

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the  
STATEWIDE VIRTUAL CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD  
OLIVER HODGE EDUCATION BUILDING  
2500 NORTH LINCOLN BOULEVARD, ROOM 1-20  
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA**

**December 10, 2013**

The Statewide Virtual Charter School Board met in regular session at 1:01 p.m. on Tuesday, December 10, 2013, in the Board Room of the Oliver Hodge Education Building at 2500 North Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The final agenda was posted at 12:35 P.m. on Monday, December 9, 2013.

The following were present:

Ms. Terrie Cheadle, State Board of Education

Members of the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board present:

Mr. John Harrington, Edmond

Ms. Debbie Long, Claremore

Mr. Jaared Scott, Stillwater

Ms. Pamela Vreeland, Jenks

Ms. Denise Floyd, Lawton

Others in attendance are shown as an attachment.

**CALL TO ORDER  
AND  
ROLL CALL**

John Harrington called the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board regular meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Ms. Cheadle called the roll and ascertained there was a quorum.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, OKLAHOMA  
FLAG SALUTE, AND MOMENT OF SILENCE**

John Harrington led Board Members and all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag, a salute to the Oklahoma Flag, and a moment of silence.

**November 12, 2013 Statewide Virtual Charter School  
Board Regular Meeting Minutes Approved**

Debbie Long made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2013, regular Statewide Virtual Charter School Board meeting. Denise Floyd seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Ms. Floyd, yes; Ms. Vreeland, yes; Mr. Scott, yes; Ms. Long, yes; and Mr. Harrington, yes.

**OPENING COMMENTS**

John Harrington welcomed everyone to the meeting. Today is very exciting and a historic day for the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board (SVCSB) and we look forward to all the presentations.

**ADMINISTRATION**

Sam Duell, Executive Director, School Choice said the charter schools on the agenda will be allowed 20 minutes to present and additional time is allowed at the Board's pleasure. He introduced Mr. Chuck Wolfe is with K-12 Schools which supports Insight School of Oklahoma, Inc.

**Insight School of Oklahoma, Inc. (ISOK) Virtual Charter School**

Mr. Wolfe said he was the designated representative for Insight School of Oklahoma, Inc. Board and provides support in their new virtual charter school application to service at-risk students in grades 7 through 12. Mr. Wolfe said today's presentation is an overview of the SVCSB application checklist referenced to meet criteria with additional comments. He noted the provision on identifying personnel with financial responsibility is not specific but a position is in the budget to hire a designated school treasurer for the particular function. This is consistent with how K-12 has worked in managing the other school in Oklahoma. Ms. Jill Jacobson-Bittle, ISOK Board Secretary was present for the overview presentation. Board members not present included DeAnna Gwatney, President; Carri Adams, Vice President; and Gary Helberg, Treasurer.

Board Members discussed 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade career pathway frameworks/exploratory courses; budgetary items and number verifications; student/teacher ratios; attendance reporting requirements; online education choice/commitment/support and success; and enrollment statistics.

This was a report only and no action was required.

### **Oklahoma Connections Academy (OKCA) Virtual Charter School**

Senator Jabar Shumate, President, Oklahoma Connections Academy Virtual (OKCA) Charter School Board said it has been his 10-years serving in the Oklahoma State Legislature that has made him want to stand up and become involved in finding ways to give young people, who may not necessarily succeed in one element of public education, an opportunity of options in virtual education. Board members present included Jennifer Williams, Secretary and teacher, Sperry Public Schools; Stuart Jolly, Treasurer and teacher, University of Central Oklahoma; and Laura Sanders, member and parent.

Senator Shumate said the OKCA mission is to provide and assist students with a K-12 education that may need an alternative to traditional public education in a traditional public school setting; maximizing opportunities, parents/family individualized education plans and flexibility for success. Ms. Tammy Shepherd, Principal, OKCA, and Ms. Williams presented an overview of staff/leadership team, K-8 to K-12 enrollment growth, student achievement collaborations, curriculum quality/student skill levels, partnerships, learning coaches, and parent/student access pages.

Board Members discussed math deficiencies/results, live lesson availability and capability, student/teacher ratios, student tracking/monitoring system, student satisfaction survey results, and teacher certification/experience/evaluation.

This was a report only and no action was required.

### **ABLE Charter School Virtual Charter School application**

Dr. Kenneth Kuczynski, Director of Standards and Assessments and Ms. Tina Barker, Director of Operational Accountability, ABLE Charter School presented an overview of the ABLE Charter School model that is based on students and how online education can work for them in a beneficial learning environment. Other Board members present were Ms. Beth Bley, Director of Curriculum and Instruction and Judith Kuczynski, Director of Learning Environments.

Ms. Barker and Dr. Kuczynski reviewed the school's mission to service grades 6 through 12 that included accountability, sound education practices, differentiated instruction/support, explore/increase opportunities; implementation framework, collaboration; student testing, retention, course completion, curriculum, student learning outcomes; faculty assessments/evaluation, stakeholder satisfactions and school analysis.

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Board Member discussed benchmark assessments, financial plan submission, governing board/board of director's explanation, salaries/salary categories and figures, technical structures.

**Proposed Virtual Charter School Rules**

Ms. Stephanie Moser Goins, Assistant General Counsel, presented an update on rules. Public comment for the first set of rules is scheduled for December 16, 2013 through January 17, 2014 and hearing on that date. Rules are made available on the SDE website legal page Administrative Rules section. The next deadline for notice is December 20, 2013 and public comment on January 15, 2014.

This was a report only and no action was required.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business Jaared Scott made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:00 p.m. Pamela Vreeland seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following votes: Mr. Harrington, yes; Ms. Long, yes; Mr. Scott, yes; Ms. Vreeland, yes, and Ms. Floyd, yes.

The next meeting of the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board will be held on Tuesday, January 14, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. The meeting will convene at the State Department of Education, 2500 North Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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John Harrington, Chairperson of the Board

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Terrie Cheadle, State Board of Education