



Inquiry Charter School Board Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2017 12:00 PM
1301 Belmont Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19104

Call To Order: A regular joint meeting of the Inquiry Charter Board of Trustees took place in joint session with Belmont Charter School Board of Trustees and the Community Education Alliance of West Philadelphia Board of Trustees. The meeting was called to order at 12:10pm. Michael Karp presided over the meeting.

Inquiry Board Members Present: Michael Karp, Steve Parico, Leslie Convey, Lauren Katz, Elizabeth Havey-Preate, and Lexi Komisar

Belmont Charter School Board Members Present: Michael Karp, Steve Parico, Leslie Convey, Lisa Kaminski, and Dominique Reiff

Board Members Absent: Brandon Slay

CEAWP Board Members Present: Phil Balderson, Kristen Koeingsbauer, Ron Caplan

Staff Present: Jennifer Faustman, Claire Cohen, Chris Hanlon, Jared Ware and Stephanie Berliner

M. Karp began the meeting calling for public comment. No public comments were offered.

M. Karp then asked if there were any questions regarding the Board packets presented which included the October 2017 Board Minutes. There were no questions.

Resolution #1. Resolved that the board reviewed and approved the Inquiry Charter October 2017 minutes as written. M. Karp moved to affirm; the motion was seconded by L. Katz. The vote was unanimous.

CEO Report:

Academic Report: J. Faustman noted special education numbers had increased. Many students coming in had a significant behavioral health needs.

Resolution #2. The board approved entering into a contract with KIPP for Camelot Academy to provide emotional support classrooms for two students starting in January of 2018, approved in the prorated amount of \$18,295 per student for the remainder of the 2017-18 school year and the following 2018-2019 school year if alternative classroom space is not available. M. Karp moved to affirm; the motion was seconded by L. Katz. The vote was unanimous.

Legal Report: The Board reviewed the case of ICS vs. H.F.

Resolution #3. Resolved an approval of a settlement amount of up to \$20,000 as negotiated by attorneys. M. Karp moved to affirm; the motion was seconded by L. Katz. The vote was unanimous.

Personnel Report:

A personnel report was given by J. Faustman during which new hires Stephanie Berliner, Administrative Assistant, and Jared Ware, Finance Director, were introduced.

Resolution #4. Resolved that Jared Ware was approved as Director of Finance. M. Karp moved to affirm; the motion was seconded by E. Heavey-Preate. The vote was unanimous.

Financial Report: J. Faustman discussed the recent review of the contract with Repice and Taylor, which resulted in a paring down of the firm's responsibilities, re-allocating these duties to Jared Ware.

Resolution #5. Resolved that the contract with Repice and Taylor was re-negotiated and approved, scaling back services and renegotiating the term clause to 90 days. M. Karp moved to affirm; the motion was seconded by E. Heavey-Preate. The vote was unanimous.

Governance: Lexi Komisar was presented as new board member.

Resolution #6. Resolved that Lexi Komisar was approved as a new member of the Inquiry Board of Directors. M. Karp moved to affirm; the motion was seconded by E. Heavey-Preate. The vote was unanimous.

The board enjoyed a tour of the Inquiry Charter School classrooms.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:53 PM.