

In The Matter Of:
*Department of Education
and Board of Education*

*In Re: Prestige Academy
May 18, 2015*

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THE STATE OF DELAWARE
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
and
BOARD OF EDUCATION

In re:)
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PRESTIGE ACADEMY)

TRANSCRIPT OF PUBLIC HEARING

Carvel State Building
820 French Street
Wilmington, Delaware 19801
May 18, 2015
6:01 p.m.

HEARD BEFORE: JENNIFER NAGOURNEY

APPEARANCES:

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

DONNA JOHNSON, Executive Director, State
Board of Education

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1 MS. NAGOURNEY: Good evening. I
2 declare the public hearing to be open. My
3 name is Jennifer Nagourney. I am the
4 executive director for the Charter School
5 Office of 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 Prestige Academy
10 was placed on formal review by the Department
11 of Education with the assent of the State
12 Board of Education. As required by law, the
13 matter was referred to the Charter School
14 Accountability Committee, which will issue its
15 report later this evening.

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

23 I will now ask the others with me
24 today to introduce themselves.



1 MS. JOHNSON: Donna Johnson,
2 Executive Director, Delaware State Board of
3 Education.

4 MS. HICKEY: Catherine Hickey,
5 Deputy Attorney General, Delaware Department
6 of Justice, serving as counsel to the hearing
7 officer this evening.

8 MS. NAGOURNEY: I would like the
9 record to reflect the notice of the time,
10 date, and place of today's public hearing was
11 published in The News Journal and the Delaware
12 State News.

13 In addition, notice was posted at
14 the Charter School Accountability Committee's
15 official place of business, on the Department
16 of Education's official website, and on the
17 State public meeting calendar on the State's
18 official website. Further, the school was
19 personally notified of the time, date, and
20 place of today's public hearing.

21 A court reporter is present so
22 that a record of this hearing can be made. It
23 will be necessary for each speaker to clearly
24 identify himself or herself before beginning



1 to speak so that the court reporter will be
2 able to note who you are.

3 The record of this hearing will
4 be provided to the Secretary of Education and
5 members of the State Board of Education
6 together with any written comments received at
7 this hearing.

8 We will proceed in the following
9 manner: First we will hear from any
10 representatives of the charter who wish to
11 comment. Then we will take comments from
12 anyone else who desires to speak. We had a
13 sign-up sheet. Is there anyone else who would
14 like to sign in?

15 I'd like the record to reflect
16 that there is no one here from the school, and
17 no one has raised their hand. And there's no
18 one in the room other than the hearing
19 officers and me. We have a sign-up sheet with
20 two names, but neither one indicated that they
21 wanted to speak and neither one is still here.

22 With that said, this hearing is
23 now closed. The Secretary will consider these
24 comments as part of the decision-making



1 process. Thank you.

2 (Hearing concluded at 6:03 p.m.)

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1 REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

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3 I, SUSAN ARNOLD YODER, Registered
4 Professional Reporter and Notary Public, do
5 hereby certify that the foregoing record,
6 pages 1 through 6 inclusive, is a true and
7 accurate transcript of my stenographic notes
8 taken on May 18, 2015, in the above-captioned
9 matter.

10 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set
11 my hand and seal this 19th day of May, 2015,
12 at Wilmington.

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15 *Susan A. Yoder*
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SUSAN ARNOLD YODER, RPR, CRR

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