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CHARTER COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING

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Wednesday, January 27th, 2021 - 6:00 PM

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AGENDA

OPEN SESSION - 6:00 PM

1. OPENING - 5 Minutes

1.1. Call Meeting to Order

- Monica McDaniel called the meeting to order at 6:04PM.

1.2. Roll Call of Council Members and Establish Quorum

- Present: Laurel Hill-Ward, Chelsea Parker, Laura Swanson, Trisha Atehortua, Monica McDaniel, Vicki Wonacott (arrived late)
- Absent: None

1.3. Invocation - School Verse Read

"This is our school, May peace dwell here, May the rooms be full of contentment. May love abide here, Love of one another, Love of our school, Love of life itself. Let us remember that as many hands build a house, So many hearts build a school."

- Brianna Lee read the school verse.

1.4. Agenda Modifications

- There were no agenda modifications made.

2. GOVERNANCE - 15 Minutes

2.1. Extension of Unused Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) Leave. *These benefits expired on December 31, 2021 but can be extended through March 31, 2021*

- When schools shut down at the beginning of the pandemic, Families First Coronavirus Response Act was established which is an extension of leave for COVID reasons. Since we are still dealing with the coronavirus, Susan proposed that the BOCC accept the extension which would provide the FFCRA leave for Blue Oak employees until March 31st. Susan called a special meeting for this to ensure Blue Oak employees had this available to them as soon as possible in case they need to use it.
- Chelsea Parker explained that this is a federal program and the expectation is that it is only extended until March to give the new US President time to establish a new plan to either continue to extend this act or replace it with a new one. Since a new act is not available yet, they called for an extension so there is no gap in these benefits. There should hopefully be new information available to us soon in the next few months.
- Laurel Hill-Ward moves to accept the extension. Chelsea Parker seconded the motion.
- No further discussion.
- Vote

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Monica McDaniel	X			
Vicki Wonacott				X
Laurel Hill-Ward	X			
Laura Swanson	X			
Trisha Atehortua	X			
Chelsea Parker	X			

- Vote passes.
- BOCC members are thankful Susan brought this up so our staff members are covered.

2.2. COVID-19 Safety Plan Updates *New updates to safety plan expectations and definitions from the state will be reviewed.*

- The governor released some new COVID-related safety updates last week that includes some slight changes for school safety as well as some new language. As it stands, our safety plan already covers his requirements, which is great news. However, there are a few additions and changes the BOCC needs to review. Susan wanted to make sure the language was out there and to have an understanding of how fast things are changing so we can do our best to keep up with it.
- Vicki Wonacott joined the meeting.
- This checklist was developed for schools who are not open so some of the language does not apply to us because we are already open. Some of the changes that this document highlights are: language change from cohorts to stable group structures; establishing the minimum and maximum number in a stable group; for physical distancing students desks,

- the maximum is 6ft and the minimum is 4ft; and our school needs to offer weekly student testing but it is up to the parents whether the student is actually allowed to test weekly.
- In regards to offering the students tests, the legislature is still working on the funding to provide these tests but this document is due now regardless of that piece. There is currently a provider through BCOE that Blue Oak could use for students, or there could be self-testing kits distributed to each school; we aren't sure which option we would have available to us because we need the funding first. Additionally, if Blue Oak offers testing, parents would have to sign a form saying their information would have to be shared with the school.
 - If we implement our students desks 4ft apart, yes, the dual classrooms could be together again. This may be a possibility after we see how our initial idea works out.
 - Passing this document will override our current maximum number of students in a "cohort" outlined in our schools safety plan. If it passes, Susan will make those adjustments.
 - An error in the minimum number of students in a stable group was pointed out, Susan will make the change to have the minimum number of stable groups to 2, the lowest number possible.
 - Finally, the state has issued a warning that distance learning may have to continue through the year and possibly into next year
 - Chelsea Parker made a motion to approve the recommendations included in the checklist, with the change to the minimum stable group structure size to 2. Laurel Hill-Ward seconded the motion.
 - No further discussion.
 - Vote.

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Monica McDaniel	X			
Vicki Wonacott	X			
Laurel Hill-Ward	X			
Laura Swanson	X			
Trisha Atehortua	X			
Chelsea Parker	X			

- Vote
- Susan warned Council members that after comments from her meetings with YMC and Chico charter leaders, schools are expecting a lot of action from the legislature which means the BOCC may have to move quickly with another special meeting as well to adjust to the changes.
- Finally, Monica McDaniel pointed out that she may not be available on the 16th and our vice chair resigned during the last regular meeting so the BOCC will need to establish a new vice chair. Chelsea Parker requested that we include this item on the next agenda.

3. NEXT MEETING - Tuesday, February 16th, 2021 at 6:00PM

- Monica McDaniel adjourned the meeting at 6:38PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Minutes Taken By: Alexandra Archer

Approved by: *Trisha Atehortua* Trisha Atehortua (Mar 31, 2021 16:21 PDT) Date: 03/31/21