

In The Matter Of:
Department of Education
In Re: Mapleton Charter School

Hearing
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STATE OF DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
AND THE STATE OF DELAWARE BOARD OF EDUCATION

PUBLIC HEARING

IN RE:

MAPLETON CHARTER SCHOOL

Department of Education
The Townsend Building
401 Federal Street
Dover, Delaware 19901

Monday, October 12, 2015
6:11 p.m.

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING

BEFORE:

DONNA JOHNSON, HEARING OFFICER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF STATE BOARD
OF EDUCATION

CATHERINE HICKEY, ESQ.
DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

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1 THE HEARING OFFICER: Good
2 evening. I declare this public hearing to be
3 open. My name is Donna Johnson. I'm the
4 Executive Director of the Delaware State Board
5 of Education, and I will be acting as the
6 hearing officer for this public hearing.

7 Mapleton Charter School has
8 applied for a major modification to its
9 charter. As required by law, the matter was
10 referred to the Charter School Accountability
11 Committee. This joint public hearing is being
12 held by the Department of Education and the
13 State Board of Education to assist in the
14 decision of whether the criteria set forth for
15 approval in the Delaware Code have been
16 satisfied.

17 This hearing provides the school
18 an opportunity to receive public comment.

19 I will now ask the others to
20 introduce themselves.

21 MS. HICKEY: My name is
22 Catherine Hickey. I am a Deputy Attorney
23 General with the Delaware Department of
24 Justice, and I am here this evening serving as



1 counsel to the hearing officer.

2 THE HEARING OFFICER: I would
3 like the record to reflect that notice of the
4 time, date and place of today's public hearing
5 was published in The News Journal and the
6 Delaware State News. In addition, notice was
7 posted at the charter school accountability
8 committee's official place of business, on the
9 Department of Education's official website,
10 and on the State Public Meeting Calendar on
11 the State's official website. Further, the
12 school was personally notified of the time,
13 date and place of today's public hearing.

14 A court reporter is present so
15 that a record of this hearing can be made. It
16 will be necessary for each speaker to clearly
17 identify his or herself before beginning to
18 speak so that the court reporter will be able
19 to note who you are. The record of this
20 hearing will be provided to the Secretary of
21 Education and the members of the State Board
22 of Education, together with any written or
23 electronic comments received at or before this
24 hearing.



1 The order in which we will
2 proceed is that we will hear from any
3 representatives of the charter who wish to
4 comment. We will then accept comment from
5 anyone else from the public who is here to
6 give public comment.

7 At this time, we have no one who
8 has registered to speak for this public
9 hearing. I will pause to see if anyone would
10 like to deliver public comment.

11 Since we have no one signed up
12 for public comment, I would like to thank
13 everyone that is here for participating today.

14 The transcript of this public
15 hearing will be prepared for the Secretary to
16 consider and use in the decision-making
17 process. The comments will also be made
18 available for the State Board to consider.

19 This hearing is now closed.

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

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CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER

I, Lucinda M. Reeder, Registered
Diplomate Reporter, Certified Real-time
Reporter and Notary Public, do hereby certify
that the foregoing record is a true and
accurate transcript of my stenographic notes
taken on October 12, 2015 in the
above-captioned matter.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set
my hand and seal this 14th day of October 2015
at Wilmington, Delaware



Lucinda M. Reeder, RDR, CRR



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