Deanna Rowe

From: Debra Petersen <debbiepetersen@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, September 06, 2013 6:50 PM
To: Deanna Rowe
Subject: Fw: Resignation of Debra Petersen as Charter Representative of Omega Schools, Inc.
Attachments: Omega Official Resignation.pdf

Deanna,

Here is a copy of the e-mail that I sent to Dr. Bassett and the Omega Schools board regarding my resignation. I sincerely put forth my best effort to turnaround the circumstances that Omega Schools finds itself in as a result of many years of problems. It is important to note that since I have taken over as of July 1st, I have not had the authority or decision-making power that is typical of a charter representative. Dr. Bassett has exercised that control from her position as CEO/president of the board. Thank you so much for your support and guidance throughout this process.

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To: Patricia Bassett <drbassett@omegaschoolsk12.net>; 'Bud' <drbudmcj@gmail.com>; 'RM CHERNOV' <rmchernov@yahoo.com>; "drmtutuff@comcast.net" <drmtutuff@comcast.net>; 'Janice Ehrlich' <janice.ehrlich@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 6, 2013 6:44 PM
Subject: Resignation of Debra Petersen as Charter Representative of Omega Schools, Inc.

Omega Schools Board Members,

Attached you will find my official letter of resignation from Omega Schools, Inc. effective close of business September 6, 2013. I sent an e-mail with a message detailing my intent to resign last week to Dr. Bassett and have spent this past week transitioning the new business manager. It is unfortunate that it has ended this way; I feel I have accomplished a great many things during my tenure and sincerely wish the best for Omega and its students.

Thanks,
Debbie Petersen

September 6, 2013

Dr. Bassett and Fellow Omega Schools Board Members,

I must inform you that I am resigning from Omega Schools effective immediately. I was given a verbal agreement that I would be taking over the organization as charter representative. However, I find that circumstances are occurring at Omega where decisions are being made to change the organizational structure that effectively change my roles and responsibilities. Additionally, financial decisions (of which I have not had control or access for current or previous years) are being made that negatively impact the operational budget that do not support the STEAM mission that I outlined for the organization when selected/approved to take over as charter representative. I have been given such limited authority over decision-making that I now find that I do not even have input on who is going to be hired or expenditures that affect the planning and implementation of the goals for the school year. This is not typical of how a charter school operates. I am extremely disappointed in how this process has transpired and find that the terms that I originally agreed to have not been honored.

The students, teachers, staff, and parents of Omega can attest to my hard work, genuine care for the welfare and education of students, and overall ethics. I have increased enrollment, improved facilities & signage, marketed, implemented operational systems, hired highly qualified staff members, and was able to get 28.8% funding reinstated for title grants (by writing for the waiver letter to the federal government). I have also successfully solicited donations of much needed supplies, equipment, and services. I have personally spent every weekend working at the school endless hours to clean, move furniture, prepare classrooms, organize, paint, prepare schedules, and attend to numerous physical and academic tasks that required my attention.

I am a devoted educator, who prides myself in being a servant leader. I dedicated my time, energy and heart willingly to Omega knowing that I was doing the work of what usually takes multiple staff members. In my time at Omega, I have served in the capacity of superintendent, principal, janitor, maintenance manager, teacher, registrar and many others. Unfortunately, these efforts have been disregarded. I have been circumvented during organizational decisions, typically made by the charter representative, that were instead made by the board president.

I can no longer continue under these circumstances even though I find myself surrounded by people who want me to stay. I have spent the last four days (9/3/13-9/6/13) providing detailed information to the representative from Funding Schools to transition day-to-day functions and operations. It is with much sadness that I say goodbye and wish you the best of luck.

Sincerely,

Debra Petersen

Bianca Ulibarri

From: Bianca Ulibarri
Sent: Tuesday, September 24, 2013 10:29 AM
To: 'Patricia Bassett'; 'pkeech@omegaschoolsk12.net'
Cc: Deanna Rowe
Subject: RE: Resignation of Debra Petersen as Charter Representative of Omega Schools, Inc.
Attachments: Omega- CharterRepNotication.pdf

Dr. Bassett,

Per our conversation this morning, our office received the Board minutes and FCC for Patricia Keech.

As I stated earlier, in addition to the documents received, please have Ms. Keech provide the following:

- Sign the attached Charter Representative Notification Request form.
- Notarized Affidavit, Disclosure and Consent for Background and Credit Check (This template can be found on our website under Support Documentation: http://www.asbcs.az.gov/school_resources/notification_forms.asp)
- Background Information Sheets (This template can be found on our website under Support Documentation: http://www.asbcs.az.gov/school_resources/notification_forms.asp)
- Transcripts from the highest post-secondary education institution attended or verification of Coursework/Degree (http:www.studentclearinghouse.org/)
- Copy of a current resume
- Provide information regarding any payment, benefit or consideration received or to be received by any party in the transition.
- Email address for new Charter Representative

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact this office.

Bianca Ulibarri, Constituent Services Specialist
Arizona State Board of Charter Schools

From: Patricia Bassett [mailto:drbassett@omegaschoolsk12.net]
Sent: Monday, September 23, 2013 9:42 AM
To: Bianca Ulibarri
Cc: pkeech@omegaschoolsk12.net
Subject: RE: Resignation of Debra Petersen as Charter Representative of Omega Schools, Inc.
Importance: High

From: Bianca Ulibarri [mailto:Bianca.Ulibarri@asbcs.az.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2013 9:05 AM
To: Patricia Bassett (drbassett@cox.net); 'janice.ehrlich@gmail.com'; 'drbassett@omegaschoolsk12.net'; 'drmtutuff@comcast.net'; 'drbudmcj@gmail.com'; 'rmchernov@yahoo.com'
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Dear Omega Schools board members,

Our office received the email below and the attached document from Debra Petersen, the most recent charter representative of Omega Schools. With her resignation, there is no current charter representative on file for the charter.

For communication purposes regarding Omega Schools, our office needs to have a current charter representative on file. Please submit a Charter Representative Notification Request through our online database with all or the required support documentation adding the new individual.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 602-364-3080.

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