

MEETING MINUTES

Name of Foundation: Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc.

Board Meeting: December 8, 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:
December 8, 2020	12:32pm	1:03pm	January 15, 2020	1230am	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 Pat Smith, Director Absent: none			Other Attendees: Rita Weaver, Board Governance Manager, CSUSA Dr. Patrick Galatowitsch, Area Director Dr. Eddie Ruiz, State Director Dr. David Christiansen, Chief of Schools, CSUSA		

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to public notice, the meeting commenced at 12:32 pm with a Call to Order by Chairman Ken Haiko. Roll call was taken, and quorum established.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE

Approval of the November 10, 2020 Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. Board Meeting Minutes

- The board reviewed the meeting minutes.

MOTION: Motion was made by Dennis Clark and seconded by Billie Miller to approve the meeting minutes from the November 10, 2020 Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. Board meeting, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously. (7-0)

II. CSUSA REPORTS

- Dr. David Christiansen thanked Amber Jenson, Principal at Gateway Charter High School for show great leadership and grit during the last month while enduring security threats that the FBI and Sheriff's office has made an arrest. Dr. Christiansen also thanked Dr. Galatowitsch and Dr. Eddie Ruiz for supporting Mrs. Jenson and Gateway Charter High School during this time.

WISH Model Review

- Dr. David Christiansen reviewed the WISH model that is being implemented at several CSUSA schools. Dr. Christiansen reviewed the non-negotiables for this model as well as the initiatives that schools that implement this model will have. Dr. Ruiz also reviewed other schools in the CSUSA network that have the model and the expected outcomes for those schools.

III. FINANCE

- The board discussed that CSUSA is currently implementing a new finance system and that Q1 Financial Presentation were not ready to be included in this month's meeting and will be presented at the January meeting.

MOTION: Motion was made by Dennis Clark and seconded by Pat Smith to table the Q1 Financial Presentation until January 2021. Motion was approved unanimously.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Spring 2021 Educational Plans

- The board reviewed the Executive Order issued on November 30, 2020 by the FLDOE and discussed how the 4 assurances will be answered by the Board's management company, CSUSA and the deadlines of the FLDOE and the individual districts.

MOTION: A motion was made by Billie Miller and seconded by Tom Wheeler to acknowledge the Executive Order issued on November 30, 2020 and that Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. is currently in compliance, and authorizes CSUSA to draft, make changes, and submit, in consultation with the Chairman of the Board and Board Attorney, as discussed and presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

HB641 Teacher Salary Allocation

- The board reviewed the Salary Allocation Plan for their portfolio of schools listed. Dr. Eddie Ruiz reviewed the plans and discussed the requested changes from the FLDOE and the starting salaries of the different counties and schools. Mrs. Miller asked when the DOE was intending on approving the plans. Dr. Ruiz would find that out and report back to the board. All other questions were answered by Dr. Ruiz.

MOTION: A motion was made by Tom Wheeler and seconded by John O'Brien to ratify the HB641 Teacher Salary Allocations resubmittals, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Business Development

- Rita Weaver reviewed the executive summary for the proposed application submittal to Manatee County and the assumptions and timeline for said application. Mrs. Weaver also thank Ms. Bonnie Brett, Principal of Manatee Charter School, for her work throughout the years for the continued support and collaboration with Manatee County School District to be a partner with the district and CSUSA. The Board thanked Ms. Brett for her partnership with the school and the district.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- There were no public comments.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion was made by Dennis Clark and seconded by Pat Smith to adjourn the Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. December 8, 2020 board meeting. Motion passed unanimously.



Ken Haiko, Chairman

Date: 1-15-21