

PATHWAYS CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

June 18, 2009 – Call to Order: 6:30 PM

Coffee Learning Center
620 Hoen Ave.
Santa Rosa, Ca. 95405

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1.0 Call to Order

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

3.0 Approval of the Agenda

4.0 Comments from the Audience

Visitors are allowed to address the Board for up to three (3) minutes on items not on the agenda for a total of 20 minutes per topic. With Board consent, the President may increase or decrease the time allowed for public comment. The Board does not respond or take action on these comments.

5.0 Closed Executive Session

5.1 Personnel Employee Contracts for 2009- 2010

Staff Reductions

Staff Reassignments

Staff Commendations

6.0. Reconvene Open Session

Report from Closed Session

Staff commendation: It was reported out that the Board would like to recognize Sharon Beretta for her time with Pathways Charter School. Her hard work at maintaining a sound budget has been greatly appreciated. A Commendation letter will be given to Sharon by the Board.

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7.0 Comments from the Audience:

There were no comments from the audience

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8.0 Reports and Correspondence

Director's Report – see attached; In addition, the new Budget Manager, Bob Gordon, was introduced. It was also noted that our WASC accreditation has been received officially.

Administrative Team Reports –

Sonoma (see attached)

Solano (see attached); In addition, the Area Coordinator commented that a large focus is being placed on closing the Solano Learning Center. Former Pathways' students are entering back into the program in this area. There are free spaces being offered to keep our local area classes. Staff are remaining positive with their families about the Learning Center's closure.

Lake (see attached); In addition, the new possible meeting places were discussed.

Special Services (see attached); In addition, it was commented that we will need a place for the Speech/Language Therapist to work one day/week in the Solano area.

Curriculum Coordinator – see attached report and notes on CP

Budget Manager's Report – see attached. The Director reviewed the Budget narrative with the Board.

Board Member Reports – The Pathways' staff held their voting for the Staff Rep position. It was unanimously voted in favor to keep Allison Greene as Staff Rep for the 2009-2010 school year, which will be the last year possible for her to serve under current policy as outlined in the Bylaws.

9.0 Discussion/Action items

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

9.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Action)

M/S: AG/AB; VOTE: 4-0

9.2 HEALTH CARE BENEFITS PRESENTATION (Discussion/Action)

Roy Salmon will discuss health care benefits options for the 2009-2010 school year. The Medical Plans Comparison worksheet was discussed at length (see attached). The Blue Shield & HRA plan would shift to a type of credit/debit card which is presented at each doctor's and service provider's visit.

Staff members can contact Salmon-Felte with questions.

Proposal: to Move to approve the Blue Shield/HRA plan at \$1300 per individual and \$2800 per family. The Board moved to keep Kaiser as frozen but to switch from the \$30.00 plan to the Kaiser HRA plan.

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M/S: BF/JL; VOTE: 4-0

9.3 BUDGET ADOPTION for 2009-2010 (Action)

The Director discussed and reviewed the Budget Adoption narrative (see attached); highlighting the four years and the changes that are on the horizon. This information was shared with staff at the final staff meeting.

Question about student budgets was raised. Student budgets have been “fully funded” for next year. This will be described in the next newsletter. Families will be encouraged to plan for their entire year at the beginning of the year. The cost of center classes have been decreased as well. The “investment/non investment” ratio has been lifted due to the fully funded budgets.

M/S: BF/JL; VOTE 4-0

9.4 APPROVAL OF BUDGET PROVISION FOR SBX 3 4 CATEGORICAL FLEXIBILITY (ACTION)

The Board is being asked to approve the acceptance and use of restricted funds for student instructional support according the SBX 3 4 (see attached)

M/S: JL/AG; VOTE 4-0

9.5 SOLANO CHARTER PROPOSAL CONCLUSION (Discussion)

The Board will review the conclusion of the charter petition to the Benicia USD; The BUSD wanted the Solano area to be a completely Independent Charter School. The petition has been withdrawn. There are no other options to explore. The Lake and Solano County Centers will be vacated by the end of July. Ebulletins have been sent out to inform the public and Pathways Community. The PCS Library will be maintained as a storage facility with an inventory and staffed by the librarian.

9.6 LEARNING CENTER CLOSURE (Discussion)

9.7 HARMONY RE-CHARTER UPDATE (Discussion)

The Board will review the process for re-charter with the Harmony School District. Our charter expires in December, 2009. The Charter is being requested for renewal in August prior to school beginning. Charter duration is five years.

9.8 BOARD VACANCY APPOINTMENT (Action)

The Board will interview and appoint a new Board member to replace Director Ben Ford. This item has been recommended to be moved to the August agenda. Parents with enthusiasm are encouraged to step forward. The Director will solicit for Board candidates via newsletter and e bulletin. The next candidate must have no financial interest in the school. The appointment lasts through November at which time the Director can decide to run for the full term.

9.9 BOARD OFFICER ELECTIONS (Action)

The Board will elect a new President and Treasurer;

It was recommended that Eva Pintor be elected as President of the Board;

M/S; JL/AB; VOTE: 3-0

It was recommended that Bob Gordon be elected for Treasurer of the Board

M/S; JL/AB; VOTE: 3-0

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9.10 COLLEGE PREP PROGRAM REVIEW – see the attached CP notes (Discussion)

Program coordinator Michele Blaisdell will review the College prep program and discuss possible modifications for the 2009-2010 school year.

9.11 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH HARMONY UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT (Action)

Pursuant to section I. A., the current MOU expires June 30, 2009. The Director recommends that the current MOU be extended until the charter is renewed in Aug/Sept 2009. Upon our approval the Harmony Board will review and be requested to extend the time to August.

M/S; JL/AG VOTE: 4-0

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

M/S: JL/AB; VOTE: 4-0

11.0 Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25