

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL  
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 5, 2017

Directors attending: Robert Demko, Jessica Hricovec, and Richard Rockich.

Directors Absent: Jennifer Yorko and Nicolas Manno.

Guests attending: John Stack, Dave Cash, Maureen Businger, and Arthur L. Clements III, Esq.

Ms. Hricovec called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and following introductions asked for a motion concerning the agenda. Thereafter, upon a motion duly made by Mr. Demko and seconded by Mr. Rockich, the Board of Directors unanimously passed the following resolution:

**17-40 RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors accepts the Agenda for the Board Meeting on September 5, 2017, subject to any amendment by the Board of Directors during said meeting.**

There were no changes to the minutes from the previous meeting. Thereafter, upon a motion duly made by Mr. Demko and seconded by Mr. Rockich, the Board of Directors unanimously passed the following resolution:

**17-41 RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors approves the June 19, 2017 meeting minutes as presented.**

Ms. Hricovec then called to order the Public Hearing on Time Spent on Testing and Test Preparation. No members of the public were present and there were no comments related to the time spent on testing and test preparation. Mr. Clements explained the legalities behind the statute and the Hearing.

Mr. Cash presented the Sponsor's Report and mentioned the new requirements related to House Bill 410 related to truancy and suspensions and expulsions. Schools are no longer permitted to impose discipline for truancy or absence related circumstances.

Mr. Cash referred the Board to the Sponsor Connection Newsletter and noted that two schools sponsored by St. Aloysius had received startup grants and the application process for School Improvement Grants is open. Mr. Cash also emphasized the materials on the roles and responsibilities for charter school Board Members. Charter School Specialists will also be offering training for Academic Coaches at no charge for sponsored schools. He also briefly discussed the changes to the Resident Educator Program for new teachers. He then discussed the window that is open to

renew charter contracts and the At-A-Glance Report, which shows the School's funding and federal grant awards and expenditures.

The Board reviewed the various proposed contracts and Mr. Stack explained the purpose behind each contract.

There were no questions in connection with the Hearing on Testing Limitations.

Mr. Stack told the Board that Liberty would be opening the following day with 77 students enrolled and two more starting on Wednesday. There are 24 students in the pipeline and he expects enrollment will increase after Labor Day. Sixty students came to school for orientation and the School is fully staffed. The School's Director is a former teacher who has a strong Career Tech background. There followed a discussion about funding and Mr. Stack explained that Cambridge would fund the School until Liberty receives its first payment in October. He explained further that most first year schools are able to pay only a portion of the payroll and expenses. By the second year, new schools typically can breakeven. Thereafter, upon a motion duly made by Mr. Demko and seconded by Mr. Rockich, the Board of Directors unanimously passed the following resolutions:

**17-42 RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors accepts the Sponsor's Report as presented.**

**17-43 RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors accepts the Five Year Projection and FY18 Financials as presented.**

**17-44 RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors approves and adopts the Academic Prevention and Intervention Policy as presented.**

**17-45 RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors accepts the revised 2017-2018 School Calendar as presented.**

**17-46 RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors approves the EMIS Reporting Services Proposal as presented and ratifies the Board President's signature of the same.**

**17-47 RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors approves the Cabling Set-Up Contract as presented and ratifies the Board President's signature of the same.**

**17-48 RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors approves the Northeast Ohio Network Service Contract as presented and ratifies the Board President's signature of the same.**

**17-49 RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors approves the IT Set-Up Contract as presented and ratifies the Board President's signature of the same.**

**17-50 RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors approves the Guard Services Contract as presented and ratifies the Board President's signature of the same.**

**17-51 RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors approves the PSI Service Contract as presented and ratifies the Board President's signature of the same.**

**17-52 RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors approves the Key-Ads, Inc. Proposal as presented and ratifies the Board President's signature of the same.**

**17-53 WHEREAS, Senate Bill 3 became effective March 16, 2017 and limits the cumulative amount of time spent on the administration of state and schoolwide assessments to 2% of the school year and limits the cumulative amount of time spent taking practice or diagnostic assessments used to prepare for state and schoolwide assessments to 1% of the school year beginning with the 2017-2018 school year;**

**WHEREAS, Senate Bill 3 as codified in Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 3301.0729 provides that the Board of Directors may adopt a resolution allowing the School to exceed the prescribed time limitations provided the Board of Directors conducts at least one public hearing on the proposed resolution;**

**WHEREAS, the Board of Directors finds it necessary to exceed the time limitations in order to provide all students enrolled at the School with an appropriate education;**

**WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has received information that it would be in the best interest of the students to exceed the assessment preparation and administration limits;**

**WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has conducted a public hearing on the proposed resolution,**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors finds it to be in the best interest of the students to permit the School to exceed the 2% administration and 1%**

**preparation time limitations for state and schoolwide assessments each school year.**

The Board discussed whether to hold its regularly scheduled meeting later in September and decided to cancel that meeting and have its next regular meeting in October.

Thereafter, the meeting was adjourned.

  
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Jennifer Yorko, Secretary  
Liberty High School