

BLUE OAK CHARTER SCHOOL
450 W. East Ave., Chico, CA 95926
Charter Council
SPECIAL MEETING

Wednesday, November 19th, 2014 – 6 PM

APPROVED MINUTES

OPEN SESSION – 6:00 PM

1. OPENING

1.1 Call Meeting to Order

Chair called the meeting to order at 6:02pm

1.2 Invocation – School Vision & Mission Statement

Vision: To be a model for successful education of the whole child.

Mission: To nurture and deepen each child’s academic and creative capacities using methods inspired by Waldorf education in a public school setting.

1.3 Roll Call of Council Members

	Present	Absent
Louthea Griffin	<u> x </u>	_____
Lyn Harrod	<u> x </u>	_____
Brian Lindaman	<u> x </u>	_____
Pamela Boeger	<u> x </u>	_____
Jonathan ‘Joc’ Clark	<u> x </u>	_____
Lloyd Dowell	<u> x </u>	_____

2. AUDIENCE TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

L. Harrod addressed Council re: school’s participation in Endangered Species Fair. L. Griffin referred issue to administration and advised L. Harrod to follow up with decision makers.

3. CLOSED SESSION

N/A

4. OPEN SESSION

4.1 Agenda Modifications

No modifications

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Approval of minutes from 9/27/14 Special Meeting & Brown Act Training and 10/14/14 Regular Meeting

5.2 Review of Monthly Financial Statements – Balance Sheet, Income Statement, Cash Flow, Budget to Actual Report

5.3 Acceptance of Donation through NVCF – Annie B’s (\$23,520.45)

B. Lindaman moved to approve the consent agenda. L. Harrod seconded.

	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Louthea Griffin	<u> x </u>	_____	_____
Lyn Harrod	<u> x </u>	_____	_____
Brian Lindaman	<u> x </u>	_____	_____
Pamela Boeger	<u> x </u>	_____	_____
Jonathan 'Joc' Clark	<u> x </u>	_____	_____
Lloyd Dowell	<u> x </u>	_____	_____

Motion passed unanimously.

6. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

6.1 Student Discipline Plan using Nurtured Heart Approach –Update to Board (Nichols)

S. Nichols reported out that six people will be participating in NHA in Arizona (3 class teachers, Ed Director, Student Svcs Director & Front Office – last two will return as Advanced Trainers). Teacher participants were blindly selected based on submitted essays. P. Boeger conveyed parents' desire to know more about NHA. Clarification questions and discussion followed.

6.2 Student results STAR 12-13 data (Rose/Nichols)

N. Rose discussed results from State exams in previous years.

6.3 Student results OARS Math 13-14 data (Rose/Nichols)

S. Nichols discussed data compiled from benchmarks administered in 13-14. Described C. Combs building confidence with teacher effectiveness and seeking support when needed. L. Griffin inquired about administration's implementation of a plan for moving students from paper to computer benchmark testing to further prepare them for Smarter Balanced Assessments

6.4 Student results OARS & Other ELA 13-14 data (Rose/Nichols)

Brief review of data from spring 2014 benchmark results – presented by M. Lohse at October meeting.

7. ADMINISTRATION

7.1 Approval of Change in Advertising Budget to Include CNR Proposal approx. \$13,000

M. McDaniel introduced J. DeGarmo (CNR ad rep) who pitched creating an insert that will stand as a brochure for use in building long-term relationships (as per Benevon model) with potential donors. J. DeGarmo presented genesis of pull out and options for run sizes and costs. L. Griffin requested M. McDaniel's thoughts on potential use of a piece of this kind. Primary use would be kindergarten enrollment, building understanding and reputation in the community.

J. Clark moved to approve Change in Advertising Budget to Include CNR Proposal approx. \$13,000. P. Boeger seconded.

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	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Louthea Griffin	<u> x </u>	_____	_____
Lyn Harrod	<u> x </u>	_____	_____
Brian Lindaman	<u> x </u>	_____	_____
Pamela Boeger	<u> x </u>	_____	_____
Jonathan 'Joc' Clark	<u> x </u>	_____	_____
Lloyd Dowell	<u> x </u>	_____	_____

Motion passed unanimously.

8. GOVERNANCE

8.1 Facilities Committee Progress Report (Lindaman)

B. Lindaman reported out from last meeting; discussion of prop 39 dollars to be used for CA Energy Commission-approved Plan upgrades. Three areas under consideration for this funding (solar tube [“day lighting”] installation; water heaters; air conditioning). Requested company to estimate cost of solar tube [“day lighting”] & HVAC improvements.

Discussed contractor criteria – references for contracts of completed projects; cost vs. quality vs. timeliness. Authorized Nathan to send out advertisement to solicit bids to complete work.

L. Griffin inquired as to why the committee was addressing prop 39 issues (outside of its scope – and requested it be lowest priority as issue has been added to committee without consult to Charter Council).

8.2 Selection of Board Attorney – Jennifer McQuarrie (Griffin)

L. Griffin presented case for retaining J. McQuarrie for advising Board

J. Clark moved to approve Selection of Board Attorney – Jennifer McQuarrie. P. Boeger seconded.

	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Louthea Griffin	<u> x </u>	_____	_____
Lyn Harrod	<u> x </u>	_____	_____
Brian Lindaman	<u> x </u>	_____	_____
Pamela Boeger	<u> x </u>	_____	_____
Jonathan 'Joc' Clark	<u> x </u>	_____	_____
Lloyd Dowell	<u> x </u>	_____	_____

Motion passed unanimously.

C. Orneallas to notify J. McQuarrie of BOCC decision & forward relevant documents for her review.

8.3 New Policy: Role of the Board Chair (Clark)

L. Griffin described creation of document and her recent cross reference to existing bylaws. J. Clark discussed the broad casting of the policy and invited editing to confer the “right things” on our chair. Power, admin role & ethical issues are primary.

Continue review to December meeting.

8.4 Discussion of “Charter School Board University - An Introduction to Effective School Governance” by Brian L. Carpenter, Ph.D. - Section 4 The Board Action **Assignment for December Board Meeting** – Section 5 Board-CEO Relationship pages 127-148 (Rose)

Discussion re: Section 4 – Introduction to Effective School Governance.

8.5 Board Member Selection – Interview; Appoint

Item tabled until Dec 9th.

9. FUTURE CHARTER COUNCIL MEETING

9.1 Date of next Regular Meeting – Tuesday, December 9th 2014

Teacher Evaluation and Compensation Committee - TBD

Facilities Committee – TBD

10. COMMENTS FROM THE CHARTER COUNCIL – Agenda items for next meeting

Bylaw Review

Governance Policy - #1 Charter Council Chair

Board Member Selection

Section 5 Board-CEO Relationship pages 127-148

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:59pm