



MINUTES

INDIANA CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD

May 24, 2013

PNC Center
101 West Washington Street
Second Floor, Room 222
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

The meeting of the Indiana Charter School Board ("ICSB") convened at 8:30 a.m.

ICSB Members Virginia Calvin, Lawrence DeMoss, David Kogan, Karega Rausch, and Maureen Weber were present. ICSB Members Jamie Garwood and Bill Shrewsberry were absent. Staff members Claire Fiddian-Green, Anne Davis, Emily Richardson and Sarah Sullivan were present. Mr. Rausch left the meeting at 10:06 a.m.

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

Ms. Weber called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Mr. Rausch moved for approval of the meeting minutes from the February ICSB meeting. Dr. Calvin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

II. **Charter School Applicant Q&A**

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

A. Early Career Academy, Inc. (Early Career Academy)

- i. ICSB Members asked the applicant group to discuss the following topics: the target student population; offering additional dual-credit programs if students express an interest outside of the planned Information Technology offerings; potential conflicts of interest on the Early Career Academy board; the longer-term

financial stability of the proposed school given the substantial anticipated subsidy from ITT Tech; ITT Tech's commitment to the charter school over the longer-term; enrollment policies and procedures for an 11th and 12th grade high school; remediation for struggling students; staff experience dealing with a younger student population; and what an average day looks like for a student at the school.

B. York Academy of Discovery, Inc. (York Academy of Discovery)

- i. ICSB Members asked the applicant group to discuss the following topics: due diligence on building and financing facilities in the targeted location; financial oversight and management capacity of the school, given the proposed staffing plan; enrollment growth strategy and how that fits with the facility plan; funding sources to cover sequential growth; how the components of the application fit together; rationale behind specific statements related to educating the targeted student population described in the application; and accountability.

III. Charter School Application Decisions

A. Early Career Academy, Inc. (Early Career Academy)

- i. Ms. Fiddian-Green provided information on a recommendation to approve the Early Career Academy, Inc. application for the Early Career Academy, for a 2014 opening.
- ii. Dr. Calvin moved for approval with the following conditions: Early Career Academy, Inc. Board members with potential conflicts of interest must submit a letter to the ICSB confirming (a) that these Board members will not monetarily benefit from any transaction that exists between their businesses and ESI Service Corp.; and/or (b) that they will take appropriate steps to recuse themselves from any ECA Board vote regarding matters in which their businesses or they as individuals would monetarily benefit; at least two additional Board members must be added to the Board by July 1, 2014; and Early Career Academy submits a plan to the ICSB that addresses the steps the Board will take to ensure financial sustainability of the school at the end of 5-year charter term without ongoing subsidization from ESI Service Corp. Mr. Kogan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. York Academy of Discovery, Inc. (York Academy of Discovery)

- i. Ms. Fiddian-Green provided information on a recommendation to decline the York Academy of Discovery, Inc. application for the York Academy of Discovery.

- ii. Dr. Calvin moved to decline the application from York Academy of Discovery. Mr. Rausch seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Break

The meeting recessed from 9:35 a.m. – 9:38 a.m.

V. Charter Policy Updates

Ms. Richardson provided an update to ICSB Members on legislative changes from the 2013 legislative session.

VI. Update on ICSB Charter Schools

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

VII. Update on Innovation Portion of Application

Ms. Sullivan provided an update to the ICSB Members on outcomes from the new Innovation section of the ICSB charter school application and next steps for the Fall application cycle.

VIII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:11 a.m.