

HOPE for Hyndman Charter School

Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes

September 2, 2015 - 6:30 p.m.

The HOPE for Hyndman Charter School Board of Trustees held a Special Board Meeting on Wednesday, September 2, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. at HOPE for Hyndman Charter School. *Those present:*

Brigette Emerick – Board President
Jerry Leydig – Board Vice President
Christine McKenzie - Board Secretary
Austin Christner – Board member
Angela Coughenour – Board member
Ron Gibbner – Board member
Donald Gross – Board member
Jessie Spiker – Board member
Jennie Hetzer – Faculty Representative to the Board
Thea Hosselrode -- Board Administrative Assistant
Brad Allison – Attorney
Thomas Otis
Thomas Vent
Twyla Haines
Erin Thompson
Jeff Kimmel
Dina Morrissey
Joni Miller
Angela Gibbner
Cameron Gibbner
Robert Walls

The meeting was called to order by B. Emerick at 6:31 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by a prayer by Mrs. Emerick. B. Emerick then did a board-member roll call.

Agenda: The meeting agenda was adopted with a motion by R Gibbner, seconded by J Spiker and carried. (Unan.)

Public comments: None

New Business

Board: A motion to approve the updated HHCS Board of Trustees By-Laws, in which the check signing process has been updated, as per document in Google Drive, was made by D Gross, seconded by A Coughenour and carried. A roll call vote was taken.

Austin Christner – yes
Angela Coughenour – abstain
Brigette Emerick - abstain
Ronnie Gibbner - yes
Donald Gross - yes
Jerry Leydig - yes
Christine McKenzie - yes
Jessie Spiker - yes

A motion to enter Executive Session for personnel matters was made by D Gross, seconded by R Gibbner.

Public session started again at 6:40 p.m.

Personnel:

A motion to approve the updated contracts with Okard, Inc. (Dr. Otis) and Old School Consultants (Mr. Vent), as per documents in Google Drive, was made by A Coughenour, seconded by J Spiker and carried. (Unan.)

A motion to advertise for the Principal position was made by R Gibbner, seconded by A Christner and carried. (Unan.) The advertisement will run in several papers such as Bedford, Cumberland, and Altoona.

A motion to approve the Personnel Issues, as per document in Google Drive, was made by D Gross, seconded by J Leydig and carried. (Unan.)

General Operations:

A motion to approve the updated Organizational Chart, as per document in Google Drive, was made by A Christner, seconded by C McKenzie and carried. (Unan.)

A motion to approve for Dr. Thomas Otis, Mr. Thomas Vent, and the Personnel Committee to be granted the authority to oversee the hiring and termination of employees, as needed, was made by J Spiker, seconded by J Leydig and carried. A roll call vote was taken.

Austin Christner – yes
Angela Coughenour – abstain
Brigette Emerick - abstain
Ronnie Gibbner - yes
Donald Gross - abstain
Jerry Leydig - yes
Christine McKenzie - yes
Jessie Spiker - yes

The abstention votes were from Personnel Committee members.

A motion to approve to take all steps necessary to process the Charter renewal application and the subsequent submission of the renewal application was made by A Coughenour, seconded by A Christner and carried. (Unan.)

A motion to form a board-led committee to be known as the “Charter Renewal Committee”, to oversee the charter renewal process and subsequent submission of the renewal application, was made by A Christner, seconded by C McKenzie and carried. (Unan.)

A motion to approve for the Charter Renewal Committee to collaborate with Mr. Joshua Pollack, the Board's Attorney, and Mr. Ryan Schumm, Charter Choices Business Manager, on an as needed basis in order to complete the charter renewal application, with a not to exceed cost of \$5,000 for attorney services was made by R Gibbner, seconded by A Christner and carried. A roll call vote was taken.

Austin Christner – yes
Angela Coughenour – abstain
Brigette Emerick - abstain
Ronnie Gibbner - yes
Donald Gross - yes
Jerry Leydig - yes
Christine McKenzie - yes
Jessie Spiker - yes

The abstention votes are members of the committee. J Leydig asked how many hours would be needed. Answer: We don't know. Mr. Pollack has sent a document to look at and is coming to do a site visit. He is not cheap, but he is worth it. We are thinking about \$5,000.

A motion to approve for Dr. Thomas Otis and Mrs. Geraldine (Dina) Morrissey to be the Local Educational Agency (LEA) representatives for the purpose of approving special education services for the students at HOPE for Hyndman Charter School was made by A Christner, seconded by A Coughenour and carried. (Unan.)

An LEA is someone who has knowledge of the child and can commit funds.

A motion to allow Mr. Ron Scritchfield to remove the storage trailer from the HHCS campus and dispose of it properly was made by A Coughenour, seconded by C McKenzie and carried. (Unan.)

Public comment:

Attorney Allison publicly thanked Dr. Otis and Mr. Vent for assisting the school in their time of transition. He has worked with Dr. Otis, and he has no doubt that he will be a good for the school.

B Emerick announced that this has been a good week so far at the school. The faculty and staff have pulled together and worked well this week.

B. Emerick announced that she received a \$1,000 grant for tennis equipment to be used for gym classes.

The first Stinger newspaper was published by students with some help from a teacher. They have created videos they would like to share with the Board.

At 6:57 p.m. J Spiker made a motion to enter executive session for the matter of possible litigation seconded by R Gibbner.

R Gibbner made a motion to adjourn, seconded by J Spiker.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Submitted by Thea Hosselrode
Board Administrative Assistant