

MEETING MINUTES

Name of Foundation: Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc.

Board Meeting: November 10, 2020

School(s):

Bonita Springs Charter School

Collier Charter Academy

Gateway Intermediate Charter 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:
November 10, 2020	12:45pm	1:23pm	December 8, 2020	1030am	R. Weaver
Meeting Location:					
Schools listed above					
Attended by:					
Board Members: Ken Haiko, Chairman Dennis Clark, Vice-Chairman Billie Miller, Director John O'Brien, Director Paul Sallarulo, Director Tom Wheeler, Treasurer Absent: Pat Smith, Director			Other Attendees: Levi Williams, Board Attorney Rita Weaver, Board Governance Manager, CSUSA Dr. Patrick Galatowitsch, Area Director Dr. Eddie Ruiz, State Director Maggie Ramsey, National Marketing Director		

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to public notice, the meeting commenced at 12:45 pm with a Call to Order by Chairman Ken Haiko. Roll call was taken, and quorum established.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE

Approval of the October 7, 2020 Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. Board Meeting Minutes

- The board reviewed the meeting minutes.

MOTION: Motion was made by Tom Wheeler and seconded by John O'Brien to approve the meeting minutes from the October 7, 2020 Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. Board meeting, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously. (6-0, 1 absent)

II. CSUSA REPORTS

Equitable Opportunities and Outcome Priority Areas

- Dr. David Christiansen updated the Board on National Conference held in October and gave an update on how CSUSA network of schools is providing equitable opportunities and measuring outcomes for all students, including looking at data to assess the COVID slide. Dr. Christiansen also discussed the upcoming Re-Accreditation visits by COGNIA.

Accountability Assessments

- Dr. Eddie Ruiz, State Director, updated the board on the Board's portfolio assessment data from NWEA and iReady
- Deputy Director Dr. Patrick Galotowitsch updated the board on the Area 1 assessment data and that the data for winter will help gauge instructional impact.

HR Staffing

- The board reviewed the CSUSA Staffing matrix which included information previously requested from the board, including percentage of certified teachers, number of perm subs, COVID resignations, teachers currently on accommodations, and instructional vacancies. The board reviewed the data, and all questions were answered by Dr. Eddie Ruiz, Rita Weaver, and Dr. Patrick Galatowitsch.

Enrollment

- The Board reviewed the October FTE Count and enrollment report for their portfolio of schools. Ms. Weaver updated the board on the enrollment count of two schools including pre-Kindergarten, but as the funding is different, the Count does not include those enrolled in VPK.

Marketing

- Maggie Ramsey, National Director of Marketing reviewed the data metrics for the Renaissance Charter School, Inc. portfolio of schools which included the process for setting baseline metrics, the digital data campaign, and corporate strategic marketing goals.

III. FINANCE

- There were no Financials.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Bonita Springs Charter School Cease and Desist

- Board Attorney Levi Williams updated the board on the special Assessment of \$16,000 and resulting filed lien levied by the Bernwood Assoc. Attorney Williams provided the Board with examples of meritless complaints regarding drop off and pick-up situation at Bonita Springs Charter School ("BSCS") as well as the erratic and dangerous behavior of

the property manager. Mr. Williams updated the Board on his attendance at the Association meeting where its members voted to place a lien on the school, and advised the Board of the lack of legal merit for this remedy as the school is a public school and exempt from assessments by the Association documents.

- Mr. O'Brien and Mr. Wheeler want law enforcement to be called in should the property manager continue to harass Principal Carisa Carrol or any staff at BSCS for the filing of a TRO to protect the safety of staff, students and visitors..

MOTION: A motion was made by Dennis Clark and seconded by John O'Brien to ratify the filing of the Notice of Contest of Lien in court and authorize Chairman Haiko to execute and work with Mr. Williams and Tripp Scott to defend the lien and take any further actions necessary to protect the Board's interests in the property and the safety of staff, students, and visitors. Motion was approved unanimously.

MOTION: A motion was made by Billie Miller and seconded by John O'Brien to file a Cease and Desist to the Association and the property manager; and authorize all issues to be executed by Chairman Haiko and Mr. Williams in this matter, as discussed and presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

Collier Charter Academy Letter of Intent to Renew

- The board reviewed the drafted letter in the packet which outlines the Board's intent to renew the charter for Collier Charter Academy.

MOTION: A motion was made by Billie Miller and seconded by John O'Brien to approve and authorize the Letter of Intent to renew Collier Charter Academy, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- There was no new business.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- There were no public comments.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion was made by Dennis Clark and seconded by Tom Wheeler to adjourn the Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. November 10, 2020 board meeting. Motion passed unanimously.



Ken Haiko, Chairman

Date: 12-8-2020