

Board of Directors of Hope Online Learning Academy Co-Op
Meeting Minutes: January 19, 2010
Approved by the Board of Directors: February 16, 2010

Board Members Present: Michael Bautista; Charles Johnson; Stephannie Finley (items 12-13); Phil Fox; Jennifer Sobanet

Board Members Absent: Ray Ayon

Other Attendees: Heather O'Mara (Chief Executive Officer, Hope Online); Michael Cooke (Chief Compliance Officer, Hope Online); Shawn Gillum (General Counsel, Hope Online); Melanie Stone (Office Manager, Hope Online); Pat McGraw (Executive Director, Douglas County School District)

1. **Meeting was called to order** at 7:35 AM by P. Fox.
2. **Posting of Meeting Notice:**
 - A. P. Fox advises that it was confirmed that the meeting notice was posted at Douglas County School District by Ms. Nona Eichelberger and on the Hope Online website in accordance with the Colorado Open Meetings Law.
3. **Quorum:**
 - A. P. Fox notes that a quorum is present because at least one-half of the members of the Board are in attendance.
4. **Meeting Purpose:** This regular meeting of the Board of Directors will focus on certain items relating to the organization's operations and will provide an opportunity for the Board to act (through approval) or voice concerns (through disapproval).
5. **Agenda Approval:** Motion to approve the proposed agenda was made by M. Bautista and seconded by J. Sobanet.
 - i. Roll Call Vote:
 - a. M. Bautista: YES
 - b. C. Johnson: YES
 - c. J. Sobanet: YES
 - d. P. Fox: YES
6. **Consideration of consent items:** Motion for resolution to approve all matters on the consent agenda was made by J. Sobanet and seconded by P. Fox.
 - A. Approval of 11/10/09 Meeting Minutes
 - B. Approval of Policy HF-002: Budget Adoption
 - i. Roll Call Vote:
 - a. M. Bautista: YES
 - b. C. Johnson: YES
 - c. J. Sobanet: YES
 - d. P. Fox: YES

7. **Update from the Douglas County School District Executive Director, Pat McGraw:**
- A. Pat McGraw reported on the recent DCSD budget cuts; approximately 10% of the district's budget needs to be cut. Over 80% of DCSD budget is related to employees.
 - B. The Superintendent search has been underway, spearheaded by Ellen Bartlett and Rick O'Connell. The new Superintendent may start as late as July 1, 2010.
8. **Executive Director's Report:**
- A. H. O'Mara and M. Cooke have been reviewing the Hope Online budget. 1.93% has been held back for the upcoming year. Anticipated cuts for the 2010/2011 school year will be offset by the fact that Hope Online will have completed paying back the 06/07 CDE pupil audit.
 - B. Hope Online's Annual Report was submitted to CDE's Unit of Online Learning. The application to the State Board of Education for renewal of Hope Online's certification as a multi-district program in Spring 2010 is not yet available.
 - C. Representative Merrifield requested that the legislative audit committee authorize a performance audit of all Charters Schools in Colorado. The request was denied in December 2009.
 - D. DCSD SPED staff now reports to Kindra Whitmyre, effective January 1, 2010. A coordinator has been named and other staff is being hired.
 - E. Preparation is already underway for this year's pupil count audit. Julie Machac and her team have been gathering documentation to be delivered to CDE in late March/early April. Hope Online should plan on being audited every year.
 - F. The Second Annual coat drive has been underway. Anyone interested in donating is asked to contact Melanie Stone for further details.
 - G. H. O'Mara presented a link to the Governing Board Training Modules. It will be discussed at further detail at the next Board Meeting in February.
9. **Executive Session:**
- A. Pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b), meeting will be in executive session for purposes of providing legal advice on the issue of D11. Also pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(2)(d.5)(II)(B), the contents of this executive session involves privileged attorney-client communications. Motion was made by M. Bautista and seconded by J. Sobanet.
 - i. Roll Call Vote:
 - a. M. Bautista: YES
 - b. C. Johnson: YES
 - c. J. Sobanet: YES
 - d. P. Fox: YES
 - B. Return to regular session.

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10. Public Comments:

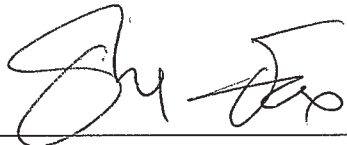
A. None

11. Announcements:

A. M. Bautista announced that he was working on a bill with Representative Merrifield to require all high school graduates to have a fine arts credit.

12. The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2010 at 6:00PM at Augustine Grill in Castle Rock.

13. Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 7:57 AM



Approved by: Mr. Phil Fox
Chairman of the Board of Directors
of Hope Online Learning Academy Co-op

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Date