

In The Matter Of:

*The State of Delaware Department of Education
In Re: Early College High School*

*Hearing
February 3, 2015*

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DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION)
 and STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION)
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 In Re: EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL)

Department of Education
 The Townsend Building
 401 Federal Street
 Cabinet Room
 Dover, Delaware

Tuesday, February 3, 2015
 5:11 p.m.

BEFORE: JENNIFER NAGOURNEY, Hearing Officer

PRESENT:

CATHERINE T. HICKEY, ESQUIRE
 DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL
 Counsel to the Hearing Officer

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1 HEARING OFFICER: Good evening.

2 I declare this public hearing to be open.

3 My name is Jennifer Nagourney.

4 I am the executive director of the Charter
5 School Office at the Delaware Department of
6 Education, and I have been appointed by the
7 Secretary of Education to conduct this public
8 hearing.

9 The charter of Early College
10 High School has applied for a major
11 modification. As required by law, this matter
12 was referred to the Charter School
13 Accountability Committee.

14 This joint public hearing is
15 being held by the Department of Education and
16 the State Board of Education to assist in the
17 decision of whether the criteria set forth in
18 the Delaware Code has been satisfied. This
19 hearing provides the school and the public
20 with an opportunity to provide and receive
21 public comment.

22 I will now ask our legal counsel
23 today to introduce herself.

24 MS. HICKEY: My name is



1 Catherine Hickey. I'm a deputy attorney
2 general with the Delaware Department of
3 Justice. I serve as counsel to the Department
4 of Education, and this evening I am here as
5 counsel to the hearing officer.

6 HEARING OFFICER: I would like
7 the record to reflect the notice of the time,
8 date and place of today's public hearing was
9 published in The News Journal and the Delaware
10 State News. In addition, notice was posted at
11 the Charter School Accountability Committee's
12 official place of business on the Department
13 of Education's official website and on the
14 state public meeting calendar on the state's
15 official's website. Further, the school was
16 personally notified of the time, date, and
17 place of today's public hearing on
18 January 21st, 2015.

19 A court reporter is present so
20 that a record of this hearing can be made. It
21 will be necessary for each speaker to clearly
22 identified himself or herself before beginning
23 to speak so that the court reporter will be
24 able to note who you are.



1 The record of this hearing will
2 be provided to the Secretary of Education, the
3 members of the State Board of Education,
4 together with any written or electronic
5 comments received at this hearing.

6 We will proceed in the following
7 manner: First, we will hear from any
8 representatives of the charter who wish to
9 speak. Then we will take comments from anyone
10 else who desires to speak. There are sign-up
11 sheets outside, but given the small number of
12 participants, it may not be necessary to refer
13 to them during the hearing. If you desire to
14 speak and you have not yet signed up, you will
15 have an opportunity to come forward and speak.

16 May I have a show a hands of
17 everyone who wants to speak for Early College
18 High School?

19 (Pause.)

20 HEARING OFFICER: Let the record
21 note that no one has raised their hands.

22 At this point, I will accept
23 comments from anyone who desires to speak on
24 behalf of the school.



1 (Pause.)

2 HEARING OFFICER: Since no one
3 is here, we will go ahead and formally close
4 the meeting. If anyone else should arrive
5 after we close this meeting and they want to
6 speak on behalf of the application, we will
7 take their testimony and then insert their
8 comments into the record after the fact.

9 Is there anyone else who desires
10 to speak?

11 (Pause.)

12 HEARING OFFICER: Thank you all
13 for participating today. The hearing is now
14 closed.

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16 (The hearing concluded at
17 5:14 p.m.)

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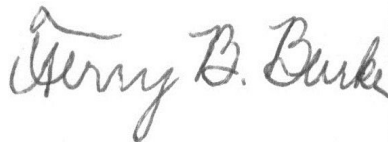


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CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER

I, Terry Barbano Burke, RMR-CRR and Notary Public, do hereby certify that the foregoing record, pages 1 to 6 inclusive, is a true and accurate transcript of my stenographic notes taken on Tuesday, February 3, 2015, in the above-captioned matter.



Terry Barbano Burke, RMR-CRR



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