



APPROVED 06/25/14

**TECCA Commonwealth Virtual School
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Wednesday, June 4, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. ET**

Held at the following location and via teleconference:
Natick Town Hall, 3rd Floor
13 East Central Street
Natick, MA 01760

I. Call to Order

Mr. Sanchioni called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. when all participants were present and able to hear each other.

II. Roll Call

Board Members Present: Peter Sanchioni, Jean Kenney, Liz Pape and Bob McGuire (all in person);

Board Members Absent: Kirby Salerno;

Guests Present: Trevor J. Ebel and Tyler Page, School Leader Candidates (in person); Megann Arthur, Connections staff (via phone).

III. Public Comment

There were no comments at this time.

IV. Routine Business

a. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Sanchioni asked the Board if there were any changes to be made to the Agenda. There being no changes noted, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Agenda for the June 4, 2014 special meeting of the TECCA Commonwealth Virtual School Board of Directors, as presented, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

V. Executive Director Interviews

Board members introduced themselves individually to the school leader candidate, and asked him to provide an overview of his professional background and educational philosophy and vision. The Board asked the candidate a prepared set of questions, created prior to the interview by members of the Board.

The Board discussed with the candidate his management goals for school launch, special education experience and ways to encourage diversity in the student body. Mr. Ebel discussed specific experiences he has had with previous school districts, board members and communities. The Board discussed resources available with the candidate, and the developing operational outline for the school.

[Mr. Ebel left the meeting at 11:47 a.m.]

Board members briefly discussed their individual feedback from the first candidate's interview and the ideal qualifications for the school leader. Board members also discussed the hiring process for the school leader and who is to be the employer of school staff and responsible for hiring the candidate.

[Mr. Page joined the meeting at 11:57 a.m.]

Board members introduced themselves to Mr. Page, and asked Mr. Page to discuss his strategies for a successful launch of an online school, including staff development and community outreach. Mr. Page discussed his background and professional experiences, as well as his key components when hiring school staff.

Mr. Page further discussed with the Board the roles of the school leader, Board and Connections in the school throughout the planning, opening and operation. The Board discussed the educational model with the candidate in detail, and similar models around the state.

[Mr. Page left the meeting at 12:32 p.m.]

Board members discussed the two candidates and their interviews with both. The Board discussed each candidate's strengths and weaknesses, and the specific credentials they were seeking in the best leader for the school.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION May Be Required – Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, §§ 21 (8) – To consider or interview applicants for employment or appointment by a preliminary screening committee if the chair declares that an open meeting will have a detrimental effect in obtaining qualified applicants; provided, however, that this clause shall not apply to any meeting, including meetings of a preliminary screening committee, to consider and interview applicants who have passed a prior preliminary screening

The Board determined this was not needed for this meeting.

VII. Approval of Consideration and Recommendation to Connections of Executive Director Candidate(s)

Board members discussed the two candidates, and their choice for hiring for the Lead School Administrator position at TECCA. There being no further discussion, a motion was made and seconded as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Hiring of Dr. Tyler Page as Lead School Administrator of the school at a salary of \$120,000 annually with a 20% bonus potential, as discussed, is hereby approved.

The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Adjournment and Confirmation of Next Meeting on June 25, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. ET

Mr. Sanchioni noted that the Board was at the end of its agenda and that the next meeting was scheduled for June 25, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. ET. The being no further business, at 12:46 p.m. the Board made and seconded the following motion:

RESOLVED, that the adjournment of the TECCA Commonwealth Virtual School, June 4, 2014 special Board meeting, be approved.

The motion was approved unanimously.