

Board of Directors of Hope Online Learning Academy Co-Op
Meeting Minutes: May 14, 2008
Approved by the Board: June 18, 2008

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

Board Members Absent: Bill Eaton; Carol O'Dowd

Other Attendees: Heather O'Mara (Executive Director, Hope Online); Katie Genereux (Manager of Marketing and Special Programs, Hope Online); Melanie Stone (Office Manager, Hope Online); Bill de la Cruz (Colorado Department of Education Monitor for Hope Online and Vilas); John Snow (Hackstaff Gessler LLC)

1. Meeting was called to order at 11:12 a.m. by P. 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 members of 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 Board to act (through approval) or voice concerns (through disapproval).
5. **CollegeInColorado Presentation from Dawn Taylor Owens, Executive Director:** Report was postponed as Ms. Owens had a family emergency.
6. **Consideration of the 3/12/08 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. S. Finley: YES
 - b. C. Johnson: YES
 - c. P. Fox: YES
7. **Update from Colorado Department of Education Monitor, Bill de la Cruz:** Report was postponed due to time constraints and moved to the next meeting.
8. **Update from the Douglas County School District Online Planning Principal and Quality Assurance Team Leader, Kindra Whitmyre:** Report was postponed due to time constraints and moved to the next meeting.

9. **Consideration of the DCSD Board Member, Ray Ayon:** Motion for approval to extend an invitation to Ray Ayon to become a Board member was made by S. Finley and seconded by C. Johnson.
 - i. Roll Call Vote:
 - a. S. Finley: YES
 - b. C. Johnson: YES
 - c. P. Fox: YES

10. **Consideration of the Douglas County School District Contract:** H. O'Mara requested for the ability to negotiate appropriate modification and execute the final contract. DCSD will vote on the charter on Tuesday, May 20. Motion to authorize H. O'Mara to negotiate and execute the final DCSD charter contract was made by C. Johnson and seconded by S. Finley.
 - i. Roll Call Vote:
 - a. S. Finley: YES
 - b. C. Johnson: YES
 - c. P. Fox: YES

11. **Executive Director's Report:**
 - A. **Vilas Termination:** H. O'Mara reported that the termination agreement was submitted to Vilas 3 weeks ago. The new school number will be assigned by CDE when the agreement is final.
 - B. **School District MOU Status:** As reported at the last Board Meeting, twelve of the thirteen MOUs have been completed.
 - C. **Learning Center Renewal/Expansion 2008/2009:**
 - i. As a result of the QAT review and Hope Online's internal review of 07/08 Learning Center operations, there are four Learning Centers whose contracts have not been renewed for the 08/09 school year. The Learning Centers are: Sharing and Caring, Impact Academy, ACTS Academy, and The EduCenter.
 - ii. There are thirteen new Learning Centers that have applied to become a Hope Online Learning Center for the 08/09 school year. We are beginning discussions with a Learning Center in Boulder, as facilitated by B. de la Cruz. Hope Online is also in conversation with Littleton Public Schools.
 - D. **SB215 Certification Application:** The Division of Online Learning has recommended that the SBE approve Hope Online's certification. The certification will be voted on Thursday, May 15.
 - E. **DCSD System Integration Teams:** The meetings are going well.
 - F. **2008 Graduation:** Hope Online Graduation is planned for June 12 and Commissioner Dwight Jones has agreed to be the Graduation speaker. H. O'Mara presented poetry on graduation written by Hope Online students at A Brand New Start.

G. Poetry Contest Winners: The list of all the winning poetry based on grade level was presented by H. O'Mara. Their poems will be published in the next community newsletter.

H. Free and Reduced Lunch Program: H. O'Mara explained that Margo Branscomb, Hope for Kids, has been working hard to bring a free and reduced lunch benefit to the Hope Online students. SB123 created funding to allow k-2 students who qualify for free or reduced lunch to obtain funds for free lunch. Multi-district online programs are eligible.

12. Public Comments: 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 issue of the lawsuit filed by Colorado Springs District 11. 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.

B. Return to regular session.

14. Consideration of Shawn Gillum as counsel: Motion to retain Shawn Gillum as counsel for the District 11 lawsuit was made by C. Johnson and seconded by S. Finley.

i. Roll Call Vote:

- a. S. Finley: YES
- b. C. Johnson: YES
- c. P. Fox: YES

15. Announcements by Board Members: None

16. Setting of Next Board Meeting is June 11, 2008 at 10 a.m.

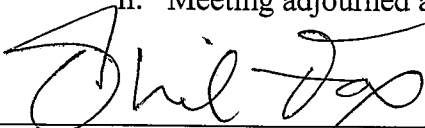
17. Adjourn:

A. Motion for resolution to adjourn the meeting made by C. Johnson and seconded by P. Fox.

i. Roll Call Vote:

- a. S. Finley: YES
- b. C. Johnson: YES
- c. P. Fox: YES

ii. Meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.m.



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



Date