



MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SEPTEMBER 9, 2021 | 8 AM

VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE CALL

MEETING ID: 861 2900 5576 | PASSWORD: 097081

Board Members Present: Bill Brinkman, Dawn Eubanks, Bruce Lesser, Anthony Royster, Scott Solomon
Others Present: Leigh Botwinik, Olivia Burgess, Kelly Davenport, Max Matthews

Meeting Start: 8:09 AM

- I. Public Comment
 - a. No comment at this time
- II. Executive Session
 - a. The board did not enter Executive Session.
- III. Resolution
 - a. TECH Freire Charter School Agreement (Attachment 1A)*
 - i. Max Matthews reviews the proposed Charter School Agreement for TECH Freire. This agreement has no conditions, unlike other charter agreements where the CSO put in place barriers/additional performance expectations.
 - ii. This charter would eliminate the Strawberry Mansion catchment preference, which would be a positive for TECH Freire, making it a city-wide school.
 - iii. In June 2020, the board voted we would sign the charter agreement but the CSO did not respond. The school district is offering a more favorable agreement regarding TECH Freire's request on Special Education.
 - iv. The new language states that the district could change the terms of the agreement at any time.
 - v. The agreement uses the word "accurate" when referencing the Statement of Financial Interests form completed annually by the board and school leadership, to ensure the CSO has proper files.
 - vi. Bruce Lesser makes a motion to approve. Anthony Royster seconds.
 - vii. Bill Brinkman, Dawn Eubanks, Bruce Lesser, Anthony Royster, Scott Solomon all votes in favor of the motion. There are no votes against and no abstentions.
 - b. Resolution to Authorize Execution of a Charter (Attachment 1B)*
 - i. Max Matthews explains the Resolution to Authorize Execution of a Charter to the Board of Directors of TECH Freire Charter School or their immediate families, as defined under the Pennsylvania Public Official and Employee Ethics Act ("Ethics Act"), will have business dealings with TECH Freire Charter School and that this Board of Directors will comply with the Ethics Act.
 - ii. Bruce Lesser makes a motion to approve. Anthony Royster seconds.
 - iii. Bill Brinkman, Dawn Eubanks, Bruce Lesser, Anthony Royster, Scott Solomon all votes in favor of the motion. There are no votes against and no abstentions.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:24 AM

Citation of reason for executive session: III.c (TECH only): 65 Pa. C.S.A. § 708(a)(4) "To consult with its ... professional advisor regarding information or strategy in connection with litigation or with issues on which identifiable complaints are expected to be filed."