



Choice Charter School

PO Box 193, Union, IA
Dr. Cynthia Knight, CEO/Director

SCHOOL BOARD AGENDA - October 8, 2024, 7:00 PM

Location: Choice [Charter School Charterverse](#) will open at 6:30 pm

- I. Call to Order - 7:12 pm
Those present Paul Carroll, Gail Jester, Mindie Smith, Julie Davies, Jessica Christensen, Holly Callas-Sullivan, Ryan Haacke
- II. Public Comments - no public comments.
- III. Approval of the Agenda
Mindie Smith made a motion to approve the agenda with the added change of LaWanda Sander's termination from Choice Charter Board. Jessica Christensen 2nd the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.
- IV. Reports
 - A. Board President
 - a. Resignation of Trent Grundmeyer
 - b. Governor's Luncheon
 - i. A great learning opportunity that brought to light that options are necessary for students and for Iowa to fulfill its obligations to educate all students.
 - ii. Great to hear the statistics as to why they are needed, which was presented by Mark Jacobs.
 - B. CEO
 - a. Updates
 - i. Enrollment Update 260 as of today
 - ii. Budget - DE admitted they made a mistake in calculating first months' payments and will be making up the \$45,000 difference for Sept payment and new payment will be over \$187,000 for October.
 - iii. Paul Carroll - community partner work with local schools and community colleges.
 - iv. Student of the Month - Our first students of the month will be celebrated Oct. 10 Here is the list:
Zach Kline - Outstanding Learner

Gail Jester - Outstanding Learner
Ellie Story - Ownership
Steve Marsh - Collaboration
Logan Grimes - Achievement
Raechel Ludwig-Foss - Ownership
Eliza Griffin - Achievement
Eric Solis - Balance
Ella Jacobs - Balance
Tom Selby - Outstanding Learner
Kaydin Richardson - Achievement
Zeke Brewer - Ownership
Katelin Harms - Ownership

v. Parent Square is working well for us

C. Leadership Team Updates (Director of Curriculum, etc.)

- a. Number of Live classes we are offering - 46 live sections for Hex2 - many are hoping to do 3 classes next hex - great self-advocacy
- b. Flex hex program - those students who work and need a more flexible schedule to meet their needs
- c. First round of Accuplacer - Next Generation to see where students are and to see growth. Average score in all is about 241. 236 to 276 was the range. Students are in the zone with a little bit of work and they will be ready for most job responsibilities. That number is 250. We have a system to help them get stronger in their math and reading.

V. Old Business

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VI. New Business

- a. Approval of Board Representatives Paul Carroll.
Holly Callas- Sullivan made a motion to approve Paul Carroll as board representative for the 2024-2026 school year. Mindie Smith 2nd the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.
- b. Approval of Student Board Representative Gail Jester.
Holly Callas - Sullivan made a motion to approve Gail Jester as student board representatives for the 2024-2025 school year. Ryan Haacke 2nd the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.
- c. New Mission Statement: Dr. Knight will share the updated Mission Statement. This was constructed with the help of CCS staff and students.
No Motion/Approval Required.

On a virtual secondary school campus, we provide Iowa with a student-centered alternative public education – steeped in mentoring, equity, compassion, and the skills needed to shape the future.

- d. Approval of Corey Lunn (CCS Coordinator of Operations) to serve as equity coordinator, Title IX coordinator, and Homeless Liaison for the 2024-2025 School Year.

Jessica Christensen made a motion to approve Corey Lunn as the equity coordinator, Title IX coordinator, and Homeless Liaison for the 2024-2025 School Year. Mindie Smith 2nd the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

- e. New Board Policies - [Report: Student Attendance](#)
 - i. [Policy 501.15: Chronic Absenteeism and Truancy](#)
 - ii. [Regulation 0501.17-R \(1\): Chronic Absenteeism and Truancy](#)

Ryan Haacke made a motion to approve the new Student Attendance Policies as presented. Mindie 2nd the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

- f. New Positions to Approve

Holly Callas- Sullivan made a motion to approve the new Assistant Registrar and Accountant Positions as presented. Jessica 2nd the motion. All were in in favor, motion carried.

- i. [Assistant Registrar](#)
 - ii. [Accountant](#)

H. LaWanda Sanders' termination from Choice Charter Board

Mindie Smith made a motion to approve the termination of LaWanda Sanders from the Choice Charter School Board. Ryan Haacke 2nd the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

X. Consent Agenda

Holly Callas - Sullivan made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mindie Smith 2nd the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

- d. [Minutes](#)

- e. [Bills Paid 8/1/2024 to 9/30/2024](#)

- f. [Financials](#)

- g. Personnel (Abigail) - new hires and resignations

- i. Resignations:

Mary Bruck - Mentor - Terminated effective 9/17/24

Rachel Hostetter - Mentor - Terminated effective 9/23/24

Johna Clancey - Accountant - Terminated (never really hired so no end date)

Drew Bloom - Teacher - Will terminate in the future effective 10/10/24

ii. Hires:

Jennifer Rude-Wilder - Mentor

Robby Wilder - Mentor

Tiffany Anenson - Mentor

Quenten Hines - Mentor

Savannah Hanlin - Mentor

Melissa Brown - Mentor

Jake Burke - Mentor

Alicia Carrera - Mentor

Ryan Fank - PT SpEd

Candice Fedeler - Mentor

Elizabeth Hills - Mentor

Dana Sanders - Mentor

Kelsey Staudacher - Teacher

Suzi Stewart - Mentor

Kaitlyn Tool - Mentor

Robyn Volkl - Mentor

Karla Duff - Mentor

Theresa Kinch - Mentor

Tracy Steere - FT Special Ed

Savannah Birch - FT Para

Alison West - PT Para

Jada Weir - Mentor

Austin Hansen - Mentor

XI. Comments and Announcements

XII. Adjournment

Ryan Haacke made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jessica Christensen 2nd the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

Next meeting date Dec 10 , 2024 7 pm on charterverse