

## **MEETING MINUTES**

Name of Foundation: **Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc.**

Board Meeting: **May 4, 2022**

Schools:

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| Bonita Springs Charter School - Carroll      | Lakewood Rach Preparatory Academy -Warren/Cendan |
| Collier Charter Academy - Thompson           | Manatee Charter School - Brett                   |
| Gateway Charter School - Carter              | Mid-Cape Global Academy - Trotter                |
| Gateway Intermediate Charter School - Jensen | Six Mile Charter Academy - Fields                |
| Gateway Charter High School - Jensen         |  |

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| Date:       | Start   | End     | Next Meeting: | Next time: | Prepared by:        |
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| May 4, 2022 | 10:30am | 10:42am | June 28, 2022 | 12:30pm    | M. Llanes/R. Weaver |

### **Meeting Location:**

Schools listed above

### **Attended by:**

#### **Board Members:**

Ken Haiko, Chairman  
Tom Wheeler, Treasurer  
Billie Miller, Director  
Paul Sallarulo, Director  
Pat Smith, Director  
Dennis Clark, Director

#### **Absent:**

John O'Brien, Vice-Chairman/Secretary

#### **Other Attendees:**

Principals and Parent Facilitators at above schools  
Dr. Eddie Ruiz, State Director of Florida  
Dr. Patrick Galatowitsch, Deputy Director  
Scott Woodrey, Red Apple CEO  
Lissanne Morton, Finance Department  
Rita Weaver, Board Governance Director  
Maggie Llanes, Executive Coordinator for Board Governance

### **CALL TO ORDER**

- Pursuant to public notice, the meeting commenced at 10:30 a.m. with a Call to Order by Chairman Ken Haiko. Roll call was taken, and quorum established.

### **I. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Board Chair Ken Haiko called for public comments. There were no public comments.

### **II. ADMINISTRATIVE**

### **III. CSUSA REPORTS**

#### State Director Update

- Dr. Eddie Ruiz shared with the board that administration has been doing a lot of work with the Gateway Charter System to give them the ability to ramp up, and maximize the facility to make the school bigger. Scott Woodrey from Red Apple will give the board more details about this project.

### **IV. FINANCIALS**

### **V. OLD BUSINESS**

#### Non-Instructional Salary Increase

- Board Member Billie Miller asked to have an update on salary increases for non-instructional staff which had been promised to the board by the end of April 2022. There is a concern by the board that retention and moral amongst non-instructional staff will decline.
- Board Chair Ken Haiko informed the board that he has not received any information about it and would like Dr. Ruiz to bring this issue to the Leadership Team today and inform the board as soon as possible.
- Dr. Ruiz shared with the board the update he has up to now that CSUSA CEO Jon Hage confirmed at the last PLA to the Principals that the salary increase is being handled. He will follow up with Mr. Hage during their Leadership Meeting today to send the information soon to the board.
- Board Member Tom Wheeler shared with the board that there was an article in the newspaper today mentioning that there are over 5 million people looking for work. Therefore, if people are not happy they will be out there looking for jobs and we will lose them.

#### VI. NEW BUSINESS

##### Gateway Charter High School – Capital Project

- Mr. Scott Woodrey shared with the board that Leadership Team met regarding this project and after the meeting, they put together a concept (draft in the packet) which includes 300 more seats, changes in the parking lot and traffic, and creation a football field with lights and bleachers. In order to get the field going before school starts in August 2022, they need approval from the board in order to submit proposal to Lee County for approval. This process will take a minimum of two months, therefore, approval is needed now in order to start the artificial turf right away. Finance has provided a model outlining the costs.
- Mrs. Rita Weaver informed the board that this expense will be included in the budget presentation for next year's budget which will be presented at the next board meeting on June 28, 2022.
- Board Member Clark inquired on clarification of total and was informed that it is \$6Million.
- Board Member Wheeler inquired about number of additional seats and was informed there will be no more additional seats added.

**MOTION: Motion was made by Dennis Clark and seconded by Pat Smith to authorize Red Apple to submit the proposal for the Gateway Charter High School – Capital Project to Lee County for approval in order to proceed with the project. Motion was approved unanimously. (6-0, 1 absent)**

#### VII. ADJOURNMENT

- Board Chair Haiko adjourned the March 11, 2022, Southwest Charter Foundation, Inc. Board Meeting at 10:42 a.m.



Ken Haiko, Chairman

Date: 6-28-22