

MEETING MINUTES

Name of Foundation: Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc.
Board Meeting: September 14, 2016
School(s) Present: Bonita Springs Charter School Cape Coral Charter School
 Gateway Charter School Gateway Intermediate Charter School
 Gateway Charter High School Manatee Charter School
 Six Mile Charter Academy

The minutes of Sunshine Law meetings need not be verbatim transcripts of the meeting. These minutes are a brief summary of the events of the meeting.

Date:	Start	End	Next Meeting:	Next time:	Prepared by:
September 14, 2016	1:32 pm	2:11 pm	October 13, 2016	TBD	R. Weaver
Meeting Location:					
Manatee Charter School, 4555 30 th Street East, Bradenton, FL 34203					

Attended by:	
Board Members: Ken Haiko, Chairman Dennis Clark, Vice-Chairman Tom Wheeler, Director Absent: John O'Brien, Director Margaret Wells, Director Shane Strum, Director	Other Attendees: Michelle Thompson, Lead Principal, Florida West Coast Levi Williams, Board Counsel Rita Weaver, Board Governance Manager Eleanora Corte Hernandez, CSUSA Finance Penny Walcott, CSUSA, Finance Meredith Ross, Education Data Analyst Rachel Windler-Freitag, VP, Education

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to public notice, the meeting commenced at 1:32 pm with a Call to Order by Chairman Ken Haiko. Roll call was taken and quorum established.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE

Approval of Minutes from August 1, 2016

- Chairman Haiko asked the Board to review the Southwest Charter Foundation minutes from the August 1, 2016 board meeting and to note any changes. The minutes stand.

MOTION: Motion was made by Tom Wheeler and seconded by Dennis Clark to approve the minutes from August 1, 2016 Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. Board meeting. Motion was approved (3-0) (3 absent).

II. CSUSA Reports

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- Michelle Thompson, Lead Principal, reported to the board on the new school year openings for the Southwest Charter Foundation schools, including the following:
 - Enrollment discussion for all schools. The Principals are working with CSUSA Marketing and Enrollment team to increase Enrollment and back fill the available seats; and
 - All schools are almost at full staff;
 - Manatee Charter School closed for two days for Hurricane Hermione and fortunately there was no damage.

State Accountability Results and NWEA Results

- Meredith Ross presented to the board the changes to the grade calculations that went into effect in the 2015-16 school year. Ms. Ross also presented how the state grades aligned with the NWEA results.
- Deb Tracy and Michelle Thompson presented the school improvement plans for the Manatee Charter Academy.

III. FINANCIALS

FY2015-16 Financials Review

- Eleanora Corte Hernandez presented the board the FY16 Year-End Financials for the schools governed by Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc.
- The board discussed the presentation of the financials. All questions were answered by Ms. Corte Hernandez.

MOTION: Motion was made by Dennis Clark and seconded by Tom Wheeler to approve the FY16 Year-End Financials for Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. Motion was approved unanimously.

Approval of Patriot Charter Bank Account to be closed

- Rita Weaver updated the board on the status of the now defunct charter school account. The charter was dissolved and there is no outstanding debt. The bank account is to be closed and transferred to the Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. account for their portfolio of schools use. The balance in the account is \$45,000.
- The board wanted to allocate specific amounts to specific schools based on need. Michelle Thompson will compile a list and present at the next board meeting.

MOTION: Motion was made by Tom Wheeler and seconded by Dennis Clark to table this agenda item until the October 13th board meeting. Motion was approved unanimously.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Approval of ESOL/Out of Field Waivers

- The board was presented with the ESOL/Out of Field Waivers for all schools governed by Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. (See attachment)

- The board reviewed and discussed the list of names and all requests for clarity were answered by the Principals.

MOTION: Motion was made by Tom Wheeler and seconded by Dennis Clark to approve the list of ESOL/Out of Field Waivers, as presented. (see attachment) Motion was approved unanimously.

V. OLD BUSINESS

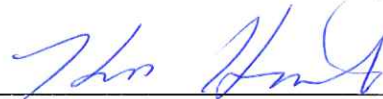
- Tom Wheeler confirmed that the law enforcement exemption letter allowing his information from being publicly posted had been sent. Levi Williams, board attorney, confirmed that it had.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- There were no public comments at this time.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion was made by Tom Wheeler and seconded by Dennis Clark to adjourn the Southwest Charter Foundation September 14th, 2016 board meeting. Motion was approved unanimously.



Ken Haiko, Chairman

Date: 10-13-16