

1/21/2010

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**Board of Directors of Hope Online Learning Academy Co-Op**  
**Meeting Minutes: November 10, 2009**  
**Approved by the Board of Directors: January 19, 2010**

**Board Members Present:** Michael Bautista; Stephannie Finley (items 7-13); Phil Fox; Jennifer Sobanet

**Board Members Absent:** Ray Ayon; Charles Johnson

**Other Attendees:** Heather O'Mara (Chief Executive Officer, Hope Online); Joyce Gietl (Chief Operating Officer, Hope Online); Sherida Peterson (Chief Academic Officer, Hope Online); Shawn Gillum (General Counsel, Hope Online); Julie Machac (Director of Admissions, Hope Online); Melanie Stone (Office Manager, Hope Online); Pat McGraw (Executive Director, Douglas County School District)(items 1-7)

1. **Meeting was called to order** at 6:20 PM 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. J. Sobanet: YES
    - c. P. Fox: YES
6. **Consideration of consent items:** Motion for resolution to approve all matters on the consent agenda was made by M. Bautista and seconded by J. Sobanet.
  - A. Approval of 10/20/09 Meeting Minutes
    - i. Roll Call Vote:
      - a. M. Bautista: YES
      - b. J. Sobanet: YES
      - c. P. Fox: YES

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**Update from the Douglas County School District:**

- A. Dr. Kristine Turner's report was cancelled.
- B. Dr. Steve Herzog's report was postponed as he was unavailable.
- C. Pat McGraw reported on recent DCSD/ Hope Online activities:
  - i. P. McGraw announced that the Hope Online charter contract extension, to 5 years, passed unanimously at the DCSD Board meeting.
  - ii. The Reading Plus Program is expected to be added to Hope Online's language arts curriculum in many Learning Centers. Ben Wilkoff is working on a grant that may cover a portion of the \$435 per student fee for 3 years; purchase will total 150 concurrent licenses.
  - iii. Eight Hope Online teachers are participating in the ESL Masters program through Jones International University and DCSD.
  - iv. P. McGraw reported that the QAT has been out doing its reviews. The team is reporting great improvement over last year's findings; progress at Front Range Academy was specifically highlighted.
  - v. A Professional Development Day was held on Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup> with the help of Jan Kennedy, a DCSD employee and RtI expert.
  - vi. Hope Online is utilizing Title 1 funding, with a focus on middle school math and literacy.
  - vii. DCSD has a newly-elected Board of Education. It is anticipated that the new board will continue to be supportive of Hope Online.

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**Executive Director's Report:**

- A. As reported by P. McGraw, DCSD Board unanimously voted to approve an extension to Hope Online's charter contract. H. O'Mara added that the charter extension was removed from DCSD's consent agenda as certain board members had accountability questions that she and P. McGraw were able to address.
- B. Hope Online's Annual Report is due on December 15<sup>th</sup> to CDE's Unit of Online Learning. Note that Hope Online will need to apply to the State Board of Education for renewal of its certification as a multi-district program in Spring 2010; application is not yet available.
- C. iNACOL Virtual School Symposium will be held in Austin, TX on November 15-17. On Sunday, H. O'Mara will present on a panel titled "Starting an Online Program".
- D. H. O'Mara distributed a 10/23/09 press release from the Urban League of Metropolitan Denver (ULMD) on the BOLD Program. The BOLD Program is a partnership between ULMD, Hope Online, Montbello High School, Tuff Shed and Jones/NCTI. The program provides dual high school and college credit while creating a path toward employment in the broadband industry. Hope Online expects 5 students to participate in the BOLD Program this school year.
- E. H. O'Mara extended a formal thank to the Julie Machac for all her work on admissions and enrollment, especially for her dedication to excellence relating to pupil count audits.
- F. Board Members brainstormed ideas about areas for Learning Center expansion. H. O'Mara and Michael Cooke will meet with each of the Board Members to go over their ideas.

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.
- B. Return to regular session.

1. **Public Comments:**

- A. None

2. **Announcements:**

- A. None

3. The next regular meeting is scheduled as a conference call for December 15, 2009 at 7:30 AM.

A. 2010 Board Meetings were scheduled as follows:

- a. 1/19/10- 7:30 AM Conference Call
- b. 2/16/10- 6:00 PM Face to Face
- c. 3/16/10- 7:30 AM Conference Call
- d. 4/20/10- 7:30 AM Conference Call
- e. 5/18/10- 6:00 PM Face to Face
- f. 6/15/10- 7:30 AM Conference Call
- g. 8/17/10- 6:00 PM Face to Face
- h. 9/21/10- 7:30 AM Conference Call
- i. 10/19/10-7:30 AM Conference Call
- j. 11/16/10-6:00 PM Face to Face

4. **Adjourn:**

- A. Motion for resolution to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 PM made by M. Bautista and seconded by J. Sobanet.

i. Roll Call Vote:

- a. M. Bautista: YES
- b. S. Finley: YES
- c. J. Sobanet: YES
- d. P. Fox: YES



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

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**Date**