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**Board of Directors of Hope Online Learning Academy Co-Op**  
**Meeting Minutes: November 11, 2008**  
**Approved by the Board: January 20, 2009**

**Board Members Present:** Ray Ayon; Michael Bautista; Stephannie Finley; Phil Fox; Charles Johnson; Jennifer Sobanet

**Board Members Absent:** None

**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 (Chief of Staff, Douglas County School District.); Bill de la Cruz (Colorado Department of Education Liaison for Hope Online)

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:37 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 for resolution to approve the agenda was made by M. Bautista and seconded by S. Finley.
  - i. Roll Call Vote:
    - a. R. Ayon: YES
    - b. M. Bautista: YES
    - c. S. Finley: YES
    - d. P. Fox: YES
    - e. C. Johnson: YES
    - f. J. Sobanet: YES

6. **Consideration of consent items:** Motion for resolution to approve all matters on the consent agenda was made by S. Finley and seconded by P. Fox.
  - A. Approval of 10/14/08 Meeting Minutes
    - i. Roll Call Vote:
      - a. R. Ayon: YES
      - b. M. Bautista: YES
      - c. S. Finley: YES
      - d. P. Fox: YES
      - e. C. Johnson: YES
      - f. J. Sobanet: YES
7. **Update from the Douglas County School District Chief of Staff, Pat McGraw:**
  - A. Pat McGraw reported that the DCSD bond issues (3A and 3B) did not pass. Due to the nature of Hope Online's contract with DCSD, Hope Online will not be impacted.
  - B. Ben Wilcoff has been working with Sherida Peterson on the professional development plan for next quarter. B. Wilcoff's focus is using technology to enable professional development for teachers and mentors.
8. **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.
  - A. B. de la Cruz is currently working with Kim Butler, Assistant Director of Support, DCSD Nutritional Services.
  - B. B. de la Cruz is also working to identify individual contract caterers. A draft contract has been proposed by Denver Public Schools (DPS). With DPS, the learning centers would need to pick up meals and transport them back to the centers in approved carts. DPS' proposed cost of \$3.00 per meal exceeds USDA reimbursement amount of \$2.23. B. de la Cruz will be working to find alternative contractors. Margo Branscomb of Hope for Kids is working to bridge the financial gap between the allotted amount and our expenses.
9. **Board Retreat:** P. Fox announced that a Board of Directors retreat will be held on Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup> through Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at Cheyenne Mountain Resort. The retreat agenda was reviewed and Board members suggested changes. H. O'Mara will distribute revised agenda.

10. **Revised Budget for 08/09, presented by Hope Online Chief Compliance Officer, Ms. Michael Cooke:** Motion for resolution to approve the revised budget was made by M. Bautista and seconded by C. Johnson.

i. Roll Call Vote:

- a. R. Ayon: YES
- b. M. Bautista: YES
- c. S. Finley: YES
- d. P. Fox: YES
- e. C. Johnson: YES
- f. J. Sobanet: YES

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

- A. Virtual School Symposium/ NACOL:** H. O'Mara reported on the NACOL conference that P. Fox and J. Sobanet also attended last month.
- B. Keeping Pace Report:** This national report reflects trends in online schools and programs over the past 6 years.
- C. Community Newsletter Fall 08:** This newsletter focused on 07/08 graduation, as well as new Board member profiles.
- D. LC Closure: Urban League of Metropolitan Denver:** H. O'Mara reported that there was a mutual decision to terminate the ULMD's contract with Hope Online. The ULMD learning center closed on October 31<sup>st</sup>.
- E. CDE Annual Report due Dec. 1:** This report will be filed by December 1<sup>st</sup>. Many of its components are reflected in our certification application.
- F. COSN Conference Presentation- Austin, March 10-12:** H. O'Mara and B. de la Cruz have been invited to present Hope Online's model.

12. **Public Comments:**

- A. None.

13. **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 issues of D11's lawsuit, domain name dispute and OCR compliant/settlement. 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 M. Bautista.

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**14. Announcements: None**

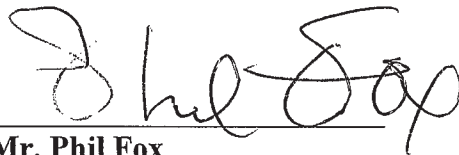
**15. The next regular meeting for December 9, 2008 at 7:30 AM has been cancelled.**

**16. Adjourn:**

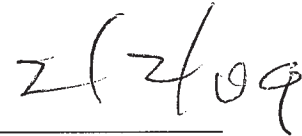
A. Motion for resolution to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 AM made by P. Fox and seconded by S. Finley.

i. Roll Call Vote:

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- c. S. Finley: YES
- d. P. Fox: YES
- e. C. Johnson: YES
- f. J. Sobanet: YES



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



**Date**