Western Sierra Charter School

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 16, 2020

2:30 PM

**1. Call to Order**

Darin Soukup called the meeting to order at 2:41 PM, January 16, 2020.

Meeting was telecast from 41267 Highway 41, Oakhurst to 777 W. Shaw, Fresno.

**2. Roll Call to Establish Quorum**

Quorum established.

*Board Members Present in Oakhurst*: Darin Soukup, Joyce Vind, Brian Fulce,

Monika Moulin, Tamara Dent

*Board Members Present in Fresno*: Jacqueline Pucheu, Margaret Den Hartog,

Richard Shehadey

*Absent*: None

*WSCS Staff in Oakhurst*: Michael Cox, Mindy Klang, Eric Hagen, Jody Jeffers,

Christian Mendoza, Diane Neulinger

*WSCS Staff in Fresno*: Nancy Garcia, Phil Blas

*Public*: Scott Faeth

**3. \*Approve Board Meeting Agenda for January 16, 2020.**

Approved

Motion: Brian Fulce Second: Tamara Dent Vote: Unanimous

**4. \*Approve Board Minutes from November 12, 2019 Board Meeting**

Approved

Motion: Jacqueline Pucheu Second: Joyce Vind Vote: Unanimous

**5. Hearing of Persons Wishing to Address the Board**

None

**6. 2018-2019 Audit Report**

Mr. Cox introduced Scott Faeth of Borchardt, Corona, Faeth & Zakarian. Mr. Faeth presented an overview of the audit for the school year 2018-2019 to the board. There were no audit findings or management letters and the audit was filed on time.

**7. \*Acceptance of 2018-2019 Audit**

Approved

Motion: Tamara Dent Second: Margaret Den Hartog Vote: Unanimous

**8. \*Approve warrant report for 11-5-2019 to 12-31-2019**

Jody Jeffers provided clarification on the warrant report as needed by board members.

Approved

Motion: Brian Fulce Second: Tamara Dent Vote: Unanimous

**9. First Interim Report and Budget update**

Jody Jeffers presented an overview of the budget and First Interim reports for both Mountain Home School and Glacier High School (see copy of power point). He was then available for questions from the board.

**10. Update on Endeavor Charter petition progress**

Mr. Cox provided the board an update on the charter petition timeline for Endeavor Charter. The FUSD Board of Trustees met on Wednesday, January 15, 2020 and held a Public Hearing for the Endeavor Charter petition. Many staff, parents, students and board members were present at the meeting. Several gave very moving endorsements for the proposed charter. The FUSD Board of Trustees received these speakers in a very positive way and engaged a few with questions. All in all it was a very positive meeting. Final vote will be taken at the FUSD Board of Trustees meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 12, 2020.

**11. Reports**

**a). Executive Directors Report – Michael Cox**

Beginning with the 2020/2021 school year the Madera/Mariposa SELPA will no longer provide speech/language services to WSCS. We will be seeking a partnership with Bass Lake Joint Union Elementary School District in Oakhurst to share the cost of speech/language staff. We are seeking a similar staff sharing partnership for our Fresno program.

Mr. Cox informed the Board of the availability of a $250,000 charter start-up loan. He recommended that we apply for this loan for Endeavor Charter School. There was a question of whether we were bound to accept the loan if we were approved. Jody Jeffers confirmed that we would not have to accept the loan if we qualified. The Board agreed and asked staff to put together the pros and cons of such a loan. To be reported on in the future.

**b). Fresno Principals Report – Eric Hagen**

Eric Hagen reported on past and current events (see handout).

**c). Oakhurst Principals Report – Mindy Klang**

Mindy Klang reported on upcoming events at the Oakhurst campus. She provided the board with a detailed summary of the student in house test scores (see handouts).

**12. Written Communications *(if any)***

None

**13. Next Scheduled Board Meeting Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 2:30 PM**

Confirmed

**14. \*Adjournment**

4:30 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 meeting of the Board of Directors held on November 12, 2019.

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Margaret Den Hartog

Minutes prepared and submitted by: Diane Neulinger