

ERIE RISE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2017

Section I: Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Constance M. Ratcliff, Board President. The body was led in the pledge of allegiance to the flag by Homer Smith followed by a prayer by Kirk Paskell.

A. Roll Call:

Constance M. Ratcliff (Present)
Ed Williams (Excused)
Sonya Adams (Excused)
Wayne Patterson (Present)
Leamon Plott (Excused)
Dr. Margaret Smith (Excused)
Shantel Hilliard (Present)
Carolyn Crawford (Present)
Michael Hooks (Present)
Tim Kuzma (Present)
Brenda Abreu-Baker (Excused)

Non Board Members:

Attorney Tom Fitzpatrick (Present)

Rise Staff:

Terry A. Lang, CEO
David Bouie, Principal
Aubrey Favors
Homer Smith
Pearl Jeffries
Kirk Paskell

Guest: Mr. Mahoney (Parent of 7th Grade Rise Student)

B. Approval of Agenda

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of Erie Rise Leadership Academy Charter School on a motion by Wayne Patterson seconded by Shantel Hilliard hereby approves the October 19, 2017 Agenda. All in favor, Motion carried.

C. Approval of Minutes-

A motion by Carolyn Crawford seconded Wayne Patterson to accept the minutes of the September 21, 2017 Board of Directors meeting with any necessary corrections. All members in favor, Motion carried.

Section II: Reports

A. Hearing of Citizens (None)

B. CEO Report Mr. Terry A. Lang (Written Report Submitted)

- Student enrollment (425)
- Board Retreat (October 20th and October 21st)
- Quality Management Systems Presentation (Page 3)
- 21st Century Grant Update
- Preliminary SPP Scores
 1. Develop strategies to improve mathematics
 2. Interventions to move students to proficiency
 3. Investment in technology (200 new laptops)
- Baby University Update
 1. BTW collaboration
 2. 1st enrolled student
- Status report on the Emerson Project (Page 2 and 3)

C. Finance and Audit Report:

In the absence of the Treasurer, Mr. Lang gave a brief highlight of the Finance and Audit Report:

1. Receivables, waiting on reimbursement from the Erie School District.
2. Proposal to lease or purchase our own buses.
3. Report of expenses at the new building
4. AP Summary in the amount of \$ 70,924.56

Committee Recommendations:

To approve, the October, 2017 A/P Summary in the amount of (\$ 70,924.56) for the month of September, 2017.

D. RFO Report (Written Report Submitted)

- Title I services are being provided to identified students.
- The WQLN Turned onto Literacy Program for students in grades K-2 will conclude the (4) week session on October 24th.
- The BEST team is accepting referrals for students who need additional support.
- The Box-Tops program is ongoing; donations of box tops are encouraged from students, staff and Board members. The goal is to raise \$1,000.00.
- School Picture day is Monday, October 30th; Retakes on Wednesday, December 6, 2017.
- The RFO will meet on Monday, November 6, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.
- The Back Pack Program with Second Harvest Foodbank began on October 6, 2017.
- Rise Basketball Teams will participate in the IBL Basketball League.

- The 5th Annual Rise Cotillion will be held on Friday, November 10, 2017 at the Maennerchor Club, 1607 State Street, Erie, PA 16501.
- School Uniform Policy, policing violations.
- RFO projection in conjunction with Student Council to support Hurricane victims.

Section III: Resolutions

A. Approval of Reports

Resolved, the Board of Directors of the Erie Rise Leadership Academy Charter School on a motion by Carolyn Crawford and seconded by Wayne Patterson accepts the CEO Report and all documents submitted thereby, which shall be incorporated into the record of this meeting. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.)

Resolved, the Board of Directors of Erie Rise Leadership Academy Charter School on a motion by Wayne Patterson seconded by Tim Kuzma accepts the Finance and Audit Committee reports, all documents submitted and AP Summary (\$ 70, 924.56) all in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Resolved, the Board of Directors of Erie Rise Leadership Academy Charter School on a motion by Wayne Patterson seconded by Michael Hooks accepts the RFO Reports and all documents submitted thereby, which shall be incorporated into the record of this meeting. All in favor, the motion carried unanimously.)

Section IV: Unfinished Business

A. Board Retreat

1. Friday, October 20, 2017 at 6:30 (Pineapple Eddies)
2. Saturday, October 21, 2017 at the school from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon.

B. Board of Trustee Approval of the CEO HR Report 5.0 (Yes Vote via E-Mail)

C. Plan for Academic Improvement for taking the State tests.

Section V: New Business

A. Meet and Greet with Teachers (Noting to report at this time)

The Board of Directors went into executive Session at 7:50 p.m.

Minutes from Executive Session

- Attorney Fitzpatrick informed the board that the case between the school and its former CEO is completed and that he will draft and submit a letter of agreement to the opposing council.

- The Annual Financial Statement Accuracy Certification Statement was signed by the CEO and Board Secretary as requested.
- The Audit Certification was signed by the CEO and Board Secretary as requested.
- The ESD 2017-2018 Transportation Service Agreement was signed by the CEO and Board President as requested.
- Board of Trustees Executive Session concluded at 8:06 P.M. by a motion from Carolyn Crawford and seconded by Wayne Patterson.