

**Board of Directors of Hope Online Learning Academy Co-Op**

**Meeting Minutes: June 18, 2008**

**Approved by the Board: August 19, 2008**

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

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

**Other Attendees:** Heather O'Mara (Executive Director, Hope Online); Shawn Gillum, General Counsel, Hope Online); Melanie Stone (Office Manager, Hope Online)

1. Meeting was called to order at 10:20 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 as well as the Hope Online website.
3. **Quorum:**
  - A. P. Fox 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 5/14/08 meeting minutes:** Motion for resolution to approve the meeting minutes was made by C. Johnson and seconded by S. Finley.
  - i. Roll Call Vote:
    - a. S. Finley: YES
    - b. P. Fox: YES
    - c. C. Johnson: YES
6. **Update from Colorado Department of Education Monitor, Bill de la Cruz:** Report was postponed as Mr. de la Cruz was unavailable.
7. **Update from the Douglas County School District Online Planning Principal and Quality Assurance Team Leader, Kindra Whitmyre:** Report was postponed as Ms. Whitmyre was unavailable.

8. **Consideration of resignation of Bill Eaton from the Hope Online Board of Directors:** Motion for resolution to approve Bill Eaton's resignation was made by S. Finley and seconded by C. Johnson.

- i. Roll Call Vote:
  - a. S. Finley: YES
  - b. P. Fox: YES
  - c. C. Johnson: YES

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

- A. **2008 Graduation:** H. O'Mara reported that the 2008 Graduation was held at Metropolitan State College of Denver. There were 43 graduates at the ceremony with over 500 people in attendance. Commissioner Dwight Jones gave an inspiring commencement address. A big thank you to all who participated.
- B. **SB215 Certification:** Hope Online has officially received certification from the State Board as a multi-district online program.
- C. **DCSD Charter Contract:** DCSD Charter Contract was unanimously approved by the DCSD Board of Education.
- D. **School District MOU Status:** All Districts have an approved MOU with the exception of Colorado Springs District 11.
- E. **Learning Center Renewal/ Expansion 2008/2009:**
  - i. H. O'Mara reported that there are four Learning Centers that were not offered a contract renewal for the 2008/2009 school year. These decisions have been reviewed with CDE through B. de la Cruz. There are 5 other Learning Centers that have chosen not to renew their contract for the 2008/2009 school year.
  - ii. Hope Online is working on placing all impacted students in other Hope Online Learning Centers or traditional public schools close to their homes.
  - iii. Hope Online's student count goal is 4,250 FTE's for 2008/2009.
- F. **Free and Reduced Lunch Program:** H. O'Mara reported that the implementation of this program for Hope Online students will be Hope Online's biggest challenge for 2008/2009. A meeting will be held in July with all parties including: CDE, DCSD, US Department of Agriculture and Hope Online.

10. **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 District 11 law suit. Pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(D)(5)(II)(b), the content of this executive session involves privileged attorney-client communications, and the session was not recorded.
- B. Return to regular session.

**11. Announcements:**

A. None.

**12. Setting of the Next Regular Board Meeting is July 9, 2008 7:30 a.m.**

**13. Adjourn:**

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

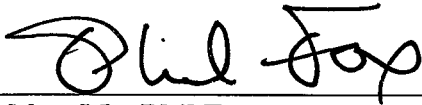
i. Roll Call Vote:

a. S. Finley: YES

b. P. Fox: YES

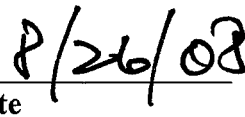
c. C. Johnson: YES

ii. Resolution passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.



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

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**Date**