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Meeting Minutes

CHARTER SCHOOL REVIEW COMMITTEE

KEVIN INGRAM, CHAIR

Joyce Mallory, Vice-Chair

*Ruben Burgos, Naryan David Leazer, Monique Liston, Desiree
Pointer-Mace, and Glenn Steinbrecher*

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Gayle Peay, 288-1540

Wednesday, August 22, 2018

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 301-B

1. Roll call.

Meeting convened: 5:33 P.M.

*Members present: Glenn Steinbrecher, Joyce Mallory, Ruben Burgos, Kevin Ingram,
Desiree Pointer-Mace (5:35 P.M.), Naryan Leazer (5:37 P.M.)*

Members excused: Monique Liston

2. Review and approval of minutes from the April 17, 2018 meeting.

*Ms. Mallory moved, seconded by Mr. Burgos, for approval of the minutes. There were
no objections.*

3. [170703](#)

Communication relating to administrative matters of the Charter School
Review Committee for the 2017-2019 school years.

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*Ms. Gayle Peay said that after the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI)
adopted these changes, there were about 5 changes that needed to be made on the
contracts for the charter schools (the changes are indicated in red in the document
labeled "August - DPI Contract Benchmarks" in file 170703). The committee was
already doing most of these things, but they weren't part of the contract. DPI seemed
to be creating state-wide standards and adding those to the contracts. All the new
changes are added to Appendix A of the contract - all 3 schools that just had 5 year
contracts have submitted their discipline policies as now required by DPI. DPI has
accepted the city's scorecards as meeting its newly required criteria.*

*Susan Gramling, Children's Research Center, said that in the current annual reports
that CRC creates, it recommends that a school be placed on probation and if the
CSRC agrees, then the school leader and board president are notified of the probation
status, the rationale for it, and the requirements to lift the probationary status. Ms.
Mallory said the board should have quarterly reviews of how the school is working on
meeting these requirements. Ms. Mallory suspects there is a gap in terms of board
member training and boards need to be more accountable. She said members should
turn over in terms of term length with term limits and increased parental involvement.
Mr. Ingram asked if the CSRC could get a statement from each board as to how it
monitors the school. He noted that CSRC never hears specifically from any boards*

and how they monitor the school and what triggers them to act. Ms. Pointer-Mace suggested adding language that the board is responsible for communicating to the CSRC on how it is ensuring that the school is meeting its responsibility; Ms. Mallory would require a quarterly report from the boards, which Ms. Pointer-Mace also supported. Ms. Pointer-Mace drafted language during the meeting and read it that members supported. The initial plan for corrective action should be reported to CSRC within 45 school days after the probation is instated.

Ms. Peay said that there will also be a provision to open one or more new schools if certain criteria are met (detailed in the attachment to file 170703 labeled, "August - DPI Contract Changes").

These changes will apply to schools as they renew, as well as the three schools which just renewed in March or April.

Mr. Burgos moved, seconded by Ms. Mallory, to accept the requirements that DPI has provided in addition to the corrections drafted and read by Ms. Pointer-Mace.

Meeting adjourned: 6:22 P.M.

Linda M. Elmer

Staff Assistant

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