

Western Sierra Charter Schools
Board Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2019
2:30 PM

1. Call to Order

Darin Soukup called the meeting to order at 2:37 PM, November 12, 2019.
Meeting was telecast from 41267 Highway 41, Oakhurst to 777 W. Shaw, Fresno.

2. Roll Call to Establish Quorum

Present: Darin Soukup, Joyce Vind, Jacqueline Pucheu, Margaret Den Hartog,
Brian Fulce, Monika Moulin, Dallace Leota, Tamara Dent

Absent: None

WSCS Staff: Michael Cox, Mindy Klang, Eric Hagen, Jody Jeffers, Nancy Garcia,
Christian Mendoza, Irina Buca, Diane Neulinger

Public: John Thor, Ed Moore, Richard Shehadey

3. *Approve Board Meeting Agenda for November 12, 2019

Approved

Motion: Brian Fulce Second: Joyce Vind Vote: Unanimous

4. *Approve Board Minutes from October 28, 2019 Board Meeting

Both digital and hard copies provided to all board members for review.

Approved

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

5. *Approve Board offices

Chairman – Darin Soukup

Secretary – Margaret Den Hartog

Treasure – Brian Fulce

Approved

Motion: Jaqueline Pucheu Second: Monika Moulin Vote: Unanimous

6. Hearing of Persons Wishing to Address the Board

None

7. *Approve purchase of adjacent property

Michael Cox gave a brief update on the property purchase: Property is in escrow. All due diligence has been done. All reports have been supplied to the board in PDF form and printed for the board records. Included: Letter from legal counsel, escrow extension, estimated buyer statement, and survey results. Darin Soukup reported that all additional information requested by the board has been supplied to their satisfaction.

Member Pucheu inquired about the available water. John Thor explained that the existing well was deeded to an adjacent property so there is no water quality test available at this time. John Thor attested to having knowledge that there is no toxic substance known on the property. Ed Moore affirmed that all sellers in the trust have signed and are in agreement with the sale of this property.

Approved

Motion: Brian Fulce Second: Tamara Dent Vote: 6 Aye, 1 Abstain (Jacqueline Pucheu)

8. *Approve Endeavor Charter Petition

Michael Cox reviewed the charter petition and noted the major updates from the original petition (see attached). The charter petition was sent to our legal counsel for review before being brought to the board and then submitted to FUSD.

The time line for Fresno Unified School District Board of Trustees: December 18, 2019 – officially receive the charter, January 15, 2020 – Public Hearing for Endeavor Charter Petition and February 12, 2020 – final board decision.

Endeavor Charter School will be a TK-12 school. Staff, Parents and Students will be included in forming school colors and mascot. Growth concerns were voiced and the staff assured the Board that there is room to grow and options for growth should we need them.

Jody Jeffers shared the cash flow projections (see attached). All furniture and curriculum will be purchased by Endeavor Charter from Mountain Home School Charter and Glacier High School.

Approved

Motion: Brian Fulce Second: Joyce Vind Vote: Unanimous

9. Public Random Drawing of Prospective Students for Mountain Home School

Eric Hagen facilitated the drawing of names at random for Mountain Home School Charter Fresno Resource Center. Eric drew the names and Mindy Klang recorded the results. The families will be contacted accordingly.

10. *Approve warrant report for 8-27-2019 to 11-4-2019

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

Approved

Motion: Monika Moulin Second: Tamara Dent Vote: 6 Aye, 1 Abstain (Brian Fulce)

11. Form new committee to review Charter Bylaws

Darin Soukup called for a small committee to review the Charter Bylaws. Last revision was in 2008. Michael Cox will help form the committee. Possible members: Margaret Den Hartog, Darin Soukup, Tamara Dent and Michael Cox.

12. Online Board Member training on the Brown Act by Charter School Development Center
chartercenter.org

Diane Neulinger reported on an opportunity for board members to register for and take an online, self-paced seminar on the Brown Act as it pertains to Charter School Board of Director meetings. This course is offered by Charter School Development Center.

13. Reports

a). Executive Directors Report – Michael Cox

Michael Cox reported back to the board on a question asked previously about our Glacier High students participating in CIF sports with Yosemite High School. YUSD is not willing to accommodate us at this time.

b). Fresno Principals Report – Eric Hagen

Eric Hagen reported on past and current events (see handout). Other updates included the new signage for the resource center, summer remodeling and the new Newsletter format.

c). Oakhurst Principals Report – Mindy Klang

Mindy Klang reported on the class offerings both on-site and off-site, events and field trips, and other program items for both Mountain Home School Charter and Glacier High School (see handout). Looking ahead she gave out dates for promotion and graduation.

d). Budget Report – Jody Jeffers

Jody Jeffers reported on our enrollment projections for 2019-2020. Both schools have grown, but not as much as the original projection. Net income will be reduced therefore adjustments will be implemented. (see attachment).

14. Announcement of Resignation of Board Member Dallace Leota at conclusion of meeting

Dallace Leota will be resigning his position on the board of directors at the conclusion of this board meeting due to his personal time restraints. Richard Shehadey has been asked to consider filling the remainder of Dallace's term.

Closed Session

a). Consideration of prospective new board member

Adjourned to closed session: 5:06 PM

Open Session

Reconvened to open session: 5:12 PM

Closed session report out: Board members have agreed to offer Richard Shehadey the remainder of Dallace Leota's board term.

15. *Approve and Install new Board Member

Approved Richard Shehadey to finish out the term ending June 2020.

Motion: Jaqueline Pucheu Second: Darin Soukup Vote: Unanimous

16. Written Communications (if any)

None

17. Next Scheduled Board Meeting Thursday, January 16, 2020

18. *Adjournment

5:13 PM

Motion: Tamara Dent Second: Brian Fulce

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.


Margaret Den Hartog

Minutes prepared and submitted by: Diane Neulinger

