

Hoosier Academy, Inc.
Special Meeting of the Board Meeting Minutes
February 1, 2021

Upon determining the presence of a quorum, Board President, Jayme Short-DeLeon, called the meeting to order at called the meeting to order at 4:46P.M. TUESDAY, February 1, 2021.

Board President Short-De Leon read the Board Mission: 1) make sure that our school accomplishes the outcomes it was chartered to produce (i.e. student achievement) and 2) Make sure that nothing illegal, unethical, or imprudent occurs.

Name	Present	Absent	Departed Early	Electronic Participation
Jayme Short-DeLeon	✓			
Michelle Study-Campbell		x		
Gary Meyer	✓			
Maurice Boler	✓			
Peter Pizarro	✓			
Anya Janeway-Brown	✓			

Others in Attendance:

K12 Representatives	HA Staff	Community Members
Julia O'Sullivan Tracy Thatcher	Lynn McCoy	Robert Scott Jenny Perry

B. Guest Introductions

D. Adopt Board Agenda for February 1, 2021 Meeting:

Ms. Short-DeLeon presented the February 1, 2021 board meeting agenda. Mr. Meyer motioned to approve the February 1, 2021 board meeting agenda as presented. Mr. Boler seconded.

Roll Call: Jayme Short-DeLeon, yes; Gary Meyer, yes; Maurice Boler, yes Peter Pizarro, yes; Anya Janeway-Brown, yes. The motion passed.

E. Oral Communication:

II. Hoosier Academy, Governance and Organization

A. Discussion of Stride's Plan for Hoosier School Transformation

Ms. Short- DeLeon introduced the proposal from K12, which has been shared with the Board regarding enhancements and modifications to the schools. The charter agreement for Hoosier Indy and for Insight are now aligned and will both expire June 2022. The questions that the board needs to discuss include:

- Does the board want to extend the current contract with K12 to also align with the charter expiration date of June 2022; and
- Is the board interested in exploring the proposal from K12 and considering modifications.

K12 and Hoosier Academy Relationship:

The history of the relationship that the board has had with K12 began in 2005, with the school opening in 2008. The continuity with leadership has been a challenge but the schools have had success when there has been steady leadership. The charter renewal with the Insight School last year had some challenges which included a freeze on enrollment and a reduction in student cap. At the end of last summer, K12 was looking to part ways with Hoosier. The board worked on identifying another service provider and had some early conversations with a provider. During that time K12 recommitted to the school and since then, there has been a transition in the HOS and a move internally with K12 in which Dr. Tony Bennett has moved into Kevin Chavous's role as it relates to school operations.

In December, school representatives met with Ball State to discuss current status and operations. Subsequently, the Board President and former Board President, met with K12 representatives Tony Bennett, Todd McIntire, and Darren Reed. K12 indicated it would like to present the outline of a proposal to expand and refocus the Hoosier Indianapolis hybrid school to focus on career readiness. K12 has presented its preliminary proposal and the proposal has been presented to the Board. The management agreement with K12 ends June of 2021.

Initial Reactions to Proposal:

It was generally discussed that the restructuring proposal prompts several questions and will require significant study and planning. General preliminary questions/reactions include:

- Whether the redesign would implicate additional space or facility needs
- If there are implications to the mission of the school
- Expected tenure of the interim Head of School
- Timing of implementation
- The Board discussed potential positive impact of a restructure on achievement gains including the CTE program
- The academic success has been with the hybrid school, and this new proposal would enhance the hybrid model with a CTE focus

- The Board reiterated that being a public school all students are welcome. The proposal is to enhance a K12 school with a focus on CTE. This would only be available to students living within certain areas as the hybrid model does have a face-to-face component. The Board discussed preliminary questions, including: What are K12's plans for the entire state because they may help with some of the questions and concerns that it has.
- Is the proposal a brand-new custom proposal built just for Hoosier? Is there any history, any success that K12 has had with this model, or would Hoosier be the first?

Committee of the Board:

The Board President indicated that if we decide we want to explore the proposal, a committee needs to be formed and involved with diving into the proposal to have a better understanding. Something else to keep in mind is that the building lease is also up this year.

The transition would be intensive. And there needs to be a group of people or a team that focuses on this and would report on it at every board meeting. But also keep in mind that the school needs to continue to run and operate as normal, improve it and do this other thing at the same time.

The committee needs to be formed to not only look and dive into the proposal from K12, but also to work closely with the charter renewal as this proposal would need to be part of the renewal applications, if the proposal is what the board wants to do.

K12's Commitment:

Mr. Scott shared a communication from K12 indicating that it is committed, regardless of whether the Board wants to pursue the proposal. The timing for the launch of any agreed upon redesign would be for the 2022-2023 school year.

Vote:

Mr. Meyer motioned to extend the education service provider agreement with K12 so that the agreement expires June 2022, and all other conditions remain the same. Mr. Pizarro seconded.

This motion does not mean the Board is accepting the proposal from K12. The motion is allowing for the Board to continue the partnership with K12, and to have conversations regarding the proposal or to consider other options.

Roll Call: Jayme Short-DeLeon, yes; Gary Meyer, yes; Maurice Boler, yes Peter Pizarro, yes; Anya Janeway-Brown, yes. The motion passed.

Committee of the Board Members:


Discussion was held regarding the convening of a special committee to study and address the school redesign concepts. Following general discussion, the Board members who will make up the committee include the following:

- Maurice Boler
- Gary Meyer
- Peter Pizarro
- Anya Janeway-Brown

The committee would focus on the proposal, charter renewal, and understand the market of other educational service providers. There would need to be a readout to the Board by May at the latest.

Next Regular Board meeting is February 23, 2021, Caito Dr. at 6:00pm.

Being no further business, Mr. Meyer motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:59pm. Mr. Boler seconded. Signatures for Approval of the February 1, 2021 Minutes.

Signature: 
Jayme Short-DeLeon (Feb 26, 2021 16:17 EST)

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Date

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Maurice Boler (Feb 25, 2021 09:50 EST)

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Date