



## ASPIRE CHARTER ACADEMY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: February 6, 2014

### MINUTES

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| Meeting Called By   | Mike Sullivan, President  |
| Type of Meeting     | Board Meeting   |
| Facilitator         | Sharon Owen   |
| Start Time          | 6:15 p.m.   |
| Attendees           | Sharon Owen; Elizabeth Meshell; Robert Summers; Kimberli Reid; Mike Sullivan; George Miarecki, Pam Schenkel, Sheree Fox |
| Absent              | Tom Durkee; Mike Miller   |
| Approval of Minutes | Approved and seconded by Robert Summers   |

**Discussion:** Approved two new board members Michael Miller and Elizabeth Meshell

**Discussion:** FTE Week Student Count - total 104 students; 54 General Education and 50 exceptional students. Worked through Revenue sheet and compared with Budget. Donor account can be used for operations.

**Discussion:** Out of Field Letters: All teachers are out of field for ESOL endorsement. The letters were sent out that the teachers are

highly qualified but are out of field. We are having an ESOL training in June, 2014. We are inviting other charter schools to attend so that we can share costs.

**Discussion:** Assessments for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Tests based on FAIR, they have increased their learning and increased number of students likely to pass FCAT. Started tutoring students after school. School board at the last minute has denied us transportation and snacks for the after school tutoring that we have to provide.

**Discussion:** IDEA funding is generated based on number of children you have, these funds are used to support ESE students but charter schools doesn't get any money unless the school has 100% ESE. We get specialists for our children, but not the money. We will be doing the analysis to see which would be better. There are IDEA lawsuits going on now with other charter schools.

**Discussion:** New Building: Wayne Densch YMCA/ASPIRE Charter Academy. Discussed placement of school on the YMCA property. This is a 4 million dollar project.

**Discussion:** Looking into portables to be able to make it through the next school year at our current location. Concerns: Internet; water; sewer; phones; fences; weather access and safety. We should start getting permits for these portable additions.

**Discussion:** E-Rate, we are getting reimbursed now for a portion of our telecommunication expenses.

**Discussion:** Extension of Charter: We need to start working on getting our charter extended.

**Adjourn: 7:40 p.m.**