

MEETING MINUTES

Name of Foundation: Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc.
Board Meeting: April 15, 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:
April 15, 2021	2:00pm	3:03pm	June 22, 2021	3:30pm	R. Weaver
Meeting Location:					
Schools listed above					
Attended by:					
Board Members: Ken Haiko, Chairman Dennis Clark, Director Billie Miller, Director Paul Sallarulo, Director Tom Wheeler, Treasurer Pat Smith, Director Absent: John O'Brien, Vice-Chair			Other Attendees: Dr. David Christiansen, Chief of Schools Rita Weaver, Board Governance Manager, CSUSA Levi Williams, Board Attorney Dr. Eddie Ruiz, State Director CSUSA Dr. Patrick Galatowitsch, Area 2 Deputy Director Lane Morris, Area 3 Deputy Director		

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to public notice, the meeting commenced at 2:05 pm with a Call to Order by Chairman Ken Haiko. Roll call was taken, and quorum established.

I. ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Officers and Directors Elections

- The board chair called for nominations for Board Chair.

MOTION: Motion was made by Paul Sallarulo and seconded by Billie Miller to elect Ken Haiko as Chairman of the Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. Motion was approved unanimously. (6-0, 1 absent)

- The board chair called for nominations for Vice Chair.

MOTION: Motion was made by Dennis Clark and seconded by Billie Miller to elect John O'Brien as Vice Chair of the Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. Motion was approved unanimously.

- The board chair called for nominations for Treasurer.

MOTION: Motion was made by Billie Miller and seconded by Dennis Clark to nominate Tom Wheeler as Treasurer of the Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. Motion was approved unanimously.

Conflict of Interest Policy

- The board reviewed the Conflict of Interest Policy.

MOTION: Motion was made by Billie Miller and seconded by Paul Wheeler to approve the Conflict of Interest Policy for the Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. Board, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

Committee Re-Appointments

- The board chair reviewed the Committee appointments:
 - Finance Committee: Paul Sallarulo and Dennis Clark
 - Academic Committee: Billie Miller and John O'Brien
 - Security Committee: Tom Wheeler
 - Community Outreach: Pat Smith

MOTION: Motion was made by Dennis Clark and seconded by Billie Miller to approve the Committee Re-Appointments for the Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. Board, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE

Approval of the March 10, 2021 Meeting Minutes

- The board reviewed the March 10, 2021 meeting minutes.

MOTION: Motion was made by Dennis Clark and seconded by Tom Wheeler to approve the March 10, 2021 Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. meeting minutes, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

III. CSUSA REPORTS

Chief of Schools Update

- Dr. David Christiansen, Chief of Schools CSUSA, thanked the board for attending the New American Hero event honoring the teachers.
- Dr. Christiansen updated the board on pending legislation that will allow CSUSA to continue the mobile learning model and being able to leverage the best teachers across the network of schools.
- Billie Miller noted that she has concerns for the teachers and schools if this is not implemented in a strategic way.

- Carissa Carrol, Principal at Bonita Springs Charter School ("BSCS"), outlined for the Board how BSCS is currently using the mobile model.

State Director Update

- Dr. Eddie Ruiz updated the Board on Executive Order 20 which outlined options for FSA grade reporting, high school graduation waivers, and creating a FAQ for parents to understand that they must bring students in person for testing.

Facilities Update

- The Board reviewed the Facilities Updates for all the schools in the Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. portfolio of schools.

IV. FINANCE

FY21 Audit Engagement Letter

- The board reviewed the FY21 Audit Engagement Letters from Keefe McCullough for the Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. portfolio of schools.

MOTION: Motion was made by Dennis Clark and seconded by Tom Wheeler to approve the FY21 Audit Engagement Letters from Keefe McCullough for Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc., as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

V. 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 April 27th Manatee School Board hearing date and that Ms. Miller will be attending and representing the board at that meeting.

Charter Renewal Updates

- Rita Weaver updated the board that Collier School Board Attorney has sent over the contract for review and it is the model contract with some minor changes. The recommendation was for a 5-year renewal.

CARES Grants II Update

- Rita Weaver updated the board that districts are starting to announce the allocations for each of the schools and that the draft budgets are being submitted and will be brought before the board once the districts have approved them.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Out of Field Waivers

- The Board reviewed the out of field waivers for BSCS.

MOTION: Motion was made by Tom Wheeler and seconded by Billie Miller to approve the out of field waivers for Bonita Springs Charter School, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

School Year 2021-22

- The board reviewed the SY22 calendars which noted the following:
 - Collier Charter School calendar follows Collier School District calendar
 - The Lee County schools under Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. follow the district with the addition of three additional early release days for professional development: November 5, February 11, and April 22.
 - Manatee Charter School follows the Manatee County district calendar except there are no early release days.

MOTION: Motion was made by Paul Sallarulo and seconded by Dennis Clark to approve the SY22 Calendars for the Southwest Charter Foudnation, Inc. portfolio of schools, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

- The board reviewed the Security Contracts and Coverage to comply with the MSD law, which noted the following:
 - Collier Charter School has a SSO through the Collier Sheriff's Office at no cost and is awaiting contract from Collier Sheriffe;
 - Bonita Springs Charter School, Gateway Charter School, Gateway Intermediate will maintain coverage through the Lee County Sheriff Office;
 - Midcape Globle Academy will maintain coverage with the Cape Coral Police Department;
 - Manatee Charter School will contract with Dynamic Integriy Security.

MOTION: Motion was made by Tom Wheeler and seconded by Billie Miller to approve and authorize the Chairman to execute the Security coverage as outlined to comply with the MSD Security Law, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

- The board reviewed the SY22 enrollment policy which complies with state statute.

MOTION: Motion was made by Billie Miller and seconded by Pat Smith to approve the Enrollment Policy for the FY22 School Year, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Paul Sallarulo thanked Ken Haiko for his tireless efforts for the Board.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Chair Haiko adjourned the April 15th, 2021 Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. meeting at 3:03pm



Ken Haiko, Chairman

Date: 6-25-21