



K-12 PREPARATORY ACADEMY

CHPA BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, September 19, 2023 – 5:45 P.M.
Community Room and Live Streamed

Present: Angela Giron, Nick Angiocchi, JoSeph Garcia, Charity Maes, Matt Garcia, Steven Trujillo

Ex-Officio Members Present: Rusty McBee, DHPH Teacher Representative; George Cruz, ECMS Teacher Representative; Felectia Johnson, CCA Teacher Representative; Alicia Figueroa, Student Representative

Ex-Officio Member Absent: George Cruz, ECMS Representative; Cheryl Gomez, PCC Representative

Others Present: Mr. Christian De La Oliva, President/CEO; Lorrie Marquez, Executive Assistant; Shannon Behling, Chief Human Resource Officer; Kim Sanchez, DHPH Principal; Loretta Cruz, IT Director; Jessica Gonzales, Human Resource Specialist; Tom Weston, Charter School Liaison

Guest: Richard Orona, CHPA Attorney; Don Ortega, Loaned Executive

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Recorded by: Lorrie Marquez

AN=Action Needed; AT=Action Taken; D=Discussion; I=Information Only; CR=Committee Referral

1. **This regular CHPA Board of Directors' meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m. in the Community Meeting Room by Board President, Angela Giron.**
2. **Roll Call of CHPA Board Members constituted a quorum.**
3. **Executive Session 5:46p.m.**
 - AT** Nick Angiocchi moved to enter into Executive Session for discussion of personnel matters pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402-4 (B) (E) (F); seconded by Steven Trujillo, with a unanimous vote and no discussion. Motion carried. Mr. De La Oliva, Lorrie Marquez, Shannon Behling, and Jessica Gonzales were invited to stay for the session. Ms. Behling and Ms. Gonzales were excused at 6:21p.m.
- Exit Executive Session 7:02p.m.**
 - AT** Nick Angiocchi moved to exit executive session, seconded by Steven Trujillo with a unanimous vote by all members and no discussion. Motion carried.
4. **Open Session 7:05p.m.** I President Giron call the meeting to order in open session.
5. **Pledge of Allegiance**
6. **Student Representative Oath of Office**
 - I** Secretary Maes administered the oath of office to newly elected student representative, Alicia Figueroa.
7. **Roll Call CHPA Ex-Officio Members**
8. **Modifications/Approval of Agenda**
 - I** There were no modifications to the agenda.
 - AT** Steven Trujillo motioned to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Charity Maes with a unanimous vote and no discussion. Motion carried.

9. Study Session – Child Internet Protection Act (CIPA)

I Loretta Cruz, Director of IT presented information about the Children’s Internet Protection Act. She explained the FCC mandated requirement of content filtering of the internet throughout the campus for students. Additional information included:

- E-rate funding comes from government sponsored funds and will cover a percentage of the cost for internet services, infrastructure hardware, cabling and services that support the delivery of internet services to our campus. Percentages are determined by a school’s percentage of students who receive free or reduced lunch services. CHPA currently qualifies for an 80% reimbursement on E-rate qualifies services.
- Services are broken down into two categories. Category I covers the services that provide the internet and Category II covers the infrastructure hardware, cabling, and support services.
- CHPA has received E-rate funds from as far back as 2005 and the funds at that time covered both internet and telecommunication services. With telecommunication services phased out several years ago.
- Currently CHPA receives Category I funding for our 10G fiber internet services through Unite Private Networks at 80%, so we only must pay 20% of our monthly cost.
- This year CHPA received Category II funding for switches, access points, and racks for our new build and UPS’s (Uninterruptible Power Supply) for both our new building and our existing schools to replace those that have reached their end of life.
- Next year CHPA will apply for coverage of our internet-related management services that help maintain our firewall, switches, and access points.

She reviewed how CHPA meets the CIPA requirements including having an internet safety policy, technology protection measures and presentation at a public meeting of the requirements.

10. Public Forum

I Dominique Sanchez, parent of 3 students attending CHPA academies address the Board regarding her concern with the decrease of security staff on campus. President Giron shared though the Board does not comment on public comments they do listen and will discuss the matter and report back to parents.

11. CEO’s Report

I Mr. De La Oliva shared that CHPA’s entry into the 2023 Colorado State Fair Parade was awarded second place and that the school participated in Colorado State Fair Fiesta Day Parade. CHPA will participate in the upcoming Chili and Frijoles Festival. He also shared that DHPH student Jose Adrian Vargas was awarded the National Hispanic Recognition Award by College Board National for his hard work in high school and academic performance. Global Technologies has donated \$3,900 to sponsor our E-sports team. They will integrate 13 additional data ports at no cost.

12. Faculty Representative Reports

- **Felectia Johnson, CCA** I Ms. Johnson reviewed her written report which was included in the the board meeting packet.
- **George Cruz, ECMS** I Mr. Cruz was absent from the meeting, his written report was included in the board packet. President Giron encouraged everyone to attend the P.L.A.C.E Bock Party scheduled on September 26th outside ECMS. Ms. Behling shared that on-the-spot enrollment will be available.
- **Rusty McBee, DHPH** I Mr. McBee shared that DHPH is awaiting final testing data to address student’s strengths and weaknesses. He reviewed his written report which was included in the board meeting packet.

13. Student Representative, Alicia Figueroa

I Ms. Figueroa thanked the Board and her peers for being elected to serve on the board. She shared that students are finally settling into the school year and the

high school students are happy to be in the temporary building. The home coming dance is scheduled for October 7th and will be held in the ECMS/DHPH cafeteria. She will reach out to students of all grade levels to get their perspective of how the year is going and where they would like to see changes to include in future reports. President Giron asked that she speak with fellow students to find out challenges they see that can be shared with the Board and administration.

14. Higher Education Representative Reports, Cheryl Gomez – Pueblo Community College

I Mrs. Gomez was absent but provided a report that was included in the board packet.

15. Board Committee Reports

a. Bylaws – Angela Giron

I Chairperson Giron shared that the committee met on 9/7/23. Charity Maes committee co-chair shared that they reviewed some grammatical and title edits for future board approval. The committee plans to consider amending the bylaws to address a request for a leave of absence by a board member and the removal of a board member. Administration has reached out to the Colorado League of Charter School for advice to address the removal of a board member.

b. Achievement & Student Success – Nick Angiocchi

I Chairperson Angiocchi shared that the committee met 9/12/23. Mr. Carrillo, Athletic Director, attended the committee meeting and shared the challenges and needs for maintaining the athletic fields. Ms. Sanchez also attended the committee meeting and shared information about the implementation of the curriculum and data from DHPH CMAS, PSAT/SAT and the BOY Assessments. It was shared that CHPA is 1.3% points away from performance level K-12. Assessment data will be reviewed at a future board study session.

c. Finance – JoSeph Garcia

I Chairperson Joseph Garcia shared that the committee met 9/12/23; Matthew DeAngelis and Eric Duran with D.A. Davidson provided the finance committee information about the bond payments that will be due and the relationship with the bond holder. They suggested CHPA hire a consultant to help review the financial situation. Mr. Garcia shared that a consultant has been selected. The committee is considering holding work sessions every other week to review cost-saving measures following the 10/10/23 committee meeting.

16. Approval Item:

a. Garrison Ortiz, CSU-Pueblo Representative

AT **Nick Angiocchi motioned to approve Garrison Ortiz as the ex-officio representative from Colorado State University-Pueblo, seconded by Steven Trujillo with no discussion and a unanimous vote. Motion carried.**

I President Giron shared that Mr. Ortiz is the CFO at CSU-P and an alumnus of DHPH. Mr. Ortiz will be invited to attend the next board meeting.

b. Resignation Acceptance of Board Member Don Ortega

I President Giron shared that Don Ortega who was on in-active status submitted his resignation from the CHPA Board of Directors due to another opportunity that will take a lot of his time.

AT **Nick Angiocchi motioned to accept the resignation of Don Ortega, seconded by Chairty Maes with no discussion and a unanimous vote. Motion carried.**

c. New Authorized Bank Signatory Amber Day

I Mr. De La Oliva shared that Ms. Day, Interim Fiscal Services Manager, needs to be added as a signatory to the bank accounts for payroll and other banking requirements.

AT Steven Trujillo motioned to approve the authorization of Amber Day as a bank signatory, seconded by Joseph Garcia with no discussion and a unanimous vote. Motion carried.

17. Consent Agenda Items:

- a. Approve Board Meeting Minutes of the August 15, 2023
- b. Personnel Report

AT Steven Trujillo motioned to approve the consent agenda including the August 15, 2023 meeting minutes and personnel report presented, seconded by Nick Angiocchi with no discussion and a unanimous vote. Motion carried.

18. Board Member Comments

Matt Garcia shared that his daughter, a 2nd grader, is excited about the new Benchmark writing curriculum and how his son who attends ECMS has moved up over two grade levels in math and science. He thanked teachers and principals for their work for the students.

Steven Trujillo shared that he echoed Mr. Garcia's comment and thanked families for choosing CHPA for their students. He thanked the staff for the implementation of the new curriculum and the board members rising to address what needs to be done at CHPA. He also thanked Mr. De La Oliva for helping move CHPA forward.


Charity Maes thanked the staff for how smooth it was for her children this first quarter. She commented that she feels that CHPA has the right people in the right places and can feel the passion for learning.

Joseph Garcia shared that he was thankful to everyone who attended the board and committee meetings and offered ideas for how to make CHPA better. It is great to see the passion that everyone has for CHPA.

Nick Angiocchi thanked the staff and administration for the start of a stellar year, CHPA is having some struggles, but we can't grow without struggle. The passion and dedication for CHPA will prevail.

Angela Giron agreed with the sentiments shared by her fellow board members. She added on September 11th was kickoff of Youth Awareness Week. The celebration started in Pueblo and has become recognized statewide. She was proud to see CHPA's mariachi and folklorico groups performing at the opening event.

19. Adjournment 8:06p.m. AT Nick Angiocchi motioned to adjourn, seconded by Steven Trujillo with a unanimous vote and no discussion. Motion carried.

Prepared by: 
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Date: 10/17/23

Verified by: 
Charity Maes, CHPA Board Secretary

Date: 10-17-2023