

In The Matter Of:
Department of Education
Modification Application of Delaware Design Lab High

Public Hearing
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STATE OF DELAWARE
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
CHARTER SCHOOL OFFICE

IN RE: PUBLIC HEARING ON WHAT ACTION TO TAKE
RELATIVE TO THE MODIFICATION
APPLICATION OF DELAWARE DESIGN LAB
HIGH SCHOOL

Carvel State Building
820 North French Street
2nd Floor Auditorium
Wilmington, Delaware

Monday, July 10, 2017
5:01 p.m.

BEFORE: CATHERINE T. HICKEY, ESQ.
Deputy Attorney General for
the State Board of Education

DENISE STOUFFER,
Lead Education Associate,
Charter School Office

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1 MS. STOUFFER: Good evening.

2 I declare this public hearing to
3 be open. My name is Denise Stouffer. I'm the
4 lead education associate with the Charter
5 School 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 Delaware Design Lab High
10 School has filed a minor modification
11 application to make revisions to their school.
12 As permitted by law, the matter was referred
13 by the Secretary to the Charter School
14 Accountability Committee for investigation and
15 report. The Charter School Accountability
16 Committee has issued a final report on the
17 matter. The public hearing is being held by
18 the Department of Education to receive public
19 comments.

20 I would like the record to
21 reflect that the notice of the time, date and
22 place of today's public hearing was published
23 in The News Journal and the Delaware State
24 News on June 22nd, 2017. In addition, notice



1 was posted at the Charter School
2 Accountability Committee's official place of
3 business, on the Delaware Department of
4 Education's official website, and on the State
5 Public Meeting Calendar on the State's
6 official website. Further, the Delaware
7 Design Lab High School was personally notified
8 of the time, date and place of today's public
9 hearing on June 26th, 2017.

10 A court reporter is present so
11 that a record of the hearing can be made. It
12 will be necessary for each speaker to clearly
13 identify his- or herself before beginning to
14 speak so that the court reporter will be able
15 to note who you are. The record of this
16 hearing will be provided to the Secretary of
17 Education, together with any written or
18 electronic comments received during the course
19 of the minor modification decision process.
20 To date, no additional written public comments
21 have been received on this minor modification
22 application since the last public hearing.

23 We will proceed in the following
24 manner. First, we will hear from any



1 representatives of the charter school who wish
2 to comment on the minor modification
3 application. Then we will take comments from
4 anyone else who desires to speak. There are
5 sign-up sheets at the front table. If you
6 desire to speak, please sign in now.

7 At this point I will accept
8 comments from anyone who desires to speak.

9 MR. MILLER: My name is Paul
10 Miller, the Chairman of the Board at Delaware
11 Design Lab High School. I just want to take a
12 real brief moment to thank you and this
13 Committee for walking us through this. It has
14 been a fantastic exercise really for our
15 school to provide clarity not only to us, to
16 the Board, and certainly to the State. So I
17 thank you for that. And, number two, I just
18 can't tell you how excited we are as a school
19 to be moving forward with this clarity and the
20 excitement that's building. So I want to
21 thank you all.

22 MS. STOUFFER: Is there anyone
23 else who would like to make a public comment?

24 Seeing none, we'll go off the



1 record to wait and see if anybody else arrives
2 to make public comment.

3 Fifteen minutes.

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5 MS. STOUFFER: Back on the
6 record.

7 It is now 5:20. We've been off
8 the record for 15 minutes. Is there anyone
9 else who desires to speak? If not, I want to
10 thank you all for participating today. The
11 Secretary will consider your comments in
12 deciding at the conclusion of the minor
13 modification process what decision to share
14 with the State Board.

15 The hearing is now closed.

16 (The hearing adjourned at
17 approximately 5:20 p.m. this same day.)

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C E R T I F I C A T E

STATE OF DELAWARE:
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NEW CASTLE COUNTY:

I, Robert Wayne Wilcox, Jr., a Registered Professional Reporter, within and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the foregoing hearing was taken before me, pursuant to notice, at the time and place indicated; that said witness was by me duly sworn to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth; that the testimony of said witness was correctly recorded in machine shorthand by me and thereafter transcribed under my supervision with computer-aided transcription; that the foregoing hearing is a true record of the testimony given by the witness; and that I am neither of counsel nor kin to any party in said action, nor interested in the outcome thereof.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 10th day of July A D 2017



Robert Wayne Wilcox, Jr., RPR

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