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Pioneer Valley Chinese Immersion Charter School

MEETING MINUTES

Board of Trustees – Emergency Meeting Concerning BESE Appeal
May 16, 2019 at 7:00pm

Location: PVCICS, 317 Russell Street, Hadley, MA 01035

In attendance: Board Chair Paula Quinn , Charles “Nick” Bagley, Roland Mandler , Peter Wood, Dan O’Shea, Dana Parsons, Faculty Representative Min Xiong, Executive Director Richard Alcorn

Absent: Elizabeth “Betty” Larivee, Scott Livingstone, Lian Duan

Meeting was officially called to order by the Chair at 7:08 p.m.

1. Paula Quinn summarized the previous meetings of the Appeal Subcommittee, including the May 10 conversations with Attorney Howard Cooper. At that meeting, the Subcommittee agreed to let Howard Cooper draft the Appeal letter, which would then be voted on in this Emergency meeting of the Board of Trustees. At DESE’s request, the Appeal letter would have to be submitted by May 17 to allow it to be put on the agenda for the June 25 BESE meeting.
2. Paula Quinn summarized the brief phone call that Richard Alcorn and Paula Quinn had with DESE reps on May 16, in which neither side offered any substantial suggestions for heading off or addressing the Appeal moving forward.
3. The Board attendees then undertook a discussion on the content of the Appeal letter drafted by Howard Cooper. All attendees felt that it was complete and compelling.
4. Peter Wood made a motion that the Appeal letter be delivered as-is to BESE and that Howard Cooper would be authorized to file a discovery motion on the historical issues and continue to work to strengthen the Appeal prior to the BESE meeting with information obtained as part of that discovery. Roland Mandler seconded the motion. No further discussion ensued. All attendees voted in favor of the motion.
5. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Dan O’Shea, seconded by Roland Mandler. All attendees voted in favor of the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39.

Minutes submitted by Roland Mandler on 5/17/2019

Minutes approved by Board of Trustees on June 6, 2019

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