

Thursday, June 18, 2015 Minutes

MEETING PLACE: 675 E. Broad St., Bethlehem, PA 18018 Room 118 6:00pm

The President called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

- I. Pledge of Allegiance:
- II. Moment of Silence:
- III. Roll Call:
Present:
Mario Acerra Paul Braden Otto Ehrsam
Mark Ferguson Yvette Johnson William Moran
Rosemary Murdy-Haber Len Perrett Charles Stinner – arrived at 6:05pm

Absent:
Marc Basist John Filipos

Also Present from Administration:
Diane LaBelle, Executive Director
Carise Comstock, Dean of Academic Affairs Sharon Fehlinger-Ricker, Principal
Cheryl Schurz, Director of Finance

Executive Session:

Motion: The Board of Directors moves to go into Executive Session at 6:04pm.

MM: Ehrsam	SM: Murdy-Haber	ACTION CARRIED: 8-0
Mario Acerra - Yes	Paul Braden - Yes	Otto Ehrsam - Yes
Mark Ferguson - Yes	Yvette Johnson - Yes	William Moran - Yes
Rosemary Murdy-Haber - Yes	Len Perrett - Yes	

- IV. **Open Session:**
The Board of Directors returns to Open Session at 6:48pm.

Opening Remarks –

- Mr. Acerra, Board President – President wishes to declare the Board’s appreciation to all the staff. Congratulations on a beautiful Gala and wonderful graduation ceremony.
- Ms. Diane LaBelle, Executive Director – Charter Arts has responded to a Right to Know Request. This request was received by all charter schools in PA. The following information was reported: Course Offerings, Salaries/Benefits of Administrators, and Charter Arts Foundation Donations to the School. The South Side City Council has approved Charter Arts signage and fence.
- Executive Director’s Report

- V. **Public Comments:** (limited to 3 minutes per individual) none.

- VI. Acceptance of **Consent Agenda Items:**
 - i. Acceptance of May 14, 2015 Meeting Minutes
 - ii. Facility and Safety Report - Filchner
 - iii. Development Report - Storm
 - iv. Public Relations Report - Gillette
 - v. Principal’s Report – Fehlinger-Ricker
 - vi. Dean of Academic Affairs – Comstock
 - vii. Dean of Student Affairs - Buck

MM: Ehrsam	SM: Braden	ACTION CARRIED: 9-0
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Mario Acerra - Yes	Paul Braden - Yes	Otto Ehram - Yes
Mark Ferguson - Yes	Yvette Johnson - Yes	William Moran - Yes
Rosemary Murdy-Haber - Yes	Len Perrett - Yes	Charles Stinner - Yes

VII. Personnel Report

Approval of June 2015 Personnel Report

Motion: Based upon the recommendation of the Executive Director and the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors approves the June 2015 Personnel Report.

MM: Ferguson	SM: Stinner	ACTION CARRIED: 9-0
Mario Acerra - Yes	Paul Braden - Yes	Otto Ehram - Yes
Mark Ferguson - Yes	Yvette Johnson - Yes	William Moran - Yes
Rosemary Murdy-Haber - Yes	Len Perrett - Yes	Charles Stinner - Yes

VIII. Foundation Board Liaison Report – Mr. Mark Ferguson

Mrs. Murdy-Haber suggested the Foundation Board add the Parent Committee Chair as a Liaison to the Foundation Board.

Approval of the Following Proposals and Contracts:

- Service Electric Proposal**
- First Lease Proposal**
- Ironton Telephone Proposal**
- Corporate Environments Contract**
- Center Stage Lighting and Rigging Contract**
- American Harlequin Corporation Contract**
- Wenger Corporation Contract**
- Duggan & Marcon Inc. Contract**
- Admiral Management Services Contract Negotiation Summary**

Motion: Based upon the recommendation of the Executive Director, the Board of Directors approves the preceding proposals and contracts.

MM: Stinner	SM: Johnson	ACTION CARRIED: 9-0
Mario Acerra - Yes	Paul Braden - Yes	Otto Ehram - Yes
Mark Ferguson – Yes	Yvette Johnson - Yes	William Moran - Yes
Rosemary Murdy-Haber - Yes	Len Perrett - Yes	Charles Stinner - Yes

IX. **Old Business** – None.

X. **New Business**

Finance Committee

Acceptance of April 2015 Financial Reports

Motion: Based upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Board of Directors accepts the April 2015 Financial Reports.

MM: Finance Committee		ACTION CARRIED: 9-0
Mario Acerra - Yes	Paul Braden - Yes	Otto Ehram - Yes
Mark Ferguson - Yes	Yvette Johnson - Yes	William Moran - Yes
Rosemary Murdy-Haber - Yes	Len Perrett - Yes	Charles Stinner - Yes

Approval of the Updated 2015-2016 Salary Projections

Motion: Based upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Board of Directors approves the Updated 2015-2016 Salary Projections.

MM: Finance Committee		ACTION CARRIED: 9-0
Mario Acerra - Yes	Paul Braden - Yes	Otto Ehram - Yes
Mark Ferguson - Yes	Yvette Johnson - Yes	William Moran - Yes

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Rosemary Murdy-Haber - Yes Len Perrett - Yes Charles Stinner - Yes

Motion: Based upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Board of Directors approves the Updated 2015-2016 School Psychologist Job Description.
NOT REVIEWED

Approval of General Assigned Fund Balance and Development Assigned Fund Balance

Motion: Based upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Board of Directors approves the 2015-2016 General Assigned Balance as **\$147,276.87**, 6/30/2015.

Motion: Based upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Board of Directors approves the 2015-2016 Development Assigned Balance as **\$100,000**, 6/30/2015.

MM: Finance Committee

ACTION CARRIED: 9-0

Mario Acerra - Yes	Paul Braden - Yes	Otto Ehram - Yes
Mark Ferguson - Yes	Yvette Johnson - Yes	William Moran - Yes
Rosemary Murdy-Haber - Yes	Len Perrett - Yes	Charles Stinner - Yes

Approval of the 2015-2016 Development Budget

Motion: Based upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Board of Directors approves the 2015-2016 Development Budget.

MM: Finance Committee

ACTION CARRIED: 9-0

Mario Acerra - Yes	Paul Braden - Yes	Otto Ehram - Yes
Mark Ferguson - Yes	Yvette Johnson - Yes	William Moran - Yes
Rosemary Murdy-Haber - Yes	Len Perrett - Yes	Charles Stinner - Yes

Approval of the 2015-2016 General Budget

Motion: Based upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Board of Directors approves the 2015-2016 School Budget.

MM: Finance Committee

ACTION CARRIED: 9-0

Mario Acerra - Yes	Paul Braden - Yes	Otto Ehram - Yes
Mark Ferguson - Yes	Yvette Johnson - Yes	William Moran - Yes
Rosemary Murdy-Haber - Yes	Len Perrett - Yes	Charles Stinner - Yes

Approval of the 2014-2015 Application for Charter School Lease Reimbursement

Motion: Based upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Board of Directors approves the 2014-2015 Application for Charter School Lease Reimbursement.

MM: Finance Committee

ACTION CARRIED: 9-0

Mario Acerra - Yes	Paul Braden - Yes	Otto Ehram - Yes
Mark Ferguson - Yes	Yvette Johnson - Yes	William Moran - Yes
Rosemary Murdy-Haber	Len Perrett - Yes	Charles Stinner - Yes

Approval of the 2015-2016 Alert Solutions, Inc. Contract

Motion: Based upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Board of Directors approves the 2015-2016 Alert Solutions, Inc. Contract.

MM: Braden

SM: Ferguson

ACTION CARRIED: 9-0

Mario Acerra - Yes	Paul Braden - Yes	Otto Ehram - Yes
Mark Ferguson - Yes	Yvette Johnson - Yes	William Moran - Yes
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Curriculum Committee

Presentation – Mrs. Fehlinger-Ricker “Graduation Rate Presentation”

Mr. Stinner expressed a thank you on behalf of the Board for an informative presentation and the excellent work the Administration and Faculty is doing toward Charter Arts graduate and cohort rates.

Board Development Committee - no report.

Executive Committee

Approval of the 2015-2016 School Calendar and Bell Schedule

Motion: Based upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee and the CEO, the Board of Directors approves the 2015-2016 School Calendar and Bell Schedule.

MM: Johnson

Mario Acerra - Yes

Mark Ferguson - Yes

Rosemary Murdy-Haber - Yes

SM: Stinner

Paul Braden - Yes

Yvette Johnson - Yes

Len Perrett - Yes

ACTION CARRIED: 9-0

Otto Ehram - Yes

William Moran - Yes

Charles Stinner – Yes

Approval of the Policy 113 – Special Ed Policy and Policy 113.1 – Discipline of Students with Disabilities

Motion: Based upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee and the CEO, the Board of Directors approves the Policy 113 and Policy 113.1.

MM: Ferguson

Mario Acerra - Yes

Mark Ferguson - Yes

Rosemary Murdy-Haber - Yes

SM: Stinner

Paul Braden - Yes

Yvette Johnson - Yes

Len Perrett - Yes

ACTION CARRIED: 9-0

Otto Ehram - Yes

William Moran - Yes

Charles Stinner - Yes

XI. **Public Comments:** (limited to 3 minutes per individual) none

XII. **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn: The Board adjourned at 8:00pm .

MM: Ferguson

Mario Acerra - Yes

Mark Ferguson - Yes

Rosemary Murdy-Haber - Yes

SM: Stinner

Paul Braden - Yes

Yvette Johnson - Yes

Len Perrett - Yes

ACTION CARRIED: 9-0

Otto Ehram - Yes

William Moran - Yes

Charles Stinner - Yes

Next Meeting Date and Time: Thursday, August 27, 2015, 6pm, Conference Room, 2nd Floor

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Schurz,
Board Secretary