



INDIANA CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD

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February 27, 2013

Indiana Government Center North
100 North Senate Avenue, Room 1049
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

The meeting of the Indiana Charter School Board ("ICSB") convened at 3:04 PM.

ICSB Members Jamie Garwood, William Shrewsberry, and Maureen Weber were present in person. ICSB Members Virginia Calvin, Lawrence DeMoss, and David Kogan were present via conference call. ICSB Member Karega Rausch was absent. Staff members Claire Fiddian-Green and Sarah Sullivan were present.

I. **Call to Order/Board Meeting Minutes Approval**

Ms. Weber called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

Ms. Garwood moved for approval of the meeting minutes from the January ICSB meeting. Mr. Kogan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via roll call: Mr. DeMoss, Ms. Garwood, Mr. Kogan, Mr. Shrewsberry, and Ms. Weber.

II. **Charter Rescission Decisions**

Ms. Fiddian-Green provided an update on the lack of progress made by the Indiana Charter Education Foundation ("ICEF"), which had contracted with Charter Schools USA ("CSUSA"), in meeting the ICSB Pre-Opening criteria as set forth in the charter agreements for East and South Indianapolis Charter Academies. The ICEF Board submitted a letter to the ICSB on February 26, 2013, requesting formal rescission of both charters. Mr. DeMoss moved to rescind the ICEF

charters. Ms. Garwood seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via roll call: Mr. DeMoss, Ms. Garwood, Mr. Kogan, Mr. Shrewsberry, and Ms. Weber. ICSB Member Virginia Calvin joined the conference call line following this vote.

Ms. Fiddian-Green provided an update on the lack of progress made by The Performing Arts Conservatory ("TPAC") in meeting the ICSB Pre-Opening criteria as set forth in the charter agreement. The TPAC Board submitted a letter to the ICSB on February 24, 2013, requesting formal rescission of the charter. Ms. Garwood moved to rescind the TPAC charter. Dr. Calvin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via roll call: Dr. Calvin, Mr. DeMoss, Ms. Garwood, Mr. Kogan, Mr. Shrewsberry, and Ms. Weber.

III. Charter School Replication Request: Carpe Diem Indiana, Inc. (Carpe Diem Summit)

Ms. Weber welcomed the applicant group to offer a statement to ICSB Members, and provided ICSB Members an opportunity to ask each applicant group questions.

A. ICSB Member Q&A with Carpe Diem

ICSB Members asked the applicant group to discuss the following topics: plans to engage the Fort Wayne community, including parents and local residents; enrollment projections for the Summit campus and contingency plans for under-enrollment; academic assessment results for the Meridian campus; school district opposition at the public hearing; and strategies for working with other entities in Fort Wayne to support K-12 education.

B. ICSB Staff Recommendation and Board Decision

- i. Ms. Fiddian-Green provided information on a recommendation to approve the Carpe Diem Indiana, Inc. replication request to open Carpe Diem Summit in Fort Wayne. Several conditions were included in the recommendation, which included: addition of a Fort Wayne Board member by June 1; collection of student enrollment forms for the Fort Wayne campus that met breakeven projections by July 15; and the CDI Board's assessment by July 15 of ISTEP+ and ECA assessment data from Carpe Diem Meridian and a determination about whether actual outcomes demonstrate quality performance in Year 1 in compliance with the ICSB Accountability Plan.
- ii. Ms. Garwood moved for approval. Dr. Calvin seconded the motion. Dr. Calvin, Ms. Garwood, Mr. Kogan, Mr. Shrewsberry and Ms. Weber voted "aye" in support of the motion. Mr. DeMoss voted "no". The motion passed 5-1.

IV. Charter School Replication Request: Excel Centers, LLC (Excel Center-Richmond)

A. ICSB Member Q&A with Excel Centers, LLC

ICSB Member asked the applicant group to discuss the following topics: current legislation regarding drop-out recovery charter schools and community support in Richmond.

B. ICSB Staff Recommendation and Board Decision

- i. Ms. Fiddian-Green provided information on a recommendation to approve the Excel Centers, LLC replication request for one (1) school in Richmond, provided the Excel Centers, LLC Board provides an official "green-lighting" decision at its April 2013 Board Meeting to proceed with a 2013 opening or delay until 2014.
- ii. Mr. DeMoss moved for approval. Dr. Calvin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via roll call: Dr. Calvin, Mr. DeMoss, Ms. Garwood, Mr. Kogan, Mr. Shrewsberry, and Ms. Weber.

V. Update on ICSB Charter Schools

Ms. Fiddian-Green provided an update to ICSB Members on each of the ICSB-authorized schools.

VI. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.