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**Board of Directors of Hope Online Learning Academy Co-Op  
Meeting Minutes: February 20, 2008  
Approved by the Board: March 12, 2008**

**Board Members Present:** Charles Johnson; Phil Fox; Stephannie Finley

**Board Members Absent:** Carol O'Dowd; Bill Eaton

**Other Attendees:** : Heather O'Mara (Executive Director, Hope Online); Melanie Stone (Office Manager, Hope Online); Bill de la Cruz (Colorado Department of Education Monitor for Hope Online and Vilas)(items 7A-13); Kindra Whitmyre (Online Planning Principal, Douglas County School District); Mario Nicolais (Hackstaff Gessler LLC).

1. Meeting was called to order at 10:14 a.m. by Phil Fox.
2. **Posting of Meeting Notice:**
  - A. P. Fox advises that he confirmed that the meeting notice was posted at Vilas by Ms. Mary Holcomb in accordance with the Colorado Open Meetings Law.
3. **Quorum:**
  - A. P. Fox notes that a quorum is present because over half of the members of the Board are present.
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 Board to act (through approval) or voice concerns (through disapproval).
5. **Consideration of the 1/9/08 meeting minutes:** Motion for resolution to approve the meeting minutes was made by S. Finley and seconded by P. Fox.
  - i. Roll Call Vote:
    - a. S. Finley: YES
    - b. C. Johnson: YES
    - c. P. Fox: YES
6. **Update from the Douglas County School District Online Planning Principal and Quality Assurance Team Leader, Kindra Whitmyre:**
  - A. K. Whitmyre was thrilled to announce that Douglas School District unanimously voted to approve the Hope Online Charter application.
  - B. K. Whitmyre and the Douglas County School Learning Center District Quality Assurance Team have completed 43 site reviews and will continue to tour the Learning Centers through the end of the year.
  - C. Planning will now begin with the Douglas County School District and Hope Online Systems Integrations Teams for the 08/09 school year.

7. **Executive Director's Report:**
- A. School District MOU Status
    - 1. Hope Online must enter into an MOU with every school district in which a Learning Center is located in order to operate in the 08/09 school year. Districts received a letter concerning the MOU process. The school districts have 45 days to negotiate a MOU with Hope Online.
    - 2. H. O'Mara went over each district meeting schedule and the potential outcome.
  - B. SB215 Permanent Rules Status
    - 1. H. O'Mara summarized the February State Board of Education meeting and the presentation of the Permanent rules. The vote on the permanent rules was postponed so more input could be considered from stakeholders. Hope Online has suggested changes to the draft rules.
  - C. Douglas County School District charter application
    - 1. The DCSD board unanimously approved the charter application on February 19th. The contract must be finalized by May 6.
  - D. Douglas County School District Systems Integration Teams
    - 1. There will be 8 teams identified and each will include members from both Hope Online and Douglas County School District. Each team will focus their efforts on a specific area (i.e., iss, student information systems, assessments, etc.) to ensure a smooth transition for the 08/09 school year. Meetings are scheduled to begin the week of February 25<sup>th</sup>.
  - E. 06/07 Pupil Count Audit
    - 1. The 06/07 pupil count audit has been settled with one potential open item.
    - 2. The 07/08 pupil count audit has begun. 33 binders were delivered to CDE last week.
  - F. Review of Watson and Ryan report "Keeping Pace with k-12 Online Learning"
    - 1. H. O'Mara presented a copy of this national review of state level practices. Most of the programs that are evaluated are supplemental.

- G. Cyber Families Day at the Capitol
  - 1. Hope Online will attend Cyber Families Day at the Capitol on February 28. The goal is to have students, teachers and mentors attend this event.
  
- H. Revision of Hope Online Mission Statement
  - 1. Per Hope Online's charter agreement with DCSD, our mission statement must align to DCSD's end statements. A new mission statement will be discussed for action at the next Hope Online board meeting.
  
- 8. **Update from Colorado Department of Education Monitor, Bill de la Cruz**
  - A. B. de la Cruz is planning to meet with the Commissioner Dwight Jones to determine next steps for his role with Hope Online as an employee of CDE, now that all items in the August 2007 MOU have been completed.
  - B. B. de la Cruz has been receiving many ground level questions about Online Education and Hope Online. We need to develop a proactive communication plan to address these questions.
  
- 9. **Public Comments**
  - A. None.
  
- 10. **Executive Session:**
  - A. Pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b) the executive session was called by Mario Nicolais.  
Topic of discussion:
    - 1. Med Prep Academy Learning Center Contract.
  - B. Return to regular session.
  
- 11. **Announcements:**
  - A. CSAP's began today
  - B. Training was conducted for all Learning Center staff on February 15. The first half of the day, presented by Hope Online Staff, consisted of CSAP administrative training and the second half, conducted by DCSD Learning Center Staff, was continuing professional development.
  - C. Per the SB215, all authorizers of multi-district programs must be certified by the State Board of Education in order to operate. The Authorizer Application will be available on March 1. The application needs to be submitted by April 1 with a decision due May 1.
  - D. P. Fox will not be in attendance at the next Board meeting.

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12. **Setting of Next Regular Meeting is 3/12/08 at 10:00 AM**

13. **Adjourn:**

A. Motion for resolution to adjourn the meeting made by S. Finley and seconded by P. Fox.

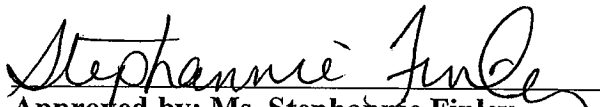
i. Roll Call Vote:

a. S. Finley: YES

b. C. Johnson: YES

c. P. Fox: YES

i. Resolution passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:10 AM.

  
**Approved by: Ms. Stephanie Finley**  
Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors  
of Hope Online Learning Academy Co-op

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**Date**