

## **Road to Success Charter High School**

### **Founders and Proposed Board of Trustees**

*This is prepared by the founding group of the proposed Road to Success Charter High School.*

The founding group will continue to grow and is expected to break out into five main groups if the charter is approved: the board holding and overseeing the charter, some initial employees of the school, board members of a nonprofit supporting the mission and vision of the school, an advisory group, and a parent site council.

- *Anthony Barrows* is an alumnus of the Massachusetts foster care system and has worked on behalf of youth in care for over a decade. He has served on numerous boards and committees devoted to the well being of youth. He successfully advocated and worked with the legislature for several reforms, including: easing the ability of youth to stay in care while in school; providing tuition waivers to foster youth at state colleges and universities; and the introduction of the Foster Child Grant program, which helps fund studies at non-state schools.

- *Thomas E. Belski* is the President of Employment Resources, Inc. (ERI), a non-profit that provides administrative and accounting supports to other non-profit corporations, operates two One-Stop Career Centers and runs the Health Professionals Training Institute. His work experience includes CEO of a community-based behavioral health organization, director for a special education consortium, and school principal.

- *Mary Beth Burke* is the co-founder and former Board President of the Abby Kelley Foster Charter Public School in Worcester, a public charter school that serves over 1000 students in grades K-12 in Worcester. She served as the Chair of the school's Board of Directors for seven years. She holds a Master's Degree from Boston College where she was awarded the Teaching Excellence Award.

- *Rodney D. Byrd* has over 20 years of experience in Operations and Human Resources. He has provided consulting services for Cornell University, Dartmouth College, Rhode Island School of Design, Interaction Institute for Social Change, and Third Sector New England. He has an MS in Counseling and Higher Education Administration from USC and Certification in Strategic Leadership from Harvard.

- *Bette Bohlke-O'Gara* has been the Executive Director of the Comprehensive School Aged Parenting Program, Inc. for 20 years and holds a MSSS from the BU School of Social Work. CSAPP provides pregnant and parenting counseling, education and case management services for 500 at-risk youth.

- *Bill Chisholm* is a former resident and businessman of Gloucester, where he established, co-owned, operated and served as principal photographer and printer for Chisholm-Sierra Photography. He also founded and operated a yoga center in Gloucester for six years. Mr. Chisholm continues to be an avid photographer and painter with many ties to the Northshore art community. He received his BA *cum laude* in Theatre Arts and Psychology from Boston College and studied at the Montserrat College of Art in Beverly.

- *Joan Ciampa* is a Peabody resident and currently an instructional technology/assistive technology specialist for the Special Education Department of the Peabody Public Schools, where she provides access to curriculum through technology for students with IEPs and evaluates and recommends curriculum materials for special education classrooms. She previously served as a Curriculum Integration Specialist for Peabody Public Schools for 16 years, as well as a Content Specialist in Instructional Technology for the Massachusetts Department of Education. She holds a Master of Education in Curriculum and Instructional Technology from Framingham State College and a Bachelor of Science in Education from Lesley College.

- *Ron Clark* is a Senior Lecturer at B.U.'s Center for English Language, where he specializes in designing and delivering professional preparation programs, content-based language classes, and pronunciation and writing skills courses. He is also an Associate Professor at Berklee College of Music, teaching writing skills and literature to both native and non-native speakers of English and English as a Second Language. Mr. Clark received his M.Ed. in Teaching English as a Second Language from Boston University.

- *Ralph D'Amico* is a TOEFL/ESL Instructor at Approach International Student Center in Boston. His previous work experience includes teaching English reading, writing and speaking skills and SAT Instruction in South Korea and volunteer work in Kampala, Uganda and Florence, Italy. He is multi-lingual (fluent in English, Spanish, and Italian, and conversational in Korean).

- *Lainie Flipp* is an independent sales consultant representing K-12 through Adult Education publishing companies, with a focus on addressing the educational needs of at-risk and struggling learners in major curriculum areas. Since 1995 she has worked extensively with many educational publishers and has an intricate knowledge base of available textbooks for students of various learning levels.

- *Robert C. Guinto, Jr., Lead Founder*, and coordinator of the proposal submission process, is the President of Non Profit Capital Management, LLC (NPCM) and the Executive Director of Non Profit Care Coordination, Inc. (NPCCI). He holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government. Mr. Guinto has over 25 years of experience in human services as both a direct care worker and administrator. He was instrumental in the legislature establishing the Warren Scholarship for higher education for children who have been in foster care. He also assisted in opening charter schools in Phoenix, Arizona and Rockymount, North Carolina. He grew up in Peabody and attended Peabody High School.

- *Dr. Joseph H. Hagan* is President Emeritus of Assumption College, having served as President of the college for almost 20 years. He is Chairman of the Board of Trustees of John Cabot University in Rome and a former trustee of Providence College, Mount Saint Joseph College and Assumption College. In 2006, the Governor of Rhode Island appointed him as a member of the Rhode Island Board of Governors of Higher Ed.

- *Kevin Hava* is currently working on his M.S. for Teaching Secondary Education in the subject of Biology (anticipated Summer 2010) at Boston College. He is currently employed as a Classroom Aide and Substitute Teacher at Joseph P. Keefe Technical High School in Framingham, where he provides inclusion support to students and coverage for teachers as needed.

- *Jarrod Hochman* is a newly elected member of the Peabody School Committee. He defeated the incumbent due to parental dissatisfaction with the status quo. Mr. Hochman has indicated that while he would not have time to serve on the board of RTS, he would be happy to serve on the advisory group and to help ensure that RTS meets the needs of its students and the community.

- *Nicole Iovanni* grew up in Peabody and is a graduate of Bishop Fenwick High School. She graduated from Suffolk University in 2008 with a Bachelor's degree in English and has worked as a tutor with students at Suffolk's learning center, directed a local camp, and worked as a mentor at an after school program for teens. She has been certified in tutoring by the College Reading and Learning Association.

- *Nancy A. Piotrowski* grew up on the North Shore and currently resides in Lynnfield. She is the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of ERI and has vast experience in non-profit management. She has been involved in turning around troubled companies, implementing controls, developing policies and procedures for accounting, human resource management, operations and contract management. She was awarded an MBA from Franklin Pierce College.

- *Sandra Ring* is a Peabody Resident and is retired from Peabody Veterans Memorial High School where she served as the Department Head of the Special Education unit. Her experience includes being a Learning Center/Research Teacher and Special Education Tester. She has always focused on insuring that all special education students be given equal access to a challenging education. She has teacher certification in Special Education, a M.Ed. in Special Education from Boston State College (Magna Cum Laude), and a B.S. from Suffolk University (Summa Cum Laude).

- *Edward W. Sacco* is a Salem resident and has been the Executive Director of Nexus, Inc., a non-profit established to provide residential alternatives to developmentally disabled individuals, since 1978. He has served as Board Treasurer for the North Metropolitan Homemaker-Health Aide Service, a non-profit agency providing health related services to elderly clients residing north of Boston.

- *Fitz Sessoms* is a Peabody resident and a retired teacher of the Muriel S. Snowden International School at Copley, a multicultural, multilingual urban high school in the center of Copley Square, Boston. She holds a Master of Arts degree in Special Education from Regis College and a Bachelor of Science degree in Secondary Education/English from Northeastern University. She has provided professional development to teachers in best practices and instructional strategies for teaching young women, and MCAS workshops for parents and students.

- *Pamela S. Sudore* is a resident of Lynn; her work experience includes: Teacher/Consultant for the blind and visually impaired in the Peabody Public Schools; Supervisor of Vision Services at the Northshore Education Consortium; founder of Sight Line Productions, which provides businesses with custom Braille and large print texts; the first full-time Executive Director of the Lowell Association for the Blind; and a Case Manager and Instructor for the Perkins School for the Blind and the Carroll Center for the Blind.

- *Leonora Swerling* is a resident of Peabody and is an Evaluation Team Chairperson for the Triton Regional School District in Byfield. She has Massachusetts Teacher Certification in Special Education (5-12) and History/Social Studies (5-12); she is also a Massachusetts Certified Supervisor/Director for K-12. She previously worked in the Peabody Public School System as a Special Education Teacher. She received her M.Ed. from the American International College in Springfield, and her B.S. in Elementary Education from Boston State College.

- *Neal Truesdale* is a lifelong resident of Peabody and a graduate of the Peabody school system. He attended Salem State College as a Theater major and has worked as a theatre technician with numerous performance companies. He has served at the Pingree School for the past 15 years as theatre manager, teacher and academic advisor.

- *Susan Truesdale* is a Peabody resident and a parent of high school students. She works as a Case Manager for Family Support for the North Shore ARC.

- *Ryan Wanninger* is the owner of Voninger Tech Solutions, providing networking, security, and web development to businesses. He is a graduate of the Berkeley College of Music, is the owner of Music Lesson Network, a network of music educators in Boston, and has been teaching music lessons for over 14 years.