

# PATHWAYS CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

August 12, 2009 – Call to Order: 6:30 PM

**Harmony Unified School District**  
1935 Bohemian Hwy. Occidental, CA 95465

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**1.0 Call to Order**  
**2.0 Roll Call**

**3.0 Approval of the Agenda**  
**M/S: AG/AB; Vote: 3-0**

#### **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.

Dave Miller mentioned that questions about our Charter would be given to us prior to the August 20 HUSD Board Meeting.

#### **5.0 Closed Executive Session: 6:38**

5.1 Personnel  
5.2 Possible litigation

#### **6.0. Reconvene Open Session: 7:04**

6.1 Report from Closed Session:

**Pathways Charter School -- 607 Bobelaine Drive -- Santa Rosa -- California -- 95405 --  
707-573-6117**

Commendation requested for Janice Thompson, Jill Escareno, Vicki Craver and Alyssa Payne for working during their vacation time to clean up the issue of the Learning Center and closing them down.

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No comments from the audience

## **8.0 Reports and Correspondence**

8.1 Director's Report (see attached)

8.2 Administrative Team Reports

8.3 Budget Update Report (see attached)

Business Mgr and Director will be attending a Budget workshop this next week. Projections look like we will be losing approx. \$300.00 in ADA per student. This may be a wash and numbers are projected based upon CSDCs recommendations.

There is a larger than expected closing amount of \$176,750

8.4 Board Member Reports – no Board member reports

## **9.0 Discussion/Action items**

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

9.1 Approval of Minutes 6/18/2009 (Action)

M/S: AB/AG; Vote: 3-0

9.2 Budget Close-out 08-09 (Discussion)

Due to new software being implemented, there were no numbers to present to the Board. These numbers will be presented at the September meeting.

9.3 Current Enrollment/Staff Loads (Discussion)

Currently there are 495 students enrolled. There are enough students anticipated for enrollment to bring us up to the projected enrollment of 530.

Sonoma AC: It's anticipated that we will be receiving High School students after school begins.

If numbers increase significantly, we may need to look at readjusting staff loads.

Advertising has been taking place in Family Life Magazine (Sonoma); a Playbill at a Rohnert Park play through one of our vendors. We are planning to run two more ads in the Family Life Magazine.

The Sonoma County Homeschool Association newsletter will be advertising for Pathways.

It is recommended that we find and send information to the Director for inexpensive advertising.

#### 9.4 Board Membership Recruitment and Appointment (Discussion/Action)

The Board will review applications to fill the Board vacancy and will interview and appoint an interim Board member.

Marin County area teachers are encouraging parents from this area to apply.

It is recommended that the interim position be announced with the deadline of August 28. This term would last through three Board Meetings. The applications will be reviewed at the September Board meeting.

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

#### 9.5 Review Board Monthly Calendar (Discussion/Action)

The Board will review the monthly Board meeting locations to determine if changes need to be made as a result of closing the out-of-county learning centers.

The Solano AC will be looking into options for the Benicia area.

No need to change the calendar. We are confident that we will have space to meet in Benicia by the October meeting.

#### 9.6 Learning Center Update (Discussion)

The Board will review the closure of the out-of-county learning centers.

Lake AC: set up of the new teacher office space went relatively smoothly. There have been no reverberations from the switch.

Solano AC: encouraged positive attitudes in her staff.

#### 9.7 Charter Renewal Update (Discussion)

The Board will review the timeline and preparation of the charter renewal process.

HUSD Board meeting is on August 20 for the Public Hearing for the Charter renewal. Our petition has been presented to their legal counsel who have made some clarifying comments and suggestions. We hope to have this settled and approved by September. Comments will be forwarded to the Board ahead of time. We will continue to iron out details on this document until all sides are happy.

#### 9.8 Tech Requirement for Graduation (Discussion/Action)

The Board will consider dropping the requirement of five credits of a technology as a condition of graduation.

It is suggested that the Technology standard be reflected in the Parent/Student Handbook. Technological literacy is encouraged in our ESLRs.

The Sup't of HUSD has offered to donate old iMacs to any needy families.

It has been moved to approve that the Technology requirements for graduation be dropped.

This will be a Policy for the Board to vote on at the September meeting.

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

9.9 Resolution to Change Signers on Revolving Checking Account (Action)

The Board must approve a resolution to change the names of persons authorized to sign checks on the revolving checking account as a result of personnel changes.

The resolution was read aloud by the Director of the Board.

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

9.9.1 Resolution to open up Health Reimbursement Checking Account (Action)

passed and adopted by a vote

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

9.10 Participation in CSDC Leadership/Board Training October 5-6 (Discussion/Action)

The Board will consider attending the CSDC annual training for Charter School Board members and administrators.

Director of the School has registered each of the Boar

**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 - none

10.2 NEW VENDOR COURSE INSTRUCTORS (VCIs) - none

10.3 OFFER OF CONTRACTS FOR 2009-10 - none

**11.0 Adjournment: 8:32; next meeting: September 3, 2009; Santa Rosa**