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**Board of Directors of Hope Online Learning Academy Co-Op**  
**Meeting Minutes: September 9, 2008**  
**Approved by the Board: October 14, 2008**

**Board Members Present:** Phil Fox; Charles Johnson; Carol O'Dowd

**Board Members Absent:** Ray Ayon; Stephanie Finley

**Other Attendees:** Heather O'Mara (Chief Executive Officer, Hope Online); Shawn Gillum (General Counsel, Hope Online); Melanie Stone (Office Manager, Hope Online); Bill de la Cruz (Colorado Department of Education Liaison for Hope Online)

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:50 AM by P. Fox.
2. **Posting of Meeting Notice:**
  - A. P. Fox advises that he 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 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. **Consideration of the 8/19/08 meeting minutes:** Motion for resolution to approve the meeting minutes was made by C. O'Dowd and seconded by C. Johnson.
  - i. Roll Call Vote:
    - a. P. Fox: YES
    - b. C. Johnson: YES
    - c. C. O'Dowd: YES
6. **Update from Colorado Department of Education Liaison, Bill de la Cruz:** B. de la Cruz reported on the status of the free and reduced lunch program. B. de la Cruz is currently working to expedite CDE approval of the letter that will accompany the student eligibility forms. He is also planning site visits at all learning centers that have USDA-approved kitchens.
7. **Update from the Douglas County School District Chief of Staff, Pat McGraw:** Report was postponed as Mr. McGraw was unavailable.

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8. **Consideration of new Board Member: Dr. Michael Bautista-** Motion for approval to extend an invitation to Dr. Bautista to join Hope Online Board of Directors was made by C. O'Dowd and seconded by P. Fox.

i. Roll Call Vote:

- a. P. Fox: YES
- b. C. Johnson: YES
- c. C. O'Dowd: YES

9. **Executive Director's Report:**

- A. Enrollment Status 2008/2009:** H.O'Mara reported that Hope Online currently has 3,600 students enrolled. The student count goal for this year is 4,250 FTE's. Last year over 1,600 additional enrollments were processed from 9/10-9/30.
- B. Free and Reduced Lunch Program:** Hope Online is still on track to launch programs in 5 learning centers with USDA-approved kitchens in the Fall. Ten additional learning centers (those with the highest percent of free and reduced lunch students) will offer free and reduced lunch in Winter 2009.
- C. 2008/2009 Calendar:** H. O'Mara distributed the academic calendar and highlighted the following dates:
1. Professional Development- Sept 12, Oct 10, Feb 17, March 6
  2. Graduation- June 11
  3. End of Year Breakfast- June 23
- D. Financial Statement Audit:** H. O'Mara reported that Hope Online has received the first draft of its audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008. We expect the final draft, including the management letter, later this week. The final report will be distributed to the Board, DCSD and Vilas by September 15, 2008
- E. Consulting inquiries from other states:** Discussion is postponed to next board meeting.
- F. DCSD/Hope Online Oversight committee:** The first meeting was held on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. The purpose of this committee is to bring all purchased service departments together as an information sharing body.
- G. Rock Creek Academy Press Release:** H.O'Mara shared an article from the Vail Dailey and the press release on Rock Creek Academy. This rural expansion will become an important part of Hope Online's future.
- H. CDE Charter School Board Training:** CDE is offering school board training on Friday, October 10, at no cost to participants.
- I. Ambassador Dinner:** As part of our continuing effort to inform community leaders about Hope Online's educational model, we are establishing an ambassador program. The Ambassador Program's inaugural meeting is intended to train and thank Hope Online spokespeople. There will be a kick-off dinner at Texas de Brazil on September 18 at 5PM.
- J. Other:** Katie Genereux is currently attending the online stakeholders meeting at CDE. Any pertinent information will be shared at the next board meeting. There is an OLAB meeting scheduled for September 23, 2008.

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**10. Public Comments:**

A. None.

**11. 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's lawsuit. Also pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(D)(5)(II)(b), the contents of this executive session involves privileged attorney-client communications, and the session was not recorded. Motion made by P. Fox and seconded by C. O'Dowd.

i. Roll Call Vote:

- a. P. Fox: YES
- b. C. Johnson: YES
- c. C. O'Dowd: YES

**12. Announcements:**

A. None

**13. Setting of the next regular meeting is October 14, 2008 at 7:30 AM**

**14. Adjourn:**

A. Motion for resolution to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 AM made by C. Johnson and seconded by P. Fox.

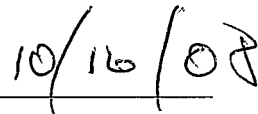
i. Roll Call Vote:

- a. P. Fox: YES
- b. C. Johnson: YES
- c. C. O'Dowd: YES



**Approved by: Mr. Phil Fox**  
Chairman of the Board of Directors

**Date**



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