



**ATHLOS ACADEMY OF JEFFERSON PARISH
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Date: May 10th, 2017 Time: 6:30pm
Location: 516 Gretna Blvd. Gretna, LA 70053

Board Member	Present/Absent
Ben Bourgeois	A
Kathleen Robert	P
Harvey Wier	A
Nina Camacho	P
Carolyn Steel	P
Landon Allen	P
Ted Wong	A
John Foard	P
Advisory Members: Andrew Webber (A); Jason Trosclair (A); Glenn Hayes, Sr. (A) Athlos HQ: Jeff Gunther (P via phone)	

Kathleen Robert, presiding for Ben Bourgeois, called the meeting to order at 6:55 pm. Quorum noted.

Topic	Discussion/Conclusion	Notes
Pledge of Allegiance (1 minute)	Kathleen Robert	
Approval of Agenda (1 minute)	Kathleen Robert	Kathleen Robert requested the approval of the meeting's agenda. Carolyn Steel made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Nina Camacho seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
Call for Conflicts of Interest (1-5 minutes)	Kathleen Robert	None noted
Approval of Meeting Minutes (1 minute)	Approval of February 15 th , 2017 Meeting Minutes	Kathleen Robert asked for the approval of February 15 th 's minutes. John Foard made a motion for the minutes to be approved as presented. Landon Allen seconded the



		motion. The motion carried unanimously.
Public Comment (6 mins)	Kathleen Robert	None
Board Development		
Mission Statement (2 minutes)	The mission of Athlos Academy of Jefferson Parish is to provide high quality educational opportunities for the whole child through three foundational pillars: Prepared Mind, Healthy Body, and Performance Character.	Kathleen Robert read the mission of Athlos Academy of Jefferson.
Discussion Items		
BESE Meeting Debrief (5 minutes)	Discuss current status of Type 2 charter- Jeff Gunther and Kathleen Robert	BESE 3 weeks ago Ben Bourgeois and Landon Allen went with Jeff to BESE. BESE approved the request to expand the opening of Athlos Academy of Jefferson to the Fall 2018. Athlos was granted authority to get one more year. The Department of Education will work with Athlos Academy of Jefferson on the opening check list in January 2018. This allows more time to plan, build, and hire for the opening.
Legal Update (5 minutes)	Discuss status of the Type 2 charter lawsuit – Jeff Gunther	The Type 2 charter school case has not officially taken up by the State court. The Supreme Court must take the case because it is a constitutionality issue. Time line of hearing the case is not out yet. We cannot be hurt in May, recess in the summer; the court is likely to hear case in early Fall. The anticipated turnaround time is typically one month. Their decision

		<p>will hopefully be made by October to December. This would leave us in same place with uncertainty of funds until then. Jim Garvey spoke to Jeff. The Louisiana Department of Education and BESE are working on a plan for Type 2 charters. No other details were provided.</p> <p>Carolyn Steel inquired about other type 2 charters and their future funding and the displacement of students. Per Jeff Gunther, State does not feel it is a pressing issue because the court ruling is on hold. Funding therefor will continue until Supreme Court ruling upholds lower court ruling. As Jeff Gunther sees it, Athlos Academy of Jefferson keeps moving ahead and it is a “wait and see” until then.</p> <p>Construction Update: Construction is on hold until after Supreme Court rules or State provides another mechanism for funding.</p>
<p>Next Steps (20 minutes)</p>	<p>Required next steps related to a 2018-2019 opening- Jeff Gunther</p>	<p>Everything is in place and ready to open through January on the Opening Calendar. A decision to push for enrollment is going to be occurring in the Fall due to court case. The Board needs to review</p>

		<p>the policies over the summer.</p> <p>The other things to work on are to restart the process of hiring a new head of school. Board members question why there is a new search as it was believed and understood Frank Ingargiola was offered the position as Head of School. Per Jeff Gunther, what Athlos thought was that the Board had a preference but reservations with all three. Board disagreed vehemently indicating that the reservations were regarding 2 of the 3 candidates. Lively conversation followed on why Athlos is opening interviews again. Per Jeff Gunther, Athlos began talking with a consultant to assist with hiring. This would be an expense on Athlos, not the school. Jeff stated that he discussed it with Ben Bourgeois as the Chair and Ben agreed. The Board, questioned this statement, as Ben is also in favor of keeping Mr. Ingargiola as the Head of School. This was verified during the meeting by an impromptu phone call the Ben Bourgeois by Nina Camacho during Bourgeois</p>
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		<p>during the board meeting.</p> <p>Carolyn Steel made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the Head of School candidate. Nina Camacho seconded the motion. All members present in favor of the motion. The board went into Executive Session at 7:15 pm. The Board returned from Executive Session at 7:30 pm. The Board unanimously requested to Athlos ESP that two of the top three previously interviewed Head of School candidates, minus Mr. Frank Ingargiola, be dropped from the new interview process and have all new candidates including Mr. Ingargiola for the Board to interview. Jeff Gunther states we will not do that if Athlos' Legal Department advises against this request. The Board collectively asks Jeff on behalf of Athlos ESP for a written explanation of why this cannot happen and why this request is unreasonable. The Board does not feel it is an unreasonable request. Jeff Gunther states he will communicate all this to Athlos, and bring back</p>
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Action Items		
<p>Meeting Schedule (5 minutes)</p>	<p>Set meeting schedule for remainder of the current academic year- Jeff Gunther</p>	<p>Jeff Gunther requested more time to organize the calendar.</p>

Adjournment: **With no further business to discuss, meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm.**