

Western Sierra Charter School

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

Open Session Board Meeting – 2:00 PM

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

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call to Establish Quorum

Quorum established by roll call.

Board Members Present: Brian Fulce, Summer Thomas, Shantal Fosse, Marc Gilchrist, and Ian Whitney

Absent: Lindsay Haussler

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

Liaisons Present: John Sloas, Grace Reeve

3. *Action: Board Meeting Agenda for May 16, 2023

Approved

Motion: Shantal Fosse Second: Summer Thomas Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

4. *Action: Minutes from March 7, 2023

Approved

Motion: Marc Gilchrist Second: Ian Whitney Vote: 5 yes, 0 no

5. Hearing of Persons Wishing to Address the Board

None

6. Written Communications (if any)

None

7. *Action: Warrant Reports for 3/3/23 – 5/9/23

Jody gave an overview and was available to answer questions.

Approved

Motion: Summer Thomas Second: Shantal Fosse Votes: 5 yes, 0 no

8. Closed Session

The Board went into Closed Session at 2:15 PM

a). Public Employee Discipline/ Non-Renewal of Contract

b). Public Employee Personnel Complaint Discussion

Open Session

The Board returned from Closed Session at 3:40 PM

9. Report from Closed Session

a). Report out of Item a.

Board affirmed this action

b). Report out of Item b.

No action taken

Break – 3:40-3:46 PM

10. Current Budget Update and Presentation of Preliminary Budgets for 2023-2024

Current budget update – Jody Jeffers gave a brief overview of the budget for all three (3) schools. See print-out.

Preliminary Budgets – Endeavor bears the burden of the property lease. See print-out.

11. *Action: Salary Schedules for 2023-2024

Jody Jeffers provided clarity. See schedule copies included.

Approved

Motion: Shantal Fosse Second: Summer Thomas Votes: 5 yes, 0 no

12. *Action: Employee Contracts and Pay for 2023-2024

See print-out

Approved

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

13. *Action: Executive Director Salary for 2023-2024

See print-out

Approved

Motion: Summer Thomas Second: Ian Whitney Votes: 5 yes, 0 no

14. *Action: Approval of WSCS Safety Plan for 2023-2024

See print-out

Approved

Motion: Shantal Fosse Second: Marc Gilchrist Votes: 5 yes, 0 no

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

This grant was presented to the board by Michael Cox at the 1-10-23 Board Meeting.

Approved

Motion: Summer Thomas Second: Ian Whitney Votes: 5 yes, 0 no

16. *Action: Approval WSCS Credit Card Policy

This policy was presented by Michael Cox and then discussed at the previous board meeting on 3-7-23

Approved

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

17. *Action: Amendment WSCS Admissions and Enrollment Policy

This is an existing policy. All proposed changes are noted in green. See included print-out.

Approved

Motion: Shantal Fosse Second: Summer Thomas Votes: 5 yes, 0 no

- 18. *Action: Approval Annual Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators for MHS, GHS & ECS**
See print-out. Approval will be for all three (3) schools. There is a separate form for each school
Approved

Motion: Ian Whitney

Second: Marc Gilchrist

Votes: 5 yes, 0 no

19. Public Hearing

Public hearing was opened at 5:08 PM and called to a close at 5:22 PM

a). The 2022/2023 LCAP for MHSC, GHS, and ECS. Mindy Klang

Mindy Klang gave a brief explanation and overview of the LCAP. See print-outs for more details

20. Reports

a). Executive Directors Report – Michael Cox

- Mr. Cox updated the board on “Knowledge Saves Lives” (school security training). De-escalation training was held for all staff in Fresno on March 17th. A lot of very good information was presented. The Endeavor site will be looking into possible security staff for the campus.

- Oakhurst projects in planning stages – new bathrooms, additional office and classroom space

- GHS Charter renewal draft mark up in the board packet. Final draft will be presented at the June board meeting.

- Promotion/Graduation – Endeavor Charter School at the music building at Fresno State on May 24th, Mountain Home and Glacier High at Mountain Christian Center on May 26th.

b). Endeavor Staff Report – Grace Reeve

See Power Point print-out

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

This is a busy time of year for our teachers. They are all working diligently on completing their student files and holding their final parent meetings. The 8th grade Catalina trip was a huge success although a very wet one.

d). Endeavor Principal’s Report – Nancy Garcia and Eric Hagen

See Power Point print-out

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

See Power Point print-out

21. Next Scheduled Board Meeting Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 2:00 PM.

Confirmed

22. *Adjournment @ 6:09 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 Board of Directors held on May 16, 2023.



Diane Neulinger

Minutes prepared and submitted by: Diane Neulinger

