

MEETING MINUTES

Name of Foundation: Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc.

Board Meeting: September 10, 2019

School(s):

Bonita Springs Charter School

Collier Charter Academy

Gateway Intermediate School

Manatee Charter School

Cape Coral Charter School

Gateway Charter School

Gateway Charter High 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 10, 2019	2:01pm	2:50pm	October 2, 2019	1pm	R. Weaver
Meeting Location: Each School listed above					
Onsite location: Renaissance Charter School at Poinciana, 5125 Robert McLane Blvd, Kissimmee, FL 34758					
Attended by:					
Board Members: Ken Haiko, Chairman Billie Miller, Director Tom Wheeler, Treasurer Dennis Clark, Secretary John O'Brien, Vice-Chairman Pat Smith, Director Absent:			Other Attendees: Rita Weaver, Board Governance Manager Nate Mariano, State Deputy Director Levi Williams, Board Attorney Dr. Eddie Ruiz, State Director Patrick Galatowitsch, Area Director Myrna Laine-Hyppolite, VP FP&A Damon Schnurr, Sr. Financial Analyst		

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to public notice, the meeting commenced at 2:01pm with a Call to Order by Chairman Ken Haiko. Roll call was taken, and quorum established.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE

MOTION: Motion was made by Dennis Clark and seconded by Billie Miller to add "Guardian New Hire" under Old Business as an agenda item. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Minutes August 21, 2019 Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc.

- The board reviewed the meeting minutes from the board meeting on August 21, 2019. Edits were adding the time at the beginning of the minutes and adding in the word "and" in the 1st paragraph of the School Accountability Report.

MOTION: A motion was made by Billie Miller and seconded by Dennis Clark to approve the meeting minutes of the August 21, 2019 Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. board meeting. Motion was approved unanimously. (6--0)

II. CSUSA REPORTS

District Compensation Range Comparison

- Rita Weaver presented to the board the starting teacher salary range by district and the CSUSA teacher salary range by district. CSUSA does not track or break out the way that the districts do. The board wants to see a comparable breakdown of teacher salaries in the district vs. CSUSA teacher salaries by district. The board asked Billie Miller to work with Rita Weaver and Nate Mariano to compile the data specific to the board's request. This will be reviewed at the next board meeting.

Staffing Report

- The board reviewed staffing turnover for the time period June 30, 2019 compared to August 31, 2019. The board requested specific data to be the number of open teacher positions on June 30, 2019 compared to the number of current open teacher positions. Mrs. Weaver will bring this information to the board at the October board meeting.

Enrollment Report

- The board reviewed the enrollment report. Billie Miller asked for building capacity to be added to the report.

III. FINANCIALS

FY2019 Financial Review

- Damon Schnurr report the FY2019 Unaudited Financial Results to the board. The board reviewed the information in the packet and all questions were answered by Mr. Schnurr.

MOTION: Motion was made by Dennis Clark and seconded by Pat Smith, to approve the FY2019 Unaudited Financials, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

FEFP By District Report

- Myrna Laine Hyppolite presented to the board the FEFP by District as it was being paid. In the June meeting, the board discussed increased funding and wanted a comparison to see if the increase that the legislature passed earlier in 2019 would mean an increase in FEFP. The data is showing that there will not be an increase as anticipated. All questions were answered by Mrs. Laine-Hyppolite.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Out of Field Waivers

- The board reviewed the Out of Field Waivers presented.

MOTION: A motion was made by Billie Miller and seconded by Dennis Clark to approve the Out of Field and ESOL Waivers, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- Ed Pozzouli, General Counsel for CSUSA, reported to the board the updated legislature regarding security officers posted on the school grounds. Mr. Pozzouli reviewed with the board the compliance requirements imposed on all the schools and that some of the schools did not have bell to bell coverage due to staffing issues across police departments, sheriff offices, and contractors with off-duty law enforcement. Mr. Pozzouli, with Levi Williams Board Attorney, reviewed the liability issues and explained sovereign immunity to the board. The board had a robust discussion regarding the dearth of options available to them and that hiring Guardian's as board employees is the best way to ensure bell to bell coverage along with compliance requirements and giving the schools the best opportunity to be a safe school.

The Coach Aaron Feis Guardian Program was established in 2018 through the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act. In its initial report, the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Public Safety Commission found that having Guardians in schools is the best way to ensure highly trained personnel are in place to respond immediately in the event of a school shooting.

Guardians are armed personnel who aid in the prevention or abatement of active assailant incidents on school premises. They are either school employees who volunteer to serve in addition to official job duties or personnel hired for the specific purpose of serving as a school guardian. Guardians must pass psychological and drug screenings, and successfully complete a minimum of 144 hours of training.

The 2019 Legislature expanded the Guardian program to include Class D and G licensed security guards as well as certain school district or charter school employees who volunteer to participate in the program.

State funds are granted to participating Sheriff's Offices to cover the screening and training costs for each Guardian. Also, Guardians receive a one-time stipend of \$500 for serving in the program.

For schools in need of Guardians, but located in districts that do not have a Guardian program, those schools may arrange for training with another sheriff's office that has established a Guardian program.

For a more in-depth look into the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act, enclosed is a summary from the Florida Department of Education.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- There were no Public Comments.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion was made by Billie Miller and seconded by Tom Wheeler to adjourn the Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. September 10, 2019 board meeting. Motion passed unanimously.



Ken Haiko, Chairman

Date: 10-2-19