

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SPECIAL MEETING
HOPE ONLINE LEARNING ACADEMY CO-OP
Meeting Minutes: January 30, 2020 5:00 p.m.**

APPROVED by the Board of Directors on March 8, 2020

BOARD Members Present: Kim Rossi, Bill de la Cruz, Kristine Turner and Jeff Vigil

BOARD Members Absent: Betty Johnson (excused)

HOPE Attendees: Heather O'Mara (Chief Executive Officer)

Other Attendees: Jacque Phillips (Counsel) and Steve Boston (VP, Finance)

Meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m. by K. Rossi. Roll call was taken.

1. **Posting of Meeting Notice**
 - K. Rossi advised that it was confirmed that the meeting notice was posted at Douglas County School District by Ms. Tamra Taylor and on the HOPE website in accordance with the Colorado Open Meetings Law.

2. **Quorum Call to Order**
 - K. Rossi noted that a quorum is present because at least half of the Board members are present.

3. **Meeting Purpose**
 - This special meeting of the Board of Directors focused on the upcoming Accountability Re-hearing with the State Board of Education as well as a budget revision for 2019/2020.
 - K. Rossi informed everyone that Jacque Phillips, HOPE's legal counsel, was in attendance. If, at any time during the meeting, any Board or staff member felt that an Executive Session was necessary, J. Phillips was available to provide legal counsel.

4. **Agenda Approval**
 - K. Rossi called for any objections to approval of the meeting agenda. There being no objections, the meeting agenda was approved.

5. **State Board of Education: Accountability Pathways**
 - a. State Board Order, dated January 14, 2020 (Exhibit 1)
 - b. Questions received from State Board on January 22 & 27, 2020 (Exhibit 2)
 - c. Status Report on State Board Order
 - d. State Board of Education Hearing: February 12 – 13, 2020

- H. O'Mara reviewed State Board Order and reported on the status of the required items.
 - Draft "going concern" letter from BKD, LLP is under review by the Douglas County School District.
 - Miller Farmer Law firm has been engaged to draft the amended learning center contract.
 - The second revision to the 19/20 Budget will be discussed in the next agenda item.

- The January 16, 2020 Board Order directed HOPE to structure partnership relationships with "one or more successful charter school operators that serve elementary school students with similar demographics."
- HOPE received a list of four charter partner organizations included in CDE's School Redesign Advisory List of Providers on January 16, 2020. HOPE contacted and presented Requests for Information (RFI) to all parties. Phalen Leadership Academies and University Prep responded. HOPE met with Phalen on January 23rd and University Prep on January 22nd. Rocky Mountain Prep and Strive Prep declined to respond.
- HOPE received an additional list of "Performance" rated charter schools on January 21, 2020. Of the 10 schools listed, 3 were part of networks previously contacted. HOPE presented Requests for Information (RFI) to the 7 remaining charter schools. Vega Collegiate Academy responded and HOPE met with Kate Mullins, Vega's Executive Director, on January 29th. Additionally, HOPE has met with two management partners included in CDE's School Redesign Advisory List of Providers, Learning Sciences International (LSI) and Generation Schools Network, to discuss how their programs might improve academic achievement for HOPE elementary students.
- HOPE requested that all interested, potential partners outline a framework for a potential partnership with HOPE with the ultimate outcome being increased student achievement. The responses are due tomorrow, Friday, January 31st. We expect to receive responses from three charter schools (Vega Collegiate Academy, University Prep and Phalen Leadership Academies) and two management partners (Learning Sciences International and Generation Schools Network).
- There was additional discussion about the volume of questions received to date from State Board members. H. O'Mara reported that HOPE's first priority was to respond to the Board Order, and that the Responses would be provided as soon as practical afterwards.

6. 2019/2020 Budget: Revision 2

- i. Revised 2 Budget- dated 1/30/20, compared to Adopted Budget- dated 5/9/19 (Exhibit 3)
 - ii. Revised 2 Budget- dated 1/30/20, compared to Revised Budget- dated 11/4/19 (Exhibit 4)
 - iii. Analysis of "Unassigned Fund Balance" (Exhibit 5)
 - iv. Revised 2 Budget Appropriation Resolution (Exhibit 6)
- H. O'Mara and S. Boston presented the second revision to the 19/20 budget and reviewed the fluctuation analyses which compared the Revised 2 Budget to the Adopted Budget (dated 5/9/19) and the Revised Budget (dated 11/14/19. Further, they explained the projected unassigned general fund balance as of 6/30/20.
 - K. Rossi called for any objections to approval of the Revised 2 Budget and Revised 2 Budget Appropriation Resolution. There being no objections, the 2019/2020 Revised Budget and Budget Appropriation Resolution were approved.

8. Executive Session: None

9. Upcoming Dates

- a. State Board of Education: February 12th or 13th
- b. Board Training, Sunday, March 8th from 8am – 12 pm
- c. Next Regular HOPE Board Meeting:
 - i. Sunday, March 8: 12-2pm; or
 - ii. Thursday, March 12, 6:30-8:30pm; or
 - iii. Saturday, March 14: 9am; 12pm; 3pm; or
 - iv. Thursday, March 19, 6:30-8:30pm; or
 - v. Saturday, March 21: 9am; 12pm; 3pm; or
 - vi. Thursday, March 26, 6:30-8:30pm; or
 - vii. Saturday, March 28: 9am; 12pm; 3pm.

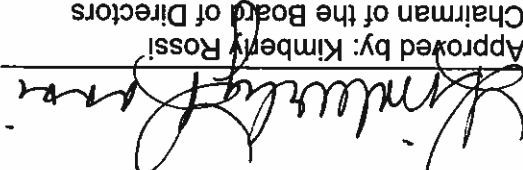
- Kim reviewed key dates. She noted that the State Board Re-hearing would be held on either on Feb 12th or 13th, most likely on the 13th at 2pm, or later. She reminded everyone about the requirement for Board training and asked that they RSVP to Heather ASAP to let her know if you will be attending the training developed by The Alliance for Douglas County Charter Schools, scheduled for Sunday, March 8th from 8am-12pm. The Board agreed to postpone its next regularly scheduled Governing Board meeting from February 13th (the same day as the State Board re-hearing) to March 8th at 12:30pm.

10. Announcements by Board Members: None

11. Adjourn
K. Rossi called for any objections to adjourning the meeting. There being no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 5:46 pm

The Board was reminded that next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2020 at 12:30 pm.

Approved by: Kimberly Rossi
 Chairman of the Board of Directors
 HOPE Online Learning Academy Co-Op



Date
 3/8/2020