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Meeting Minutes

CHARTER SCHOOL REVIEW COMMITTEE

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Pointer-Mace, and Glenn Steinbrecher*

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Thursday, September 27, 2018

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 301-B

1. Roll call.

Meeting convened: 5:30 P.M.

*Members present: Mr. Glenn Steinbrecher, Ms. Monique Liston, Ms. Joyce Mallory, Mr.
Kevin Ingram, Ms. Pointer Mace and Mr. Naryan Leaser (arrived at 5:36 P.M.)*

Excused: Mr. Ruben Burgos

2. Review and approval of the minutes from the August 22nd meeting.

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

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

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*Mr. Edgar Russell - PAVE-STCM --Schools that Can Milwaukee, said that the
Stronger Schools for a Future Impact handout discusses the rationale for the merger
of the two groups. The services support leaders from the board room to the
classroom. A lot of the work is assisting board members in how to administer and
they also offer grant programs. They offer strategic planning to their schools which
also involves how to make their governance more effective. They offer a one-day boot
camp for board members and focus on 10 areas of governance. They are discussing
equity in education and have target goals, particularly with board boot camp, to
increase participation by people of color. Ms. Liston encouraged them to get
something definite relating to increasing board membership to reflect the student
population. Ms. Pointer Mace was concerned that there are no provisions for involving
students in board governance, similar to a youth council or growing students to
become board members. The school initiates the contact if they wish to participate.*

*Ms. Mallory said that Central Michigan requires board governance training of all the
schools they charter. There is an application to be appointed to the Board and
applicants must pass a background check and there is also mandatory board
orientation. Most of the states have an independent charter board that charters all the
schools in that state. In Minnesota, the board members must also go through the*

process annually to be certified and 6 hours of mandatory training is required and 3 hours of training per year. Colorado is pretty simple - a form must be completed prior to serving, but there is also a 300-page board governance document. Ms. Mallory thinks this is an area this committee has not paid that much attention to. Six of the city charter schools are members of PAVE/STCM, but she would suggest that more research be done and that board members be qualified to serve. She would also like to see more parents on these boards. She would also like to see that boards' races mirror those of the student population, both in terms of race and geography.

The Wisconsin Center for Charter Schools is a new resource for governance training for board members. Currently training is required only for schools receiving grants, which includes the authorizers as well, of which CSRC is one. Ms. Liston and Ms. Mallory were both excited about the training. Ms. Gayle Peay will send the training information to members so they can begin training.

Mr. Ingram read the e-mail sent to CSRC from Ms. Ingrid Walker-Henry from the Milwaukee Teachers Education Alliance. The chair noted that the contract is with Marquette University, not with Mr. Howard Fuller. The contract, on page 7, mentions conflict of interest and notes that there is none as defined by the contract. Ms. Pointer Mace pointed out that there is transparency.

Father Tom Mueller - representing himself - thinks the CSRC should hold this matter until a formal opinion is issued as that would be simply good sense.

Ms. Mallory stated that this body is not doing anything beyond its scope and is following all due process. Mr. Leazer also found the suggestion that this body was not following due process an insult and a political game. Mr. Steinbrecher said that there is enough funding in the trust fund to renew this contract.

Ms. Mallory moved to extend the contract for an additional 3 year term, seconded by Mr. Leazer. There were no objections or abstentions.

Meeting adjourned: 6:29 P.M.

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