

In The Matter Of:
The State of Delaware
Department of Education

In Re: New Maurice J. Moyer Academy
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THE STATE OF DELAWARE
 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
 and
 BOARD OF EDUCATION

In re:)
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 NEW MAURICE J. MOYER ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL)
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TRANSCRIPT OF PUBLIC HEARING

Carvel State Building
 820 French Street
 Wilmington, Delaware 19801
 June 17, 2014
 5:34 p.m.

HEARD BEFORE: JENNIFER NAGOURNEY

APPEARANCES:

CATHERINE T. HICKEY, ESQ., Deputy
 Attorney General for the Department of Education

TERI QUINN GRAY, President, State Board
 of Education

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1 MS. NAGOURNEY: Good evening. I
2 declare this public hearing to be open. My name
3 is Jennifer Nagourney, Executive Director of the
4 Charter School Office for the Delaware Department
5 of Education. I have been appointed by the
6 Secretary of Education to conduct the public
7 hearing.

8 The New Maurice J. Moyer Academy has
9 filed an application for a major charter
10 modification.

11 I will now ask the others with me to
12 introduce themselves.

13 MS. HICKEY: Catherine Hickey,
14 Deputy Attorney General, counsel to the hearing
15 officer this evening.

16 MS. GRAY: Teri Quinn Gray,
17 President of the Delaware State Board of
18 Education.

19 MS. NAGOURNEY: This joint public
20 hearing is being held by the Delaware Department
21 of Education and the State Board of Education to
22 give the school the opportunity to provide
23 information about and comment on the application
24 and also to receive public comments.



1 I would like the record to reflect
2 that the notice of the time, date, and place of
3 today's public hearing was published in The News
4 Journal and the Delaware State News on
5 May 30th, 2014.

6 In addition, notice was posted at
7 the Charter School Accountability Committee's
8 official place of business, on the Department of
9 Education's official website, and on the State
10 Public Meeting Calendar on the State's official
11 website on May 30th, 2014.

12 Further, the applicant was
13 personally notified of the time, date, and place
14 of today's public hearing on May 30th, 2014.

15 A court reporter is present so that
16 a record of this hearing can be made. It will be
17 necessary for each speaker to clearly identify
18 himself or herself before beginning to speak so
19 that the court reporter will be able to note who
20 you are.

21 The record of this hearing will be
22 provided to the Secretary of Education and
23 members of the State Board of Education, together
24 with any written or electronic comments received



1 at or before this hearing. We have not received
2 any electronic or written comments to date.

3 We will proceed in the following
4 manner: First, we will hear from any
5 representatives of the charter school who wish to
6 comment on the application. Then we will take
7 comments from anyone else who desires to speak.

8 At this time I would like to note
9 that the time is 5:36 p.m. This hearing was
10 scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m. There is no one
11 present. Just as I speak --

12 If you desire to speak, please come
13 forward and sign in. I don't think we need a
14 show of hands of everyone who wants to speak.

15 So at this point we will accept
16 comments from any representatives of the charter
17 school who wish to comment.

18 MR. CURRY: Good afternoon. Good
19 evening. My name is Christopher T. Curry,
20 Chairman of the Board for Moyer Academy.

21 I just want to take this opportunity
22 to appeal to the committee and to the community
23 to permit us to get this modification for us to
24 have a blended model. We have been in a



1 situation where we've been up and down trying to
2 find the best tools we can to properly educate
3 those young men and women in the east side of the
4 city.

5 We believe now with SpringBoard,
6 with the professional development that we are
7 scheduling even as I speak for our professional
8 staff, with the climate change that has already
9 occurred, we believe this will be the beginning
10 of a great day for Moyer.

11 Looking at other schools that have
12 certainly used this, we found that it is a
13 proven -- it will do well for our students as
14 well as those who are from the inner city, so we
15 do believe that this will be a great opportunity
16 for us to do it with the understanding that
17 professional development will be the great part
18 of it. We have a couple weeks of professional
19 development being planned even as we speak.

20 That's all I have.

21 MS. NAGOURNEY: At this time we're
22 going to go off the record. We're going to allow
23 some time for anyone else who wishes to attend
24 and wishes to speak to come. We will go off the



1 record until that happens or until 6:00 p.m.

2 (A brief recess was taken.)

3 MS. NAGOURNEY: I'd like to note
4 that no additional people have joined, attended
5 the meeting. No one has come forward to speak.
6 It is very nearly 6:00 p.m. It's 5:59. So at
7 this point if there is no one else who desires to
8 speak, we will call the hearing closed.

9 I would like to thank everyone who
10 participated today. The Secretary will consider
11 your comments as part of the decision-making
12 process, and your comments will also be available
13 for the State Board to consider. Thank you.

14 (Hearing concluded at 6:00 p.m.)
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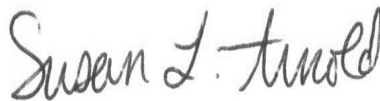


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I, SUSAN ARNOLD YODER, Registered Professional Reporter and Notary Public, do hereby certify that the foregoing record, pages 1 through 7 inclusive, is a true and accurate transcript of my stenographic notes taken on June 17, 2014, in the above-captioned matter.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 18th day of June, 2014, at Wilmington.



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