

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
HOPE ONLINE LEARNING ACADEMY CO-OP
Meeting Minutes: November 14, 2019 6:30 p.m.**

APPROVED by Board of Directors on March 8, 2020

BOARD Members Present: Kim Rossi, Bill de la Cruz (left at Item 7), Kristine Turner and Jeff Vigil

BOARD Members Absent: Betty Johnson (excused)

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

Other Attendees: Pat McGraw (Academic Systems), Toni Brown (SAC Chair, HOPE parent), Jacque Phillips (Counsel), Beth Evans (Admin), Steve Boston (VP, Finance), and Steve Sauer (BKD)

Meeting was called to order at 6:38 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 regular meeting of the Board of Directors focused on certain items relating to the organization's operations and provided an opportunity for the Board to act (through approval) or voice concerns (through disapproval).*
- *K. Rossi reminded the Board that the Shark Cage (Exhibit 1) was the Board's guiding document for strategic discussion.*
- *K. Rossi noted that the strategic discussion topics for February 2020 will be: State Board of Education: HOPE Elementary; Unified Improvement Plans; Status Update: MOU Agreements- 2019/2020 Annual Reports and Renewals-BVSD and Eaton.*

4. Agenda Approval

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

6. Consent Agenda Approval

- a. Approval of 8/8/2019 Regular Meeting Minutes (Exhibit 2)
- b. Approval of 2020/2021 Academic Calendar (Exhibit 3)
- *K. Rossi called for any objections to approval of the item(s) on the consent agenda. There being no objections, the items on the consent agenda were approved.*

7. Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report as of June 30, 2019 (Exhibit 4)

S. Boston introduced BKD Auditors – Steve Sauer, Director. He reviewed the financial audit and highlighted certain regulatory and reporting changes. In addition, he noted that HOPE received an unqualified opinion, the highest level of assurance. He also noted that there were no internal control findings, and this is rare. Overall, Steve Sauer complimented the “remarkable job” of the HOPE team, led by Steve Boston.

8. Strategic Discussion:

a. Accountability

i. School Performance Frameworks (Exhibit 5)

H. O'Mara reviewed HOPE's SPFs. Elementary received a rating of “Priority Improvement” and continues to be “on the clock.” H. O'Mara celebrated that the Middle School earned an “Improvement” rating and is just 0.7% points away from “Performance.” High School earned a rating of “AEC Performance.”

1. Elementary: Priority Improvement (39.5, up from 38.9, 2.5pts to “Improvement”)
2. Middle School: Improvement (52.3, up from 45.9, 0.7pts to “Performance”)
3. High School: AEC Performance (60.44, up from 59.89)

ii. Douglas County School District

KEY DATE: December 12, 2019, 6:00pm-10:00pm

1. Elementary UIP Summary (Exhibit 6) H. O'Mara and P. McGraw reviewed the DRAFT UIP for HOPE Elementary, noting that the major improvement strategies will be focused on increasing rigor in the implementation of Math and ELA curricula, as well as providing differentiated pathways for diverse learners.
2. Quarterly report (Draft) (Exhibit 7) H. O'Mara and P. McGraw reviewed the draft Quarterly Report, due to DCSD on December 2, 2019. It includes status updates on the Pathways Plan, Management Partners and UIP. The final report will be sent to the Board in December.
3. Governing Board Training: DCSD charter contract requires that the Governing Board training be completed by all Board Members by 6/30/2020. After discussing options available through CDE, the Colorado League of Charter Schools and the Alliance for Douglas County Charter Schools, the Board directed H. O'Mara to coordinate a personalized training, exclusively for HOPE's Board, for a Saturday or Sunday in February.

iii. State Board of Education

KEY DATE: January 8, 2020, 10:30 am

1. State Review Panel Report
2. Accountability Clock: Procedures
3. Pathway Plan

H. O'Mara provided an update on the next steps as HOPE prepares for the January State Board hearing including State Review Panel, the Commissioner visit and meeting with the management partners.

b. Aurora Public Schools

- i. APS Amended Complaint (filed by APS, 9/19/19) (Exhibit 8a)

- ii. Order: Telephone Status Conference (9/30/19) (Exhibit 8b)
- iii. Joint Statement of Uncontested Material Facts without Exhibits (10/9/19) (Exhibit 8c)
- iv. HOPE Answer to First Amended Complaint (10/15/19) (Exhibit 8d)
- v. Joint Agreement to Extend Time to Enter Into MOU (10/15/19) (Exhibit 8e)
- vi. Affidavit for Summary Judgment (10/15/19) (Exhibit 8f)
- vii. APS Motion for Summary Judgment (10/15/19) (Exhibit 8g)
- viii. HOPE Motion for Summary Judgment and Brief in Support (10/15/19)(Exhibit 8h)
- ix. APS Reply Brief (11/5/19) (Exhibit 8i)
- x. HOPE Reply Brief (11/5/19) (Exhibit 8j)

H. O'Mara reported that Arapahoe County District Court is expected to rule on this matter by December 31, 2019.

9. 2019/2020 Revised Budget

- i. Enrollment Review and Learning Center Summary (Exhibit 9)
H. O'Mara reported that October count for 2019/2020 is just under 2000 students.
- ii. 2019/2020 Revised Budget (Exhibit 10)
H. O'Mara and S. Boston reviewed the Revised Budget, based on October count.
- iii. Revised Budget Appropriation Resolution (Exhibit 11)

K. Rossi called for any objections to approval of the Revised Budget and Revised Budget Appropriation Resolution. There being no objections, the 2019/2020 Revised Budget and Budget Appropriation Resolution were approved.

10. Governing Board Plan

Governing Board Elections

Nomination of Officers -

- Chair – Motion made by K. Turner to nominate K. Rossi as Chair of HOPE's Governing Board; 2nd by J. Vigil
- Vice Chair – motion by K. Rossi to nominate B. de la Cruz as Vice Chair of HOPE's Governing Board; 2nd by K. Turner.

K. Rossi called for any objections to nomination of K. Rossi as Chair and B. de la Cruz as Vice Chair. There being no objections, K. Rossi was nominated as Chair and B. de la Cruz was nominated as Vice Chair of HOPE's Governing Board.

Appointment of Officers -

- Chair – Motion made by Governing Board to appoint K. Rossi as Chair of HOPE's Governing Board
- Vice Chair – Motion made by Governing Board to appoint B. de la Cruz as Vice Chair of HOPE's Governing Board

K. Rossi called for any objections to appointment of K. Rossi as Chair and B. de la Cruz as Vice Chair. There being no objections, K. Rossi was appointed as Chair and B. de la Cruz was appointed as Vice Chair of HOPE's Governing Board.

11. Fundraising Update:

- a. Angels for Families in Need (Exhibit 12) H. O'Mara gave an update and invited Board members to adopt a family.
- b. Celebrate HOPE FUNdraiser (Exhibit 13) H. O'Mara gave an update on this annual event. Celebrate HOPE fundraiser will be held at The Space Gallery on Thursday March 5, 2020 from 6pm - 8pm.

12. Informational Items:

The following informational items were sent to the Board prior to the meeting for their review. H. O'Mara briefly highlighted each item. Further, Toni Brown, SAC Chair, reviewed the SAC documents and discussed her tours of other learning centers.

- a. Academic Quality
 - i. Data Dashboard (Exhibit 14)
 - ii. iReady (Exhibit 15)
- b. Governance
 - i. Financial Statements as of September 30, 2019 – unaudited (Exhibit 16)
 - ii. School Accountability Committee Information (Exhibit 17)
- c. Advocacy
 - i. HOPE in the News (Exhibit 18)
 - ii. HOPE Happenings (Exhibit 19)
- d. Strategy
 - vii. DCSD Strategic Plan (Exhibit 20)

13. Public Comment: None

14. Executive Session

Pursuant to C.R.S 24-6-402(4) (b), this meeting was in executive session for the purposes of providing legal advice on the issue of the State Board of Education Accountability Hearing and Aurora Public Schools. Also, Pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(D) (II) (b), the contents of this executive session involves privileged attorney-client communications, and the session was not recorded.

- a. Executive session called at 8:25pm
- b. Return to regular session at 9:20pm

15. Other Business

a. Upcoming Dates

- i. Douglas County School District: Tues. Dec.12, 2019 6:00pm-10:00pm
- ii. State Board of Education: Wed. Jan. 8, 2020 10:30am
- iii. Celebrate HOPE: Thurs., March 5, 2020 6:00pm-8:00pm
- iv. Sports & Activities (Exhibit 21)

16. **Announcements by Board Members:** None

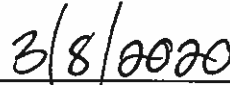
17. **Adjourn**

K. Rossi called for any objections to adjourning the meeting. There being no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 9:21pm

**The Board was reminded that next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for
February 13, 2020 at 6:30 pm.**



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



Date