

**Blue Oak Charter School**  
**450 W. East Avenue, Chico, CA 95926**  
**FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

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**Tuesday, May 10th, 2022 - 4:15 PM**

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

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## AGENDA

### OPEN SESSION - 4:15 PM

#### 1. OPENING

##### 1.1. Call Meeting to Order

- Amber Brown called the meeting to order at 4:20PM

##### 1.2. Roll Call of Committee Members and Establish Quorum

- Present: Amber Brown, Chairun Combs, Kate McDonald, and Susan Domenighini
- Absent: Maggie Buckley

##### 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, and Love of life itself. Let us remember that as many hands build a house, So many hearts build a school."*

- Amber Brown read the school verse.

##### 1.4. Audience to Address the Committee

*This is the opportunity for members of the community to address the committee concerning items not on the agenda. Persons addressing the Committee will be allowed a maximum of three (3) minutes for their presentation. Persons may not yield their time to another speaker (Gov. Code § 54954.3)*

➤ No audience members were present to address the committee.

**1.5. Agenda Modifications**

➤ No agenda modifications were made.

**1.6. Approve Minutes from April 12th, 2022.**

➤ Amber Brown made a motion to approve the minutes from April 12th, 2022. Chairun Combs seconded the motion.

➤ Vote.

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Susan Domenighini	X			
Amber Brown	X			
Kate McDonald	X			
Chairun Combs	X			
Maggie Buckley				X

➤ Vote passes.

**1.7. Teleconferencing During State of Emergency**

**State of Emergency (§ 8625)**

➤ BOFC acknowledges the purpose of teleconferencing for the state of emergency.

**2. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

**2.1. Charter Impact Monthly Report**

**2.1.1. Attendance and Enrollment**

**2.1.2. Cash Flow**

**2.1.3. Balance Sheet Detail**

**2.1.4. Warrants/Aged Payable**

**2.1.5. Actual to Budget Summary (part of the Financial Forecast in the Charter Impact Report)**

**2.2. Point of Sale Transactions/Check Register**

➤ Jim Weber, from Charter Impact, presented the April financial report. Jim stated that the Blue Oak expenses are generally in the same range we've been anticipating due to a high demand for intervention and SPED services this year, as discussed in previous meetings. At the moment, cash is looking very low during the month of June which would impact purchasing in July for the new school year. Susan and Jim have begun discussing financing options to cover June and July. Jim shared the positive potential for Hold Harmless ADA; there is a real possibility that we could be adding additional revenue if this bill is passed. As far as upcoming deadlines, in June we will look at the LCAP, as well as ideas for implementing the Pre-Kindergarten Planning and Implementation Grant Plan. There has been more funding made available for SPED this year which is good because the school has been realizing a lot more expenses in this area. There will be some additional funding for SPED next year as well but it will not

offset the budget expenses this school has seen over the last two years. Overall, the schools operation is at about a \$500K loss.

- Susan Domenighini recommends the financial reports to the Charter Council. Kate McDonald seconded.
- Vote.

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Susan Domenighini	X			
Amber Brown	X			
Kate McDonald	X			
Chairun Combs	X			
Maggie Buckley				X

- Vote passes.

### 3. BUSINESS

#### 3.1. Executive Director's Report

- Susan Domenighini reported that they are finishing up the May review and final budget for the committee's review next month. Susan reminded the committee that two years ago we thought we were in bad shape but eventually things turned out to be fine; we are hoping for the same situation again.
- The office staff have a lot of plans this summer to get back into attendance next year to support our students. It has been a rough couple of years for attendance.
- The SP740 will need approval at the BOCC meeting. Typically, Susan tries to bring it to the BOFC first, but we have a deadline to meet so we didn't get a chance this year. The SP740 is the funding that helps us to rent this building.
- Susan will hold the first LCAP hearing at the upcoming BOCC and then bring the LCAP budget to the BOFC next month for review before it is officially approved by the Charter Council. This plan relieves us of the need to have a second meeting in June.
- As Jim said, Blue Oak is looking at cash flow concerns for June and July. Historically, these months are typically when cash flow issues occur. We are looking at a few lenders to see what type of deal we can get. The final plan for this will probably come to the BOFC in June.
- The school is continuing to work on hiring; Blue Oak is looking for a School Psychologist, School Counselor, and Spanish teacher. Keep an ear out for interested parties for those positions.
- Kate McDonald encourages positive rewards for good attendance to help kids rise to the occasion. Susan has concerns that often it's not the student who is the reason they are not at school. We want to honor those who are attending without dishonoring those who don't have control of their attendance; focusing on improvement, keeping equity and inclusion in mind in our planning, etc. Amber Bass may be looking at holding parents more accountable in this. Blue Oak will consider district transfer options for families who are having major attendance issues, and having conversations with those parents about their options. Districts

can often offer more services for those families than our school can accommodate.

#### 4. SUSTAINABLE SCHOOL DESIGN TASK FORCE

##### 4.1. Update

- Jim Weber will be including budget scenarios for increasing class sizes; to show the difference it would make to our budget overall. When Susan discussed this idea with the teachers, they didn't seem opposed to the idea because of what increasing our budget would mean for the rest of the school. Blue Oak is also looking to add information in the budget about having childcare after school on Thursdays to have consistency for families and still hold time for professional development.
- Also, the school is looking into the Expanded Learning Grant funding for the state-required additional hours after school hours for working families. This grant is available for all schools; we have already applied to it. It will require Blue Oak to offer 9 hours days to our low income families and more days over the summer as well, meaning we will also be continuing our Kindergarten extended day too.
- Amber Saetern and Cheryl Grant are working together to look into other Waldorf preschools to prepare for the Pre-Kindergarten Program. Susan does not think we will have a preschool program ready by September of this year but we are looking at how to make it financially feasible for late 22/23 or 23/24 school year.

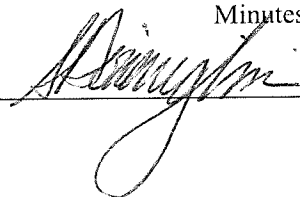
#### 5. NEXT MEETING - Tuesday, June 14th,- 2022 at 4:15PM

#### 6. ADJOURNMENT

- Amber Brown adjourned the meeting at 4:51PM.

Minutes Taken By: Alexandra Archer

Approved by:



Date:

6/23/22