

**Board of Directors of Hope Online Learning Academy Co-Op**  
**Meeting Minutes: March 12, 2008**  
**Approved by the Board: April 15, 2008**

**Board Members Present:** Bill Eaton; Stephanie Finley; Charles Johnson (items 6-9); Carol O'Dowd

**Board Members Absent:** Phil Fox

**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); Kindra Whitmyre (Online Planning Principal, Douglas County School District); John Snow (Hackstaff Gessler LLC).

1. Meeting was called to order at 10:10 by H. O'Mara.
2. **Posting of Meeting Notice:**
  - A. H. O'Mara advises that she confirmed that the meeting notice was posted at Vilas by Ms. Mary Holcomb and on the Hope Online website in accordance with the Colorado Open Meetings Law.
3. **Quorum:**
  - A. H. O'Mara notes that quorum is present because over half members of 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 2/20/08 meeting minutes:** Motion for resolution to approve the meeting minutes was made by S. Finley and seconded by B. Eaton.
  - i. Roll Call Vote:
    - a. B. Eaton: YES
    - b. S. Finley: YES
    - c. C. O'Dowd: YES
6. **Consideration of the 2/20/08 Executive Session meeting minutes:** Motion for resolution to approve the meeting minutes was made by S. Finley and seconded by C. Johnson.
  - i. Roll Call Vote:
    - a. B. Eaton: YES
    - b. S. Finley: YES
    - c. C. Johnson: YES
    - d. C. O'Dowd: YES

7. **Update from Colorado Department of Education Monitor, Bill de la Cruz:**
  - A. B. de la Cruz attended the Boulder Valley School District Board Meeting on Tuesday, March 11 and announced that they unanimously voted to approve our MOU. He observed many discussions about online education and noted that some BVSD board members did not have a clear understanding.
  - B. B. de la Cruz met with Tracey Cantrell, the head auditor at CDE, on the 07/08 pupil count audit. This year the collection of the student data was done well with only 27 possible exceptions. B. de la Cruz shared this information with the Commissioner.
  - C. B. de la Cruz will be attending the Regional meetings with the Learning Centers starting today.
  - D. B. de la Cruz will continue to work with H. O'Mara and Pat McGraw as DCSD continues the charter transfer process.
  
8. **Update from the Douglas County School District Online Planning Principal and Quality Assurance Team Leader, Kindra Whitmyre:**
  - A. The Quality Assurance Team has only 10 site visits left (57 completed). They will finish with Dinosaur Learning Center in April.
  - B. K. Whitmyre reported that the System Integration Teams, consisting of Hope Online personnel matched with Douglas County personnel, are meeting weekly/bi-weekly to discuss purchased services.
  - C. K. Whitmyre will be meeting with H. O'Mara and B. de la Cruz to talk about other DCSD alignment pieces.
  
8. **Discussion of New Board Member from Douglas County School District:**
  - A. H. O'Mara reported that she is working with Jim Christensen, Pat McGraw, and the Board President to bring a new DCSD member to the Board.
  
9. **Hope Online Mission Statement Revision:**
  - A. H. O'Mara reported that one of Hope Online's requirements from DSCD is mission statement alignment. For purposes of the CDE Certification application, Hope Online must also have a vision statement.
  - B. The mission and vision statement must be jointly approved by the School Accountability Committee and Hope Online.
  - C. There was discussion about the revision and it was agreed that each Board Member should provide feedback and compile suggestions for the School Accountability Committee to present at the next Board Meeting.

**10. Executive Directors Report**

- A. School District MOU Status:** H. O'Mara gave an overview of the MOU status.
- i. There are 8 school districts that have approved Hope Online's MOU: Adams County School District 14, Adams County School District 50, Aurora Public Schools, Boulder Valley School District, Brighton School District 27J, Eaton RE-2 School District, Jefferson County Public Schools, and Moffat County School District.
  - ii. 2 school districts pending approval: Cherry Creek Public Schools, Denver Public Schools.
  - iii. 3 districts have refused: Colorado Springs School District 11, Harrison School District 2 and Pueblo 60 School District. Hope Online is working with legal counsel to determine options with those districts.
- B. SB215 Permanent Rules:** H. O'Mara explained that the permanent rules were adopted on March 6, 2008.
- C. SB215 Certification Application:**
- i. Authorizers of multi-district online programs must complete the certification application for each multi-district online program that they authorize.
  - ii. Hope Online and DCSD are working together to complete the certification application. This application is very extensive and is expected to take at least 80 man hours to complete. April 1, 2008 is the due date with a certification decision from the State Board of Education by May 1, 2008.
- D. DCSD Charter Contract Status:** H. O'Mara reported that there are four issues that are pending: the Mission Statement revision, the conflict of interest policy, the DCSD board member and a termination letter with Vilas.
- E. DCSD System Integration Teams:** Hope Online and DCSD are working together for a seamless transition so that student learning will not be interrupted, as well as analyzing how certain student services may be expanded. For example, one team is working to provide nutrition and food service to our students at Learning Centers.
- F. Cyberfamilies Day at the Capitol:** Approximately 700 students from many Colorado online schools attended this event on February 28, 2008. Hope Online had about 20 students in attendance.
- G. Hope Online Community Newsletter- Winter 2007:** H. O'Mara presented the Hope Online Community Newsletter. This letter is an exciting way to communicate with Hope Online parents and students, and also with legislators and school districts.
- H. The Education Innovator:** H. O'Mara received this publication and distributed to the Board because of its focus on online education.
- I. Hope Online Graduation:** Hope Online's graduation has been scheduled for June 12, 2008 at 7pm. Hope Online is in the process of identifying an appropriate location downtown for this event.

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**11. Public Comments**

A. None

**12. Executive Session:**

A. None

**13. Announcements:**

A. None.

**14. Setting of the Next Regular Board Meeting is April 9, 2008 at 10 AM.**

**15. Adjourn:**

A. Motion for resolution to adjourn the meeting made by S. Finley and seconded by B. Eaton.

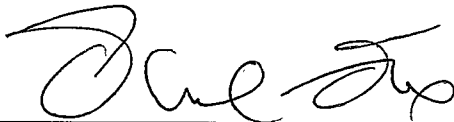
i. Roll Call Vote:

a. B. Eaton: YES

b. S. Finley: YES

c. C. O'Dowd: YES

i. Meeting adjourned at 11:04 AM



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

**Date**

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