

WINDHAM CHARTER SCHOOL CORP  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING  
Tuesday, July 18, 2017  
1:30 PM – Path Academy Conference room

Board Members in attendance: George Hernandez (Chair); Pat Calvo (Secretary); Tracy Lambert; Merle Potchinsky; Frank Taylor; and Kemesha Wilmot

Others in attendance: Chris Murray (OPP CFO); Bob Pitocco (Interim Principal); and Cam Vautour (contracted superintendent)

Board Members absent: Clinton Adams; Josh Clark; Jorge Cruz; and Dylan Livsey

Meeting was called to order by Chairman George Hernandez at 1:38 PM. It was agreed to move the Principal's report to the Executive Session at the Principal's request.

### **APPROVAL AND ACTION ITEMS**

- A motion to approve the minutes from the May special meeting was made by KW, seconded by PC, and was passed unanimously.
- A motion to approve the minutes from the June meeting was made by MP, seconded by PC. The motion passed with 4 yes votes and 2 abstaining. TL and KW abstained – they were not in attendance at that meeting.
- A motion to approve the Board Meeting calendar as distributed was made by TL, seconded by KW, and was passed unanimously. Discussion included a request for an additional board retreat or other project-related meetings related to a strategic plans. The board agreed to discuss in the August meeting.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- Enrollment report as of June was reviewed. 159 students currently on the roster, which includes 13 who are over 21, 19 at the Norwich Satellite, and 21 at the Hartford Satellite. These numbers still include those who graduated in June, and do not reflect the results of current recruitment efforts.
- Budget status was reported by Chris Murray. June numbers are not complete, but are expected to be close to break even. The budget for the current year remains unchanged, but anticipates 121 students in Windham, 35 in Hartford, and 30 in Norwich. Recruiting is currently underway.
- Graduation requirements were discussed. Path currently requires 25 credits, which is consistent with the state goal, which has again been delayed for all school districts. BP and CV recommend that we change our requirement to be equal to the number of credits required by a student's hometown school district. Chris Murray will find which document shows the requirement of 25

credits, and will work with legal to find out how to affect this change. To be further discussed at the August board meeting.

- BP spoke with the board about a need for a School Psychologist or licensed Social Worker to provide additional support to students with social/emotional needs. It is a budget issue, but there may be a way to contract with existing agencies or work with local schools that have Masters programs and have interns who need service hours.

The Board voted to go into Executive Session at 2:06 PM (motion by KW, second by MP). Cam Vautour was invited to stay. Frank Taylor exited the meeting.

During Executive Session, Chris Murray gave the board an updated on the status of two lawsuits – one settled late in 2016, and one agreed to settle earlier in the day.

BP offered his Principal's Report, with updates on what's been done in his first weeks, what he observes, and his plans moving forward.

The board exited Executive Session at 3:10 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 (motion by TL, second by MP).