meeting virtually at 6:09 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CHAIR WHETHER A QUORUM IS PRESENT, THAT THE MEETING HAS BEEN DULY CALLED AND THAT THE MEETING HAS BEEN POSTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH INDIANA OPEN DOOR LAW AS CODIFIED UNDER I.C. SECTION 5-15-1.5. THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING HAS BEEN POSTED AND MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC.

B. DISTRIBUTION OF THE AGENDA.

2. ROLL CALL

A. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING THE ATTENDANCE OF ALL BOARD MEMBERS, THE ABILITY OF THE BOARD TO FORM A QUORUM, AND THE POWER OF THE BOARD TO CONDUCT BUSINESS.

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There will be no Executive session to follow.

4. PUBLIC FORUM:

No public meeting due to Covid 19.

5. REPORTS

A. CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS REMARKS, STACY SEGAL:

- a. Nothing at this time.**

B. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT/EXECUTIVE TEAM:

- a. Mike Gustin presented the board with his report. Discussion took place; however, no action was needed.

C. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Will Mattingly presented the Carmel Allowance of Vouchers dated January 21, 2020, in the amount of \$108,999.91. Will Mattingly requested a motion of approval of Allowance of Vouchers in the amount of \$108,999.91. Hannah Heuser moved to accept, and Gordon Heminger seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Will Mattingly presented the Noblesville Allowance of Vouchers dated January 21, 2020, in the amount of \$184,111.42. Will Mattingly requested a motion of approval of Allowance of Vouchers in the amount of \$184,111.42. Hannah Heuser moved to accept, and Gordon Heminger seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

*** The vouchers dated February 18, 2020 will be tabled until the May meeting.**

G. TEMPORARY AND AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT:

a. FACILITY COMMITTEE:

Mike Gustin announced to the Board that the plan is to have a soft opening in June 2021 with a hard-open August 2021.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. HR STAFF UPDATE:

Jake Brandau presented the Board with an HR staff list. Discussion took place. No action was needed.

B. MISSION STATEMENT

Options Charter Schools current mission statement reads as:

The Options Charter Schools is a caring community that is an alternative to the traditional education program. Utilizing innovative approaches, we focus on the personal academic achievement as well as the health and wellness of each student. Options Charter Schools develops responsible individuals who are skilled problem solvers and caring, productive citizens.

Options Charter Schools Revised Mission Statement reads as:

The Options Charter Schools provide a caring community, quality education, and guidance to those students who seek an alternative to traditional schooling.

Stacy Segal made a motion to adopt the new mission statement as read. John Kerr moved to accept, and Hannah Heuser seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

C. REVIEW APR FOR OCS – CARMEL (OCSC) AND OCS – NOBLESVILLE (OCSN):

Michelle Walden presented the Board with the APR results for both the Options Charter School – Carmel and Options Charter School – Noblesville. Stacy Segal made a motion to approve the APR for the Options Charter Schools. John Kerr moved to accept, and Valerie Love seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

D. ONE OPTIONS CHARTER:

Mike Gustin announced to the Board that the Options Charter Schools would like to move forward with combing the charters starting July 1, 2020. John Kerr made a motion to move forward with combing the two charter schools to a single charter school. Will Mattingly moved to accept, and Gordon Heminger seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SCHOOL BOARD MEETING:

Stacy Segal asked the members to review the Minutes presented for the February 18, 2020 meeting. Hannah Heuser moved to accept, and Matthew Abbott seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

B. BOARD CALENDAR FOR 2020-2021:

Mike Gustin presented the Board with the 2020-2021 Board Meeting Calendar. Stacy Segal made a motion to approve the 2020-2021 Board Meeting Calendar as presented. Will Mattingly moved to accept, and Matthew Abbott seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

C. CERTIFIED EMPLOYEE EVALUATION PLAN – HOLD HARLESS

Michelle Walden announced that in policy governance, it asks that the Options Charter Schools does not fail to give employee evaluations each year. Michelle Walden feels confident in moving forward with evaluations due to the employees having mid-term evaluations already completed and current evaluations currently still in place. Stacy Segal made a motion to move forward with staff evaluations. Gordon Heminger moved to accept, and John Kerr seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

D. LOCAL GRADING SCALE FOR 2020 COHORT SENIORS (COVID-19)

Michelle Walden announced to the Board that due to the Covid-19 pandemic, schools can choose to adapt their grading scales for the 2020 cohort seniors. Michelle Walden recommended to the board not to change the grading school. No motion was needed as after discussion it was determined that Options Charter Schools would not be changing their grading scale.

E. HYCA/BACA REPORT (MOVE FROM PILOT STATUS)

Stacy Segal made a motion to remove the 1-yr pilot label from Options@BACA and approve the program for continued growth as outlined in the 2020 Strategic Plan for Growth. John Kerr made a motion to approve and Hannah Heuser seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Stacy Segal made a motion to approve the budget as presented and recognize the improvements are to be donations to the Hoosier Youth Challenge Academy. Matthew Abbott made a motion to approve and Hannah Heuser seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

F. FEE WAIVER FOR 2019-2020 STUDENT FEES NOT RECEIVED:

Jake Brandau presented to the Board the concern for the number of students that still owe student fees and due to Covid-19 suggested that the board approve a fee waiver for the student fees that have not been collected. Stacy Segal made a motion to approve the fee waiver for 2019-2020 student fees not yet received.

John Kerr moved to accept, and Will Mattingly seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

G. ROUGH DRAFT BUDGET FOR 2020-2021

Jake Brandau presented the Board with a rough draft budget for 2020-2021. The Board will review and vote at the May meeting.

8. GOOD OF THE ORDER –

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Stacy Segal requested a motion for adjournment at 7:58 pm. The motion for adjournment passed unanimously.

Submitted by:

Shannon Franklin
Board Stenographer

Approved by:

Will Mattingly
Board Secretary

Next scheduled meeting will be held on May 19, 2020 at the Options Charter School – Central Office at 6:00 pm.

