

PATHWAYS CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

April 2, 2009 – Call to Order: 6:30 PM

Lake Learning Center
21389 Stewart Street, Suite E
Middletown, Ca. 95461

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1.0 Call to Order: 6:38

2.0 Roll Call: Alex Banuelos, Ben Ford, Joel Lutes, Allison Greene

3.0 Approval of the Agenda

4.0 Comments from the Audience

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5.0 Closed Executive Session

5.1 Director's Evaluation

5.2 Potential Litigation

5.3 Personnel

6.0. Reconvene Open Session: 7:17

Report from Closed Session –

5.1 Director's Evaluation – Due to a family emergency, discussion will be continued at our May meeting.

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5.2 Potential Litigation

5.3 Personnel – Letter to Jill Escareno for her excellent work, as noted by her staff. Her maternity leave went unnoticed and she remained “business as usual” providing guidance. Letter to be placed in personnel file.

7.0 Comments from the Audience:

Lisa Carver – with a 9th grader who came from an online school. My daughter went from hating school to loving school!! It’s been great and positive for us!

Robin Dvorkin – home schooled daughter; no comparison to another Charter School. Areas that make them shine; creative ways to educate my child.

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8.0 Reports and Correspondence

Director’s Report (see attached)

Administrative Team Reports

Budget Manager’s Report

Board Member Reports – Feedback form completed and will be sent out very soon.

9.0 Discussion/Action items

VOTE: JL/AB; APPROVED: 4-0

Some items may require Action from the Board and are noted as such.

9.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Action); With some amendments and changes, the approval of the minutes was voted on as: JL/BF; Vote: 2-0

9.2 ACADMIC SCHOOL YEAR 2009-2010 CALENDAR (Action)

The Board will review and approve the calendar for the 2009-2010 school year.

Discussion:

Late start date due to allowing more time to plan for the beginning of school. We can also enroll to a higher number. This will cause the last day of school to occur the second Friday of June, 2010.

Spring Break has been kept as the week after Easter.

President’s Holiday: Friday-Monday combination (staff survey)

Winter Break: 12/21/09 – 1/1/10; School begins on 1/4/10

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There are 175 days in the school year.

Budget manager will be watching the state budget closely around August.

9.3 BOARD MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS (Action)

VOTE: AB/JL APPROVED: 4-0

The Board will review and approve dates and locations for its meetings during the 2009-2010 school year (See attached)

Recommendation: to keep the 1st Thursdays except for August, December, March, June in which case the dates will be changed to the 1st Wednesdays. Changes are due to conflicts with the HUSD Board Meeting dates.

9.4 CHARTER UPDATE (Discussion)

The Board will review the progress and timeline of the Solano Pathways Charter Petition to the Benicia Unified School District.

May 15 – final answer is due

April – public hearing about this. Solano Area representation will be rallied for this. It is recommended for the Board members to attend this meeting.

Legislation pending: discussion of the amendment to clarify the allowance of Resource Centers within the county of charter operation and in adjacent counties. This is not due to be passed until Jan, 2010. It's possible for us to apply for an extension to the waiver.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended to begin this process now based on this current legislation.

9.5 RIVER MONTESSORI PARTNERSHIP UPDATE (Discussion)

The Board will review the progress of the proposed partnership with River Montessori Charter School.

Given the hearing of April 1, it was unanimously voted to approve the Charter to the State Dept. of Education. They are up for Charter with the state and will follow along that path. We wish them the best!

9.6 BOARD VACANCIES FOR 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR (Discussion)

Ben Ford will be leaving the Pathways Board at the conclusion of the 2008-09 school year. His vacancy will need to be filled and a new Board President will need to be selected as of July 1st. Recruitment for this position can be placed by our current Board President. Nominations can be sent to the President. Candidates to be prepared to interview at the June meeting. Candidates should be encouraged to attend the May meeting. Appointed person should be a non interested party.

Staff Rep position will be open at the June staff meeting.

RECOMMENDATION: To put out a call for other Staff Representation on the Board. Director to conduct the voting at the June staff meeting.

JL: term ends at the Annual Organizational Meeting, November.

10.0 Consent items

Consent items are routine, non-controversial agenda items that will be approved or rejected as whole, without extensive discussion or debate.

10.1 BUDGET TRANSFERS – JL/AB; VOTE: 4-0

10.2 NEW VENDOR COURSE INSTRUCTORS (VCIs); no new VCIs to approve.

11.0 Adjournment: 8:45