

MEETING MINUTES

Name of Foundation: Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc.
 Board Meeting: March 10, 2021

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:
March 10, 2021	12:39pm	1:04pm	April 15, 2021	2p	R. Weaver
Meeting Location:					
Schools listed above					
Attended by:					
Board Members: Ken Haiko, Chairman John O'Brien, Vice-Chair Dennis Clark, Director Billie Miller, Director Paul Sallarulo, Director Tom Wheeler, Treasurer Pat Smith, Director Absent: none			Other Attendees: Rita Weaver, Board Governance Manager, CSUSA Levi Williams, Board Attorney Dr. Eddie Ruiz, State Director CSUSA Jonmark Williams, St. Financial Analyst		

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to public notice, the meeting commenced at 12:39 pm with a Call to Order by Chairman Ken Haiko. Roll call was taken, and quorum established.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE

Approval of the February 3, 2021 Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. Board Meeting Minutes

- The board reviewed the meeting minutes.

MOTION: Motion was made by Dennis Clark and seconded by Tom Wheeler to approve the meeting minutes from the February 3, 2021 Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. Board meeting, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously. (7-0)

II. CSUSA REPORTS

COGNIA Reaccreditation Results

- Rita Weaver updated the Board on the reaccreditation results issued by COGNIA and advised the board that CSUSA has increased its IEQ score from COGNIA by over 60 points with No Insufficient Evidences identified which is better than many districts scores. Rita Weaver thanked the board members who participated in the COGNIA interviews and assisted in this process.
- Mrs. Weaver also reported to the Board an overview of the COGNIA Results reports which included the standards that CSUSA excelled in as well as those standards that were scored as Initiating. Mrs. Weaver also called out those schools that were in this board that assisted with the COGNIA interviews.

Assessments

- Dr. Eddie Ruiz updated the Board on winter assessments and projections. Dr. Ruiz reviewed academic trends, short term initiatives for the Spring, mid-term Summer 2021 planning including a Summer Bridge program at the schools, and long-term planning info Fall 2021 and beyond which includes implementation of the BEST Standards, Professional Development planning, and Master Scheduling Analysis for each school.
- Dr. Ruiz also presented to the board the Tutoring options for the school and a review of the mid-year projections by each area. All questions were answered by Dr. Ruiz and the Principals of the Schools. The Board requested a breakdown of demographics for the in-person and mobile students.
- The Board reviewed the mid-year dashboards of the schools.

Enrollment

- The Board reviewed the February FTE Enrollment report which included the building capacity, the enrollment target for the FY21 school year, the October FTE count, the February FTE count, and the variance of each for all the schools in the Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. portfolio of schools.

III. FINANCE

Q2 FY21 Financial Review

- Jonmark Williams presented the Q2 FY21 Financial Review, which included budget variances, revenues by district, and enrollment impact. All questions were answered by Mr. Williams.

MOTION: Motion was made by Dennis Clark and seconded by Pat Smith to approve the Q2 FY21 Financial Review for Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc., as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Litigation Update

- The Board discussed the litigation filed against Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. with Board Attorney Levi Williams and Mr. Williams reiterated the stance that a public school cannot be chartered a special assessment and that he will be filing a Motion to Dismiss on the Board's behalf. Mr. Wheeler asked for reimbursement for attorney fees.

Manatee Charter Application Update

- The Board discussed the date of the capacity interview for the two Osceola Charter Application submitted on February 1. The Board also discussed the CSP Grants application window open for Phase I submission and that CSUSA has submitted Phase I application with the Chair's approval and outlined the process for CSP Grant Funding for new charters. All questions were answered by Dr. Ruiz and Mrs. Weaver.

MOTION: A motion was made by Tom Wheeler and seconded by Billie Miller approve the filing of a CSP Grant for the Manatee Charter Applications currently under review by the School District of Manatee County, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

Board Meeting Dates for April 2021 and June 2021

- The Board discussed the dates of the April meeting coinciding with the New American Hero Luncheon to honor the New American Hero for FY20 and FY21 and whether or not to move the meeting or keep on April 6th. The Board also discussed scheduling the June meeting date.

MOTION: A motion was made by Billie Miller and seconded by Dennis Clark to amend the FY21 Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. Board Meeting Calendar by moving the April meeting date to April 15th and the June meeting date to June 22nd, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Haiko appointed John O'Brien and Billie Miller to the Education Committee as they have taken the lead to represent the Board during renewal and new charter applications. Mr. Haiko also appointed Tom Wheeler as the Safety and Security Committee.

CARES Grants Part II

- Rita Weaver outlined the CARES Grant funding, Parts I and II and what the grants provide in terms of flexible funding and the funding priorities of the schools. The Board discussed discussing and approving financials with grants spend included as well as all of the other Grants the schools are eligible for.


MOTION: Motion was made by Billie Miller and seconded by Dennis Clark to approve and authorize their management company to apply and see CARES Grants funding on behalf of the Renaissance Charter School, Inc. Board, and their portfolio of schools, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- There were no public comments.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Chair Haiko adjourned the March 10th, 2021 Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. meeting at 1:04pm



Ken Haiko, Chairman

Date: 4-15-21

Bonita Springs Charter School

ESOL AND OUT OF FIELD WAIVERS

	<u>TEACHERS' NAME</u>		<u>ESOL</u>	<u>Reading</u>	<u>Gifted</u>	<u>OOF WAIVER Subject</u>
	<u>FIRST</u>	<u>LAST</u>				
1	Alexis	Buchanan	X			
2	Kelly	Simpson	X			
3	Donna	Salamone	X			
4	Erin	Andrews	X			
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