Call to Order:
Dr. Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm.

Roll Call:
Board members present: Alton Thompson, Rebecca Fox-Lykins, Rayton Sianjina, John N. Austin, Judi Coffield, Stephanie Wright, Amir Mohammadi (by telephone), Charles McDowell (by telephone), Lois Hobbs (by telephone).
Board members absent: Joan Engel
Representing Innovative Schools (IS), Don Liberati
Two guests from Ed Works were present for Board training following the Board meeting.

Approval of Minutes
Motion to approve minutes from February 7, 2013 with no corrections – John Austin
2nd – Rayton Sianjina
Motion to approve minutes, passed.

Subcommittee Reports:
Academic Programs Committee – No report made

Finance and Facility Committee - Amir Mohammadi
- Budget with the exception of the facility is complete.
- Board will be presented with facility options at next meeting
- Most likely option is to remodel an existing building on campus and build a new building within the next two years.
- Cost for the new building is approximately $2.8 million dollars.
- ECHS will have to seek funding for new building.
- RFP for CMO is complete. Amir will share a copy of the RFP with the Board.

Dr. Thompson commented that President Williams is completing PRIDE tours in all three Delaware counties. President Williams is mentioning the ECHS in each presentation and most of the interest and questions are about the ECHS. Many are asking about the admission criteria for the ECHS. This effort will continue with the hope of garnering support for the ECHS. Judi
Coffield suggested that he be videotaped making these presentations and we use the video clips in some of the advertisement for the ECHS.

Marketing and Student Recruitment – Alton Thompson
- The PRIDE tours are helping with marketing.
- Dr. Thompson and Carolyn Curry talked to the Rodel foundation regarding funding for the ECHS. No commitment was made by Rodel but they invited our application and had very positive comments about our efforts.
- Judi Coffield mentioned an initiative out of the DE Governor’s office that provides funding for a Spanish and Chinese language program.
- Also, federal funding may be available for the ECHS.

Personnel and Nominating Committee
Motion to go into Executive Session – Charles McDowell – 6:30 pm.
2nd – Rayton Sianjina

Executive Session
Motion to adjourn Executive session – Lois Hobbs – 6:55 pm.
2nd – Charles McDowell

CMO Report – Don Liberati
- Personnel Committee may need to set a schedule for meetings as the search for the school leader continues.
- Dr. Thompson thanked Don for all the help in facility planning.

Action Items
NONE

Announcements
Stephanie Wright suggested that Dr. Brian Starkes from our Sociology Department might be a good candidate to take out for purposes of recruiting students. He is very enthusiastic and upbeat, students will respond well to him.

John Austin announced that National Charter School Week is coming up. On May 9th on the Legislative Lawn in Dover at 12:30, supporters of charter schools will gather. Judi Coffield suggested that we get brochures for the ECHS available by this date so that we can distribute them during Nat’n Charter School Week.

Judi Coffield asked when the ECHS website would be available. She suggested that this take place as soon as possible so that information about admission, curriculum, focus, etc. could be shared with the public.

Next Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 18.
Public Commentary
Dr. Jan Christopher from DSU described a high school economics course and handed out some materials.

Adjournment
Motion to adjourn – Stephanie Wright
2nd – Judi Coffield
Meeting Adjourned at 7:20 pm

Minutes Submitted by Board Secretary, Rebecca Fox-Lykens