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The State of Delaware
Department of Education

In Re: Gateway Lab School
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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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GATEWAY LAB SCHOOL)
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TRANSCRIPT OF PUBLIC HEARING

Carvel State Building
820 French Street
Wilmington, Delaware 19801
May 7, 2014
5:31 p.m.

HEARD BEFORE: JOHN CARWELL JR.

APPEARANCES:

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Attorney General for the Department of Education

GREG COVERDALE, State Board Member

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1 MR. CARWELL: Good evening,
2 everyone. I declare this public hearing to be
3 open. My name is John Carwell Jr. I'm an
4 education associate at the Department of
5 Education, and I've been appointed by the
6 Secretary of Education to conduct this public
7 hearing.

8 Gateway Lab School has filed an
9 application for a major modification.

10 And I will now ask others who are
11 joining me to introduce themselves.

12 MR. COVERDALE: Hi. I'm Greg
13 Coverdale. I'm here to represent the State Board
14 of Education.

15 MS. HICKEY: Catherine Hickey,
16 Deputy Attorney General and counsel to this
17 hearing officer.

18 THE COURT REPORTER: Susan Arnold,
19 the court reporter.

20 MR. CARWELL: Thank you.

21 This joint public hearing is being
22 held by the Department of Education and the State
23 Board of Education to give the school an
24 opportunity to provide information about and



1 comment on the application and also to receive
2 public comments.

3 I would like the record to reflect
4 that the notice of the time, date, and place of
5 today's public hearing was published in The News
6 Journal and the Delaware State News on
7 April 21, 2014.

8 In addition, notice was posted at
9 the charter school accountability committee's
10 official place of business, the Department of
11 Education's official website, and on the State
12 public meeting calendar on the State's official
13 website on March 28, 2014.

14 Further, the applicant was
15 personally notified of the time, date, and place
16 of today's public hearing on March 28, 2014.

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

23 The record of this hearing will be
24 provided to the Secretary of Education and



1 members of the State Board of Education together
2 with any written or electronic comments received
3 at or before this hearing, and to date we have
4 not received any.

5 So we will proceed in the following
6 manner: First we will hear from any
7 representatives of the charter school who wish to
8 comment on the application. Then we will take
9 comments from anyone else. I do not see any at
10 this point.

11 And there are sign-up sheets at the
12 back. Has everyone signed in? Great.

13 So at this point we will move on to
14 comments. I intend to be as liberal with time as
15 possible, but I will invoke a time limit if
16 necessary. And at this point I will accept
17 comments from representatives of the school.

18 Please come up to the podium, and
19 please identify yourself before you speak.

20 MS. DOLAN: My name is Catherine
21 Dolan, and I am Head of School at the Gateway Lab
22 School.

23 Basically the Gateway Lab School is
24 applying for this modification because we have a



1 most unique population. We feel that this
2 modification would serve our population well.
3 62 percent of our students have IEPs, individual
4 education plans. An additional 12 percent have
5 504s.

6 And so we did consult with the other
7 school in the state, Positive Outcomes, who has
8 this particular modification. And after two
9 meetings with Ed Emmett, the Head of School, we
10 felt that our populations were very similar and
11 that the needs were very aligned.

12 And then also we have spoken to
13 representatives from DOE on several occasions,
14 and they also felt this would be advisable for
15 our school. And so with that, we are proceeding
16 with the modification.

17 MR. CARWELL: Thank you.

18 MS. DOLAN: You're welcome.

19 MR. CARWELL: Are there any others
20 who desire to speak?

21 If not, I want to thank you all for
22 participating today. The secretary will consider
23 your comments as part of the decision-making, and
24 your comments will be available for the State



1 board to consider.

2 And this hearing is now closed.

3 (Hearing concluded at 5:35 p.m.)

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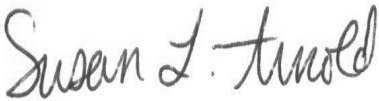


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I, SUSAN L. ARNOLD, Registered Professional Reporter and Notary Public, do hereby certify that the foregoing record, pages 1 through 7 inclusive, is a true and accurate transcript of my stenographic notes taken on May 7, 2014, in the above-captioned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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 8th day of May, 2014, at Wilmington.



SUSAN L. ARNOLD, RPR



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