

Rockford Charter School Organization Emergency Special Board Meeting Minutes
August 6, 2024
4:00 P.M.
Sosnowski Szeto, LLP, 6735 Vistagreen Way, Ste. 300, Rockford, IL 61107
In-Person Meeting

1. Call to Order – at 4:07 p.m.
 - a. Present: William Cunningham, Tamir Bell, Jacob Bradt, Carla Redd, Antonio Turner, Attorney Roxanne Sosnowski, Director of Climate and Culture, Starla Copeland, Director of Data and Instruction, Angie Smelter, Emily Tran
 - b. Not Present: Ricardo Montoya Picazo, Anisha Grimmett
2. Approval of Agenda
 - a. A motion was made to approve the agenda by Tamir Bell and seconded by Jacob Bradt.
 - i. Voice votes: All members voting aye.
 - ii. Motion passed.
3. Public Comment
 - a. Emily Tran, the Instructional Development Manager stated that she got the opportunity to go to Boston with Starla Copeland and Angie Smeltzer. She stated that she learned a lot and it was a great opportunity to watch Ms. Copeland and Ms. Smeltzer work together.
 - b. In regard to the Executive Director position, Ms. Tran asked that the Board choose someone that they feel will be a right fit for the current team in place at Jackson Charter. Ms. Tran informed the Board that the staff really appreciated the visit from Tamir Bell in which he gathered their thoughts and opinions regarding the Executive Director position.
4. New Business
 - a. Update and Discussion on current school position vacancies
 - i. Ms. Smeltzer stated that the school is currently fully staffed. She explained that there has been discussion regarding posting for an in-person social worker, as well as a new psychologist. Ms. Smeltzer stated that they do anticipate possibly two Special Education teacher openings. William Cunningham stated that if assessment of the school has been performed and Ms. Smeltzer and Ms. Copeland feel that the positions need to be posted and filled, then they need to proceed.
5. Old Business – None.
6. Executive Session – (if needed)
 - a. Personnel - Go into Closed Session to Review Closed Session Minutes and to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or a volunteer of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.
 - i. A motion was made to enter executive session by Carla Redd and seconded by Tamir Bell.

1. Voice vote: All members voting aye.
 2. Motion passed. Entered into executive session at 4:16 p.m.
 - ii. Carla Redd exited the meeting at 5:15 p.m.
 - iii. A motion was made to exit executive session by William Cunningham and seconded by Jacob Bradt.
 1. Voice vote: All members voting aye.
 2. Motion passed. Exited executive session at 5:32 p.m.
7. Any action necessary coming out of Executive Session concerning personnel vacancies.
 - a. No action was necessary coming out of Executive Session concerning personnel vacancies.
8. Adjournment
 - a. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Tamir Bell and seconded by William Cunningham.
 - i. Voice vote: All members voting aye.
 - ii. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: August 15, 2024, at 11:30 a.m. (Meeting will be held in-person at Jackson Charter School, 315 Summit Street, Rockford, IL 61107)