

Western Sierra Charter School

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

Open Session Board Meeting – 3:00 PM

Meeting Held At: 777 West Shaw Ave. Fresno, CA 93704

1. Call to Order

Summer Thomas called the meeting to order at 3:07 PM.

2. Roll Call to Establish Quorum

Quorum established by roll call.

Board Members Present: Shantal Fosse, Lindsay Haussler, Summer Thomas, and Ian Whitney

Absent: Marc Gilchrist

WSCS Staff Present: Michael Cox, Nancy Garcia, Eric Hagen, Jody Jeffers, Diane Neulinger, and Holli Shipp

Liaisons Present: Grace Reeve and John Sloas

Guest: Felicia Olais, Mary Mellon, Bernie McGoldrick and Scott Faeth

3. *Action: Board Meeting Agenda for January 16, 2024

Approved

Motion: Lindsay Haussler Second: Shantal Fosse Vote: 4 yes, 0 no

4. *Action: Minutes from November 14, 2023

Approved

Motion: Ian Whitney Second: Lindsay Haussler Vote: 4 yes, 0 no

5. Introduce Bernie McGoldrick YUSD Board Member Replacing Marc Gilchrist as WSCS Board Rep.

Mrs. McGoldrick comes to us from the YUSD Board of Directors where he has served for the last three years.

6. Introduce Mary Mellon as potential new WSCS Board member from Oakhurst

Mrs. Mellon is one of our MHS and GHS parents. She started with us at our Fresno resource center in 2017 and continues with us at our Oakhurst campus.

Closed Session – 3:15 PM

a) Consideration of new board member

Open Session – 3:21 PM

7. Report from Closed Session

New board members recommended for immediate installment.

8. *Action: Regarding New WSCS Board Member

Approved (Mr. McGoldrick voting)

Motion: Ian Whitney Second: Shantal Fosse Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

9. Hearing of Persons Wishing to Address the Board

None

10. Written Communications (if any)

Letter from the auditors.

11. Report on 2022-2023 Audit for MHS, GHS and ECS

Scott Faeth of Borchardt, Corona, Faeth and Zakarian

Mr. Faeth gave a brief explanation of the 22/23 SY audit report. All board members have received a copy of the report.

12. *Action: Acceptance of the 2022-2023 Audit Report for MHS, GHS and ECS

See included report.

Approved (Mrs. Mellon voting)

Motion: Lindsay Haussler

Second: Shantal Fosse

Vote: 6 yes, 0 no

13. *Action: Warrant Reports for 11/06/23 through 01/10/24.

Approved

Motion: Bernie McGoldrick

Second: Lindsay Haussler

Vote: 6 yes, 0 no

14. *Action: Approve Hiring New Staff: Holli Shipp and Kelly Maples

Holli Shipp – New HR Director and Executive Assistant

Kelly Maples – New Student Supervision Support

Approved

Motion: Ian Whitney

Second: Lindsay Haussler

Vote: 6 yes, 0 no

15. Information: 1st Interim Overview and Budget Updated – Jody Jeffers

Jody gave a brief overview. See print-out.

We received a new music grant. GHS has declined in enrollment and MHS has an increase in enrollment.

16. Information: Midyear LCAP Updates for GHS, MHS and ECS – Grace Reeve

Grace Reeve gave a power point presentation. See included print-out.

17. Reports -

a). Endeavor Staff Liaison Report – Grace Reeve

Happy to welcome Robin Allen to the team of adjunct teacher.

See Power Point printout

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

See Power Point printout

c). Executive Directors Report – Michael Cox

1). Preparing for Endeavor's Annual Visit with Authorizer FUSD

Visit date – 2/14/24

2). Oversight Plan for GHS and MHS with Authorizer YUSD

Currently working with YUSD on an oversight plan.

3). Preparing for Glacier Charter Renewal with YUSD

Our current charter is in effect until June 2025. Hoping to bring a draft to the board by June 2024.

4). Funding Determinations for Mountain Home and Endeavor

We will be filing in February.

5). Endeavor Building Search Update

The team visited some possible sites although we continue to search.

6). Oakhurst Building Improvements

Still working on getting new bathrooms built. We are currently stuck in the planning process.

7). Board Brown Act Training -

https://www.chartercenter.org/learning_programs/online-governance-academy/learning_courses/brown-act-training-course?locale=en

Reminder to the Board to complete this training.

d). Endeavor Principal's Report – Grace Reeve

Art Wall dedicated to the faithful service of Mr. McGough.

Mr. McGough addressed the Board expressing his thankfulness to the staff of WSCS for all the years of support as a teacher.

See Power Point print out

e). Mountain Home School/Glacier High Principal's Report – Eric Hagen

See Power Point print out

18. Next Scheduled Board Meeting March 12, 2024 at 3:00

Confirmed

19. *Adjournment @ 5:13 PM


Confirmed

Motion: Lindsay Haussler

Second: Ian Whitney

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 Board of Directors held on January 16, 2024.



Diane Neulinger

Minutes prepared and submitted by: Diane Neulinger