

Board Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2017

Board Members Present: Nathan Bryant, Mike Williams, Scott Anderson, Susan Loomis (by phone), Gerald Jenkins (by Phone)

Also, Present: Roxanne Sosnowski, Jennifer Hall, Carla Redd

1. Call to Order at 3:12pm
2. Approval of Agenda
Motion made by Mike Williams, 2nd by Scott Anderson. Yes votes – Susan Loomis, Nathan Bryant, Gerald Jenkins. Motion passes.
3. Public Comment – none made
4. Review/approve minutes from prior board meeting – Laid over until June 15, 2017.
5. Discuss/approve resolution of the board of director of Rockford Charter School Organization electing Carla Redd as a member of the board of directors.
Scott Anderson made a motion to approve, 2nd by Susan Loomis. Yes votes – Nathan Bryant, Mike Williams, Gerald Jenkins. Motion passes.
6. Discuss/approve resignation of Mike Williams from the board of directors of Rockford Charter School Organization.
Nathan Bryant made a motion to approve, 2nd by Scott Anderson. Yes votes – Susan Loomis, Gerald Jenkins. Motion passes.
7. Discuss FY17 budget to actual report
Jennifer Hall presented a budget update. Scott Anderson requested details on revenue. Gerald Jenkins requested detail on Easter Seals. Jennifer Hall to provide both at the next board meeting.
8. Discuss/approve FY2018 annual budget of Rockford Charter School
Jennifer Hall presented the FY18 annual budget. Gerald Jenkins made a motion to approve. 2nd Scott Anderson. Yes votes – Nathan Bryant, Susan Loomis. Motion passes.
9. Discuss/approve appointment of Michael Williams as Executive Director of Jackson Charter School and corresponding employment agreement to begin on July 1, 2017.

Roxanne Sosnowski present the employment agreement for appointing Michael Williams as Executive Director of Jackson Charter School. Roxanne Sosnowski pointed out that the agreement provided for sole employment with no working hours other than work with RCSO and Jackson Charter School unless prior approval of those hours was obtained from the Board of Directors. Roxanne Sosnowski indicated that she had spoken with Mike Williams regarding the provision and that he had indicated he has no problem with the provision, however, he is currently wrapping up his position with Rock River Training and has indicated that there may be a need for Rock River Training to call upon him for questions or to attend meetings regarding the wrapping up of his position and he would request that he be able to answer those questions and attend meetings if called upon. He also needs to finish up his contract with Rock River Training which comes to and end at the end of June. Mike Williams may ask that an amendment be made in paragraph 9 of the agreement that would allow for him to be involved in wrap up activities as needed by his previous employer.

Susan Loomis indicated that she does not feel comfortable voting for the approval of Mike Williams appointment to the Executive Director position without having had a chance to review his resume and credentials for the position.

Gerry Jenkins moves to approve the employment agreement and hire Mike Williams as Executive Director, subject to resume being circulated to the Board of Directors, which each Board Member will have seven (7) days to review and send any comments to Nathan Bryant and if any Board Member has sufficient concerns they can call a second board meeting to discuss issues, otherwise Nathan Bryant shall have the authority to sign the employment agreement with Mike Williams. Motion Seconded by Scott Anderson, Ayes by Scott Anderson, Carla Redd, Nathan Bryant and Gerry Jenkins. Abstained by Susan Loomis. Motion Passes.

10. Discuss any action necessary regarding Rockford Public Schools Transportation Update

Jen Hall advised the Board of Directors that someone from RPS 205's transportation division reached out to Jackson Charter School and advised that they would be entering into a contract with First Student and indicated to Jackson Charter School that they would need to contact First Student and get a separate bid/contract with them. This information contradicts information provided to Roxanne Sosnowski and Jen Hall from Travis and Aaron and RPS 205. Roxanne Sosnowski and Jen Hall are to follow up with Travis and Aaron with RPS 205 on this matter. They will make sure that Mike Williams is involved in these discussions.

11. New Business

No new business discussed.

12. Executive Session – Personnel

Executive Session began at 4:35pm.

Executive Session ends at 4:50pm.

13. Adjourn

At 4:50pm Carla Redd made a motion to adjourn. 2nd by Scott Anderson. Yes votes – Nathan Bryant, Susan Loomis, and Gerald Jenkins. Motion passes.

