

**BLUE OAK CHARTER SCHOOL**  
**450 W. East Ave., Chico, CA 95926**  
**Charter Council**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**May 12, 2015**

**APPROVED MINUTES**

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**OPEN SESSION – 6:00 PM**

1. OPENING

1.1 Call Meeting to Order

Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 6:03pm

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	_____	_____x_____
Lyn Harrod	_____x_____	_____
Brian Lindaman	_____x_____	_____
Pamela Boeger	_____x_____	_____
Jonathan 'Joc' Clark	_____x (6:05pm)_____	_____
Lloyd Dowell	_____x_____	_____
Gregor Krause	_____x_____	_____

2. AUDIENCE TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

L. Lander discussed her service on financial committee/site council and not understanding how decisions get made when spending changes after budgets are recommended and approved by the Council. She proposed any expenditure above \$5K gets reviewed not only by the Charter Council, but also by the Site Council prior to approval.

3. CLOSED SESSION: Governance

3.1 *PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUTION*

*Title: Executive Director - Pursuant to section 54957 Return from closed session @ 6:40p*

3.2 *PENDING LITIGATION - Pursuant to section 54957*

Return from closed session @ 6:40pm

Unanimous vote to approve contract with Executive Director

No action taken on Item 3.2

4. OPEN SESSION –

4.1 Agenda Modifications

Item 8.4 moved to discussion upon arrival of presenter

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Approval of minutes from 4/16/15 Meeting

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

P. Boeger moved to approve the Consent Agenda. G. Krause seconded.

	Aye	Nay	Abstain
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>	_____	_____
Gregor Krause	<u>  x  </u>	_____	_____

Motion passed.

6. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

6.1 State Testing protocol for Blue Oak- practice and actual testing scenarios

N. Rose updated Council on status of testing window and how the process is going so far.

7. ADMINISTRATION

7.1 Local Control Accountability Plan- 1<sup>st</sup> review with approval at the June Meeting.

N. Rose discussed changes in the annual template and the work of the Site Council for reporting progress and setting new benchmarks.

7.2 2015-16 Budget proposal review- The budget proposed includes a 4% increase to teachers, benefits plan increase, adding 3 new employees (janitor, attendance clerk, handwork teacher) with a positive balance.

N. Rose discussed 5-year budget summary proposal. N. Rose described efforts to reduce some of the larger expenditures and working with the teachers to understand that the 4% proposed salary increase is *in addition* to maintaining current benefit levels at a significant increase. The proposal is balanced with \$8K positive. STRS has also increased and will continue increasing at 2% per year for the next several years. B. Lindaman distinguished the total compensation including benefits and education stipends. A larger discussion is needed to address costs of health care. Teachers are expecting to discuss potential changes in September 2015. This is the first presentation of the budget, time between now & June Council meeting is time for questions and adjustments; budget returns to Site Council for one more review prior to ratification by Council in June.

8. GOVERNANCE

8.1 Facilities Committee update – May Faire (Lindaman)

B. Lindaman briefly discussed booth that ran a “penny poll” – vote with a penny to Stay or Go. The booth & pamphlets facilitated good conversations. The Town Hall meeting day has been scheduled for May 20<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm, facilitated by Joc Clark, where community will be invited to discuss options. Roughly 2/3 voted to go & 1/3 voted to stay.

8.2 Policy Re: Criminal Investigation Law & Policy in Employee Handbook (Lindaman)

N. Rose was advised by attorney to place existing law into Employee Handbook that requires automatic administrative leave for specific criminal codes. L. Harrod asked clarifying questions regarding “complaints” vs. “filed charges” and investigative and leave obligations. N. Rose will add this language to the 2015-16 Employee Handbook.

8.3 Board Election – Election results

N. Rose announced results of elections.

8.4 Parent Council Bylaws – Any changes to parent council bylaws must be ratified by Charter Council (Lindaman)

M. Lindaman (co-chair of Parent Council) presented primary changes:

- Change from one rep per grade to one representative per class.
- Rep term runs from September to May
- Added an officer position of Treasurer
- Co-chair will produce monthly Parent Guild newsletter
- Change from 2/3 vote to simple majority

8.5 Policy addition - Chemical Use on Campus (Lindaman)

M. Lindaman requested, based on annual Rights & Responsibilities booklet, notification of any chemical spray without specific request. That the school establish a practice of advance notification of any chemical treatment on the campus. N. Rose will follow up with landlords regarding landscaper’s use of treatments on grounds. MSDS is maintained on site for every substance used on campus.

8.6 Section 8 Leading for the Future pages 173-183 “Charter School Board University - An Introduction to Effective School Governance” by Brian L. Carpenter, Ph.D.

N. Rose attends County meetings to maintain our presence as the largest site-based charter school in the county. He recently attended a State Legislative day in Sacramento and represented the charter school perspective. Board may consider a representative taking on an outreach role.

9. FUTURE CHARTER COUNCIL MEETING

9.1 Date of next Regular Meeting – Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> 2015

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

Budget

LCAP

Standing agenda items (teachers, parents, site council)

11. ADJOURNMENT

Co-chair adjourned the meeting at 8:03pm