

PATHWAYS CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

February 5, 2009 – Call to Order: 6:30 PM

Benicia Learning Center
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1.0 Call to Order

2.0 Roll Call

3.0 Approval of the Agenda

4.0 Comments from the Audience 7:30

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5.0 Closed Executive Session

5.1 Personnel

5.1.1 Upcoming Director Evaluation

5.1.2 Teacher Recognition

5.2 Anticipated Litigation

6.0. Reconvene Open Session

Report from Closed Session-*Discussed budget and some personnel items*

7.0 Comments from the Audience

No comments from the audience

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8.0 Reports and Correspondence

Director's Report

RT read from report. Discussed new stated groups (see actual report for acronyms) FRISK, etc.

Administrative Team Reports

Sonoma report—Sarah not in.

BF : How are new students recruited?

RT: Word of mouth

JE: There is a comment in the application.

RT: This will help with WASC . Will compile results from previous applications.

Lake County report—No questions for Janice. (Expected School-wide Learning Results)

Lower Napa-Solano—Numbers down due to student budgets. JE says VCI's in Solano have been contacted to possibly renegotiate numbers.

Curriculum Coord: Eileen (?)doing well should be back in March.

Special services: RT--Colleen settling in well. Elizabeth doing a commendable job.

Budget Manager's Report

RT clarified "encroachment"

Board Member Reports

AG: Minor glitches with Website. Wants to revise or upload board member info but has been unable.

9.0 Discussion/Action items

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

9.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Action) JL/ EP; Vote 5-0

9.2 CAHSEE Waiver Request (Action)

The Board is being asked to approve a waiver request for a student who passed the CAHSEE with modifications according Board Policy.

JL suggested board rely on RT recommendation. JL/AB; Vote 5-0

9.3 2007-08 Audit Findings and Corrective Actions (Action)

The Board needs to approve the audit findings and corrective actions that it received at the January 2008 Board meeting.

RT presented certificate of corrective actions. AG/AB second. 5-0.

9.4 Accept Contract for Audit Services for 2008-09 Audit (Action)

The Board needs to review and approve the 2008-09 contract for audit services with Stephen Roatch Accountancy Corp.

JL first and EP second 5 of 5

9.5 Budget Reduction Priorities (Discussion/Action)

The Board will review strategies and priorities to prepare for anticipated mid-year budget reductions.

RT presented PBRN. Reductions from gen. funds have more neg. effect on charter schools. Must maintain 580 students. RT explained all numbers and asked board for input. Generally, the board thought that limiting student accounts was probably the most feasible measure. RT urges IST's to meet with all families to discuss the cuts. The plan is to get the families to commit to the amount they are willing to spend and sign an agreement. However, since time is short than perhaps phone calls, e-mail, would be more sufficient. Board recommendation is for RT to expect the \$50k and then adjust the amount when we get family commitments.

9.6 WASC Update (Discussion)

Will visit the Sonoma and Solano sites next Tuesday.

9.7 Learning Centers Update (Discussion)

Discussed the strategies for the LC issue. "Pathways serving legitimate need for students not served by public schools" BUSD Super. 7 yrs. In Solano Co helps viability. Discussed Petaluma Montessori. Will know by tomorrow on the status of their situation.

10.0 Consent item

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

10.2 NEW VENDOR COURSE INSTRUCTORS (VCIs)

JL/AGB; Vote 5-0

11.0 Adjournment 9:35p.m.

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