

Charter Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday, March 10, 2021

Members in attendance: ✓ = in attendance A = absent

Craig Floerke	✓	Katherine Heidelman (2)	✓	Jennifer Ahrendt (1)	✓
Brent McKee	A	Steven Little (1)	✓	Frances Loeffler	✓
Ed Howard [6:26pm]	✓	Jessica Nibarger (2)	✓	Michele Walker	✓
Megan Lundsberg(1)	✓	Matt Trayte (1)	✓		

- Michele called the meeting to order at 5:03p.m via Zoom.
- Quorum was established with members of the board present. Michele announced all votes would be in the roll call format.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT on Closed Session: NONE.

4. Adjourn to Closed Session 5:05pm.

5. Call to order Regular Session 5:32pm.

6. Report of Closed Session:

Fran reported that the board unanimously approved, with two board members absent, to release 1 certificated/temporary position and 1 certificated/probationary position.

7. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Motion to adopt the agenda made by Jessica. 2nd by Katherine. **Motion adopted by roll call vote - 9/0/0/2:** Craig – Yes, Megan – Yes, Katherine – Yes, Steven – Yes, Jennifer – Yes, Jessica – Yes, Matt – Yes, Fran – Yes, Michele – Yes

8. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Michele reported that we have zero Covid-19 cases. We were visited by principals from Torrance Unified School District to assist with reopening procedures and protocols. Vaccinations have been offered to staff. Open House was conducted via recorded video presentations. The video submissions by staff were excellent and it seemed to be well-received. Michele was pleased to announce that Nicole Zakharin was named Teacher of the Year and Natasha Garabedian was named Classified Employee of the Year. Smile Squad collected Easter baskets to donate to The Friendly Center. Student artwork was made into a sticker by ASB and has been distributed to Board members as well.

9. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

Minutes from the February 17, 2021 meeting were presented for approval. Moved by Matt. 2nd by Jennifer.

Motion adopted by roll call vote – 9/0/0/2: Craig – Yes, Megan – Yes, Katherine – Yes, Steven – Yes, Jennifer – Yes, Jessica – Yes, Matt – Yes, Fran – Yes, Michele – Yes

10. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Fran reported that the committee met on March 4th to set the agenda. No further action was taken.

11. Personnel report:

Fran and Michele presented the personnel report. Moved by Katherine. 2nd by Matt.

Motion adopted by roll call vote – 9/0/0/2: Craig – Yes, Megan – Yes, Katherine – Yes, Steven – Yes, Jennifer – Yes, Jessica – Yes, Matt – Yes, Fran – Yes, Michele – Yes

12. PUBLIC COMMENT on Agenda Items:

Sharie Nitkin, teacher, re: in opposition of Board Item 1 – Consideration of resolution to extend parent board term by one year. Brad

Vargyas, teacher, re: in opposition of Board Item 1 – Consideration of resolution to extend parent board term by one year.

INFORMATION/ACTION ITEMS:

13. ACTION: Board Item 1 – Consideration of resolution to extend parent board term by one year: John Lemmo, legal counsel for ERCS, was invited to address the board regarding the resolution. He offered explanation for the recommendation and answered questions for the board. After discussion, item was moved by Megan. 2nd by Craig. **Motion adopted by roll call vote – 6/2/0/2, 1 recusal:** Craig – Yes, Megan – Yes, Katherine – *Recuse*, Steven – Yes, Jennifer – Yes, Jessica – No, Matt – No, Fran – Yes, Michele – Yes

14. ACTION: Board Item 2 – 2nd Interim budget report – Fran presented the report including 3-year and assumptions. Moved by Matt. 2nd by Jessica.

[Ed Howard joined the meeting.]

Motion adopted by roll call vote – 10/0/0/1: Craig – Yes, Ed – Yes, Megan – Yes, Katherine – Yes, Steven – Yes, Jennifer – Yes, Jessica – Yes, Matt – Yes, Fran – Yes, Michele – Yes

15. INFORMATION: Audit results – Michele announced that audits were conducted for Charter finance, Attendance and ASB and there were no findings in any areas.

16. INFORMATION: COVID Safety Plan and COVID-19 Prevention Program – Michele advised that on January 14, 2021 we were directed to present to the State a reopening plan whether or not we had already opened for in-person instruction. We completed the required reports by the February 1, 2021 deadline. This has enabled us to receive additional funding of approximately \$988,000 pending submission of a spending plan.

17. INFORMATION: Solar – We have been in discussion with District regarding their plan to incorporate solar at additional sites including El Rancho. We are researching the option and may return to the board at a later date.

18. CONSENT: None

19. Public comment: None

20. Adjournment – 6:31pm.

*Respectfully submitted,
Fran Loeffler*