

**Minutes of the
North Carolina Charter School Advisory Board
Special Called Meeting
Conference Call – Room 755
Department of Public Instruction
301 N. Wilmington Street
August 13, 2018
9:00 am**

Attendance/NCCSAB	Alan Hawkes Joseph Maimone Phyllis Gibbs Sherry Reeves - <i>Absent</i> Cheryl Turner - <i>Absent</i> Lindalyn Kakadelis Lynn Kroeger	Alex Quigley Tammi Sutton - <i>Absent</i> Steven Walker Heather Vuncannon Kevin Wilkinson - <i>Absent</i>
Attendance/SBE/DPI	<i>Office of Charter Schools</i> Dave Machado, Director Patricia Nnadi-Purvis, Program Assistant Ashley Baquero, Consultant Shaunda Cooper, Consultant Jay Whalen, Consultant Danielle Allen, Consultant	<i>SBE</i> Deanna Townsend-Smith Amy White <i>SBE Attorney</i> Eric Snider Jason Weber

CALL TO ORDER

- The North Carolina Charter School Advisory Board (CSAB) meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Chairman Alex Quigley.
- Roll was called by Ashley Baquero and a quorum was noted.
- Vice Chair Steven Walker read the Ethics Statement and asked if there were any conflicts of interest. None reported. Mr. Walker read the CSAB Mission Statement.

THREE RIVERS ACADEMY

- Mr. Alex Quigley stated that this special meeting was called because Three Rivers Academy has requested an amendment to relocate more than five miles from its current location.

- Mr. Dave Machado gave an overview of the request. He stated that Three Rivers has tried to negotiate with the modular and the land companies that held leases with the previous school operator. They have not been able to reach an agreement for a reasonable lease. They have also had issues with property, including buses, taken from the property. Because of these issues they have identified an alternative site.
- Mr. Machado stated that the new site is an older site that can be renovated to meet its needs. Mr. Machado stated that Three Rivers have had an inspector come out and believe the location will be ready for occupancy with a few minor renovations.
- Mr. Machado states this should not affect their target population and should be able to meet its targeted enrollment. He continued that Three Rivers targeted enrollment is 200 students.
- Mr. Steven Walker stated that he has reviewed their justification letter to Mark Johnson and he believes it answered a lot of the questions that he had regarding this request. He does not believe that the distance is great considering the county. He believes it is too early to say it won't work and it seems the greatest obstacle they have had was dealing with the prior management of the school. His understanding is that the school has a temporary restraining order and orders to return the property to the school, with additional court proceedings pending. He believes this is a reasonable request in light of all the information.
- Ms. Lindalyn Kakadelis stated that she is impressed that Global Education Resources has really kept going to make sure this school is opened on time for the students.
- Ms. Phyllis Gibbs asked about current enrollment and from which county. Mr. Machado stated they believe they have 200 slated for enrollment. He stated it is no guarantee, but their projected enrollment.
- Mr. Walker stated that it looks like they will serve students from several counties.
- Ms. Gibbs believes we should consider that if we close it down now, no lenders will get paid.
- Mr. Quigley stated that at this point it is hard to conceive of stopping the process.
- Ms. Kakadelis stated that Global Educational Resources has worked diligently to try to work with the prior school management.
- **Mr. Walker moved that the CSAB recommend to the SBE that this charter amendment for relocation be approved. Ms. Kakadelis seconded.**
- Mr. Alan Hawkes asked if we expect this to be successful with only two weeks until school opens.
- Ms. Kakadelis stated she wants to give it a chance. She believes if anyone can make it happen, she believes that Global Educational Resources and James Montague can make it happen.
- Mr. Hawkes disagrees and believes the CSAB made a mistake in approving the assumption. He recommends revisiting revoking the charter.
- Ms. Gibbs stated that she believes we have to move forward because if we revoke the charter, none of the lenders will get paid.
- Mr. Joseph Maimone stated he will support the motion because it would be a real disservice to pull the plug on these families at this point. He believes Global Educational Resources and Three Rivers deserve our support.

- **A roll call vote was taken.**
 - **Alan Hawkes – No**
 - **Joseph Maimone – Yes**
 - **Phyllis Gibbs – Yes**
 - **Lindalyn Kakadelis – Yes**
 - **Lynn Kroeger – Yes**
 - **Alex Quigley – Yes**
 - **Steven Walker – Yes**
 - **Heather Vuncannon – Yes**
 - **Motion passes 7 to 1.**
- **Mr. Machado stated that the motion passes and we will make a recommendation to the State Board of Education at their meeting at 10am.**

ADJOURNMENT

- **Mr. Walker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:19am. The meeting adjourned via acclamation.**