

PATHWAYS CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

January 8, 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

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

5.2 Anticipated Litigation

6.0. Reconvene Open Session – 7:24

Report from Closed Session – discussed pending litigation and a couple of personnel issues

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No Comments from the audience

8.0 Reports and Correspondence

8.1 Director's Report – *discussed report (see attached); possibility of developing a charter with the River Montessori Charter School. CAHSEE results. Q: How many seniors are left that need to pass one portion of the CAHSEE?*

9.2 Administrative Team Reports – see attached

8.3 Budget Manager's Report – see attached narrative. It is recommended to freeze all spending except for essentials. Increases in classes offered, computers, no new contracts.

8.3 Board Member Reports – no reports.

9.0 Discussion/Action items

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

9.1 Approval of minutes from December 11, 2008 (Action) JL/AG; VOTE: 4-0

9.2 Annual Audit Report to Pathways Charter School (Discussion/Action)

The Board will receive the audit report for the 2007-08 school year.

Discussion on Note 9 took place. Listed is what Pathways' plan of action is. It was noted that the Board of Directors term of the President ended in 2009; This member opted for an early resignation in June, 2008.

AG/AB; VOTE: 4-0

9.3 Adoption of Resolution to Support Rigorous Learning Curriculum (Discussion/Action)

During the December Board Meeting the Board appointed an ad-hoc committee to review the language of a possible resolution to support a rigorous learning curriculum. The committee will report back to the Board.

JL/AG; VOTE: 4-0

9.4 WASC Update (Discussion)

Coming on March 9, 10. We are in the process of writing our update for the WASC visiting committee. This will be sent to the committee at the end of this month. At the February Board meeting, we will receive a copy of these requests. WASC will look at the Action Plans throughout the year as they have been modified in the areas of targets and goals. These will help us define our Action Plans for the next five years. They will review and assist and ult. Evaluate that we hold true to our standards that we have set. Board members are invited to come and meet the visiting committee. This will be a two day visit.

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Director is confident about this visit. We will be show casing the writing and significant assignments. We will receive the full formal report at the next Board meeting.

9.5 Learning Centers Update (Discussion) – see handout, “Options and Timeline for Learning Centers Issue”. This was reviewed at the sponsoring Districts November Board meeting. We are looking for other sponsors for the Solano area Learning Center. Also, we are planning on increasing enrollment in Sonoma County (possibly the River Montessori School mentioned in the Director’s report). Possible other learning centers have been contacted to “house” our learning centers. The plan is to provide parent Committees in each of the areas. The transfer of these students in Solano Count would bring the majority to a real majority in Sonoma County.

9.6 Filling At-Large Board member II Position (Discussion/Action)

Board Member Ben Ford’s term of service expires after the January 2009 Board Meeting. The Board will consider extending Ben’s term beyond the January meeting.

Ben is willing to serve through the June meeting. The Board voted on the position. No comments were made from the audience. (His extension of the term was well received by all in attendance.)

JL/AB; VOTE: 3-0 (one member recused from vote)

9.7 Director Evaluation Timeline (Discussion)

The Board will review the Director evaluation timeline according to the policy and procedure that was adopted during the 2007-08 school year.

Director evaluation and timeline were discussed. This is a closed session item which falls under “Personnel”. Setting goals for the school may occur in open session. Discussion of objectives will be placed on the agenda under a “Closed Session Item”. Discussion will be placed on tools and objectives.

President will find the evaluation form and review this at the February meeting.

Subcommittee will review the staff evaluation of the Director. (EP, AG)

AGENDA ITEM FOR FEBRUARY.

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

10.2 New vendor course instructors (VCIs)

AG/JL; VOTE: 4-0

11.0 Adjournment: the meeting adjourned at 8:27. The next meeting is scheduled for February 5 in Benicia.

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