

**Western Sierra Charter School
Board of Directors Special Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 10, 2023, 2:00 PM**

Meeting was conducted via Zoom and streamed via Facebook Live.

1. Call to Order

Brian Fulce called the meeting to order at 2:04 PM

2. Roll Call to Establish Quorum

Quorum established.

Board Members Present: Brian Fulce, Marc Gilchrist, Lindsay Haussler, and Summer Thomas

Absent: Shantal Fossee

WSCS Staff Present: Michael Cox, Eric Hagen, Jody Jeffers, Mindy Klang, and Diane Neulinger

Liaisons Present: John Sloas. **Liaisons Absent:** Grace Reeve

Guest: Gustavo Corona

3. *Action: Board findings pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)

The Charter School Board of Directors determines, in accordance with Government Code Section 54953(e)(1)(B), that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)(3), the Board has also reconsidered the circumstances of the State of Emergency declared by the Governor on March 4, 2020, and finds that State of Emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the Directors to meet safely in person and/or that State or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing

Approved

Motion: Lindsay Haussler

Second: Summer Thomas

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no

4. *Action: Board Meeting Agenda for January 10, 2023.

Brian Fulce requested changing item #14 to a Public Hearing, adding the Knowledge Saves Lives contract as item #15 as an Action item, and advancing the remaining numbered items.

Approved with amendments

Motion: Lindsay Haussler

Second: Summer Thomas

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no

5. *Action: Minutes from November 8, 2022

Approved

Motion: Lindsay Haussler

Second: Summer Thomas

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no

6. Welcome Marc Gilchrist – Newly elected YUSD Board Trustee appointed to the WSCS Board

Michael Cox gave a brief introduction.

7. Hearing of Persons Wishing to Address the Board

None

8. Written Communications (if any)

None

9. Warrant Reports for 11/3/22 - 1/4/23

*This will be an *Action item. Review given by Jody Jeffers.*

Approved

Motion: Lindsay Haussler

Second: Summer Thomas

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no

10. Report on 2021-2022 Audit for MHS, GHS and ECS

Gustavo Corona of Borchardt, Corona, Faeth and Zakarian

Mr. Corona gave the board a brief overview of the audit report. See attached report.

11. *Action: Acceptance of 2021-2022 Audit Report for MHS, GHS and ECS

Approved as submitted

Motion: Lindsay Haussler

Second: Summer Thomas

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no

12. 2022-2023 Budget Update – Jody Jeffers

Mr. Jeffers gave a brief overview. See printed budget handouts.

13. *Action: Creation of Two Board Designated Reserve Funds (Facility Acquisition & Capital Projects and Economic Uncertainties)

Jody Jeffers and Michael Cox provided an explanation of the reserves to the board. See attached resolution #2022-2023-01.

Approved as presented

Motion: Lindsay Haussler

Second: Summer Thomas

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no

14. *Action: Arts, Music and Instructional Materials Block Grant Plan

Per board approval in item #4 this Action item has been changed to a Public Hearing.

Public Hearing entered into at 3:17 PM and closed at 3:27 PM.

Jody Jeffers gave the board a brief explanation of the grant. See attached document.

This action has been tabled for the March 17, 2023 Board Meeting.

15. (Item added per board decision in item #4) *Action: Knowledge Saves Lives contract

Michael Cox gave the board a brief overview of the contract and an explanation of the services provided. See attached contract.

Approved as presented.

Motion: Marc Gilchrist

Second: Summer Thomas

Vote: 3 yes, 0 no

16. Discussion of Future WSCS Board Meetings In-Person and Brown Act Requirements

Michael Cox explained that moving forward we will resume business as usual by meeting in-person at the school site. The decision was made to hold the meeting at the Fresno campus in-person on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 2:00 PM.

17. Mindy Klang Retiring in June 2023

Eric Hagen will be coming to MHS/GHS as Principal and Nancy Garcia will move to a full-time Principal position at ECS for the 2023-2024 School year. We thank Mindy for her many years of faithful service to MHS/GHS and wish her all the best in her new adventures.

18. Reports

a). Executive Directors Report – Michael Cox

1). Building Planning for Oakhurst

We are actively pursuing the development of a Master School Site Plan. Looking to increase the number of bathroom facilities, more office space and additional classrooms.

2). Facility Search for Fresno

Administrative staff continues to seek new facility options for ECS.

b). Endeavor Staff Report – Grace Reeve

Ms. Reeve shared with the board about the many activities for both students and staff at Endeavor Charter School. Sharing that their goal is to continue to build community with both families and staff.

c). Mountain Home School/ Glacier High Staff Report – John Sloas

Mr. Sloas Shared with the board about the upcoming Ski School offered to our MHS families. He gave a brief overview of the upcoming spring semester enrichment classes starting on 1-17-23.

d). Endeavor Principal's Report – Eric Hagen

See printed Power Point presentation

e). Mountain Home School/Glacier High Principal's Report – Mindy Klang

See printed Power Point presentation

19. Next Scheduled Board Meeting Tuesday, March 7, 2023 @ 2:00 PM

Confirmed

20. *Adjournment @ 4:44 PM

Board Member Lindsey Haussler left the meeting @ 3:30 PM

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

I certify that I am the duly elected Secretary of the Western Sierra Charter Schools, a California nonprofit public benefits corporation; that these minutes are of the special meeting of the Board of Directors held on January 10, 2023.


Diane Neulinger

Minutes prepared and submitted by: Diane Neulinger