

YOSEMITE-WAWONA ELEMENTARY CHARTER SCHOOL

Board of Directors Regular Meeting

Wednesday, October 10, 2018 5:30PM

Wawona Elementary School

7925 Chilnualana Falls Road

Wawona, CA

Meeting Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 P.M. by Chairman Ed Mee.

2. ROLL CALL

Members present: Ed Mee, Chad Andrews, Amber Campion, Elise Bevington, Katy Woods

Staff present: Karen Stansberry

Community Members present: Gary Wuchner, Wayne Heringer, Dave and Pat Sischo, Stacey Boydston, and Esme McCarthy.

MONTHLY ITEMS AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

3. CONSENT AGENDA

NOTE: The Board will be asked to approve all of the following items by a single vote, unless any member of the Board or of the public asks that an item be removed from the consent agenda and considered and discussed separately.

3.1- Approval of Agenda

3.2- Approval of Minutes of the regular meeting of September 13 and September 25

3.3- Approve Payroll

3.4- Approve Warrants

A MOTION WAS MADE by Amber Campion, seconded by Chad Andrews, to approve the **Consent Agenda**. Motion was carried unanimously.

4. HEARING OF PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

The public may address the Board on any matter pertaining to the school that is not on the agenda. There will be no Board discussion and no action will be taken unless listed on a subsequent agenda.

Wayne Heringer: Apologized for offending anyone at a previous meeting. Feels strongly for this school, and his words were not aimed at anyone.

Pat Sischo: What steps were taken in finding a new teacher? Was the message that the school has closed reached surrounding communities? An article was published in Sierra News Online. Chad knows of 2 people interested in the position for next year, but feels we are not ready for that step at this time. Amber has focused on the budget, so that we can see what we are working with financially.

Gary Wuchner: Has an idea for funding/sustainability of the school. Create an ad hoc committee to assist with funding and structuring of the school, with hopefully a board member participating for transparency and communication. The community wants to be a part of the school's success. The school is the cornerstone of the community.

INFORMATION ITEMS

9. BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

Amber Campion shared her proposed budget, and also proposed a 3 year budget plan. She also volunteered to learn how to run the office and work for free until June after being trained by Karen Stansberry. Michelle Stauffer wondered of the legalities of this because she would have access to student records. Amber also mentioned the bus is a big concern.

ACTION ITEMS

5. STATUS OF THE LEASED SCHOOL BUS

Consideration and action on a decision about what to do with the school bus being leased by the Charter during the 2018-19 school year.

Per Glenn, our options are: to continue the lease payments each month, pursue a buy out of the lease, or sell the bus. Amber asked if we could possibly sub lease the bus and has also offered to call and find out. Board's discussion: If we don't have an answer by next week, we will move forward on selling the bus. Fleet Financing Resources has offered to assist in selling the bus.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Chad Andrews to go forward in selling the bus, unless we can find another option before the sale of the bus. Seconded by Amber Campion. The motion was carried unanimously.

6. RETURN OF YOSEMITE CONSERVANCY GRANT FUNDS

Consideration and action on the return of Yosemite Conservancy Grant funds due to the fact the school cannot meet the requirements of the Grant.

This has already been done, it was sent September 26, 2018 by certified mail.

7. EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF CURRENT EMPLOYEES

Consideration and action on the employment status of current employees

A MOTION WAS MADE by Chad Andrews to approve the last day for John to be October 31, 2018. Katy seconded. Motion was carried unanimously.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Chad Andrews to make Karen Stansberry's end date November 30, 2018. Seconded by Amber Campion. Motion was carried unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

8. REPORT ON THE STATUS OF CHARTER FUNDING STREAMS

10. REPORT ON PROGRESS TOWARDS THE COMPLETION OF THE CHARTER RENEWAL PETITION

Board scheduled a workshop day for October 30, 2018.

11. DISCUSSION ON THE RENEWAL OF A SPECIAL USE PERMIT WITH YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

12. STAFF REPORTS

None.

13. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Chad Andrews: Where are we going as a school, how will we restructure? What makes sense? Moving forward, we need to be very conscientious on how we move forward in restructuring, so we don't end up where we are right now again. With the charter not working in the first place, why are we renewing our charter? It will lead us down the same road we are on, no matter how hard we try. Other surrounding charters are more successful, but because of bigger enrollment, having a Superintendent, Principal, Business Manager, Office Manager, Teachers, Aides, custodial staff, specialists etc. With little enrollment and funding we had a Principal, Business Manager, Office Manager and Teacher, specialists, the Board (etc), but little staff doing many of those jobs. This is not sustainable. It also puts tremendous stress on everyone involved. There was a lot of effort that went in for this small community school. He doesn't know what the answer is, but believes re-chartering is not the answer.

14. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Request that various items be placed on the next agenda for discussion and/or action.

15. NEXT BOARD MEETING

A Board Workshop will be held Tuesday October 30, 2018 at 5:30.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors will be scheduled for Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at the Wawona School.

16. CLOSED SESSION: Personnel/Negotiations/Litigation

Board entered in to closed session at 8:19PM

Note: The Board will consider and may act upon any of the following items in closed session. Any action taken will be reported publicly at the end of closed session as required by law.

16.1 Personnel (Gov. Code 54957)

17. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION: Announce Closed Session Actions

Board reconvened in open session at 9:48 PM.

No actions were taken.

18. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM

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Elise Bevington-Board Secretary