

BLUE OAK CHARTER SCHOOL
450 W. East Avenue, Chico, CA 95926
(Room 24)
CHARTER COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING APPROVED MINUTES
Tuesday, January 7, 2026 06:00 PM

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***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.*

***Virtues:** Hold Reverence - Have Courage - Build Friendships - Seek Wisdom - Show Compassion*

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AGENDA

OPEN SESSION - 6:00PM

1. OPENING

- 1.1.** Call Meeting to Order 6:03pm
- 1.2.** Roll Call of Council Members to establish a quorum

| Name | Present | Absent |
|------------------|---------|--------|
| Vicki Wonacott | x | |
| Laurel Hill-Ward | | x |
| Donna Kreskey | x | |
| Trisha Atehortua | x | |
| Lauren Cesca | x | |

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.

1.4. Agenda Modifications No agenda modifications at this time.

1.5. Audience to Address the Council

This is an opportunity for community members to address the council concerning items not on the agenda. Council Members will not respond to comments due to Brown Act expectations concerning agendas. Persons addressing the Committee will be allowed a maximum of three (3) minutes for their presentation. The chair may establish a maximum speaking time for any item.

Persons may not yield their time to another speaker (Gov. Code § 54954.3)

2. GOVERNANCE

2.1. Charter Renewal Document

Discussion/Action

2.2. Resolution

The board discussed the Charter Renewal timeline. January 21st is the deadline for us to submit our Charter to CUSD. There will be a public hearing on February 11, at Marigold School with the CUSD Board. This is where we will be given 10 minutes to make our plea for charter renewal. We would want a lead presenter to open and close the presentation but faculty, staff, students and alumni are invited to present. Considering the short amount of time we are allotted to present these presentations would need to be short, compelling and impactful. A show of support by our community members is strongly suggested.

Motion to approve the resolution by Trisha Atehortua. Donna Kreskey second motion.

➤ Vote

| Name | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent |
|------------------|-----|----|---------|--------|
| Vicki Wonacott | x | | | |
| Laurel Hill-Ward | | | | x |
| Donna Kreskey | x | | | |
| Trisha Atehortua | x | | | |

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| Lauren Cesca | x | | | |
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➤ Vote passes

3. BUSINESS

3.1. Potential New Plan for new site

Discussion/ Action

Trisha Atehortua

Trisha has been working with Jaime King-Iseman of King Consulting on preference points and funding criteria for Prop 2. The application was submitted in December. Our score was 105 out of 160 which Jaime says is a good score. The decision for prop 2 awards is a process that starts by regions in the state, i.e. region 1, 2, etc. We are in region 1 which will be considered first. Trisha presents a letter outlining this process. OPSC has determined that this project qualifies for preference points as outlined below:

Low Income 37
 Overcrowded School District 28
 Non-Profit Entity 40
 Existing District Facilities 0
 Total 105

There were 116 applications. Award notices are supposed to go out in February. We should find out by March the latest if we got awarded money

We have \$4.2 million dollars in facility funding right now.

If we receive the additional 1 million from CUSD (Measure C). Then we would have \$5.2 million. We applied for Prop 39 however the district does not have site options for us to move to. They did suggest a church that is next to a gas station that they are considering purchasing, but we would have to modify it to fit our needs at our own expense. An elementary school being right next to a gas station is a concern. We know that they do not have a site to house our school where we could reside together. We will most likely have to split our campus if we go this route. There is another option - we could place modules on our new property. It would cost around \$3.9 million to do the ground work necessary to prepare the site for modules. This would mean we start construction of the future site parking lot, plumbing, and electrical would be a part of preparing the site. Immediate work on acquiring permits would need to happen, We have the money to start this now. We can lease portables. Our architect ran the numbers for the leasing of modules.

Budget Breakdown

- Total available funding \$5.2million
- Soft costs (conservatively estimated at 25%): \$1.3million
- Site Work/Utilities: Includes full-sized parking lot and outdoor play area
- Remaining budget for building approximately \$1 million

Modular Building Strategy

- Recommended approach: Lease modular buildings
- Delivery Cost: Approx. \$17/sq ft for 24x40 classroom building. To be verified with Mobile Modular or a selected vendor of your choice. There is quite a lot of uncertainty in this number at this time.
- Flexibility to utilize hard surface space by strategically placing modular units.

Recommendations:

- Explore lease agreements with modular providers
- Confirm if the \$1million budget can cover initial building costs
- Consider overbuilding the outdoor play area to accommodate future expansion
- Maintain flexibility for future permanent building footprint

Getting the work done on the site would be a good move forward. We would have to extend until the fall. Susan discusses that we are talking with landlords about giving Enloe 1/2 of our current building to reduce our cost in rent. Enloe is willing to work with us. Leen Bro's are proposing a contract for an increased amount than was discussed in person. We will be going back to them to discuss adjustments to the draft lease that we are reviewing tonight. Susan's recommendation is to consider Trisha's proposal to move to our new land. We want to make sure we can stay here until we are ready to leave. We talked to them about prop 39 and a different space provided by cusd -

Enloe doesn't want to hurt our program. During the 2026-27 school year we will move to our new site if all goes the way we plan. We should be thinking about what we don't need and getting rid of our stuff. Everything is a tenant cost in commercial properties.

We need to get started prepping our property. This is the recommendation and the mutual desire from board members. Motion to support the plans presented tonight to give facilities the thumbs up to move forward with looking into modules Vicki Laurel seconds

➤ Vote

| Name | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent |
|------------------|-----|----|---------|--------|
| Vicki Wonacott | | | | |
| Laurel Hill-Ward | | | | |
| Donna Kreskey | | | | |
| Trisha Atehortua | | | | |
| Lauren Cesca | | | | |

➤ Vote passes

3.2. Update Lease agreement 450 W East

Susan Domenighini

Lease that is proposed is not acceptable - 30 k per starting in Dec no increases until we move

Motion by Lauren

Second Donna

➤ Vote

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➤ Vote passes

4. CLOSED SESSION

4.1. Public Employment (§54957)

4.1.1. Interim Executive Director / Executive Director

Report out from closed session the board has instructed the director to move forward with interviews.

NEXT MEETING - Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 6:00 PM

8. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes Taken By: Maggie Buckley

Approved by: _____ Date: _____

| Name | Present | Absent |
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| Vicki Wonacott | | |
| Laurel Hill-Ward | | |
| Donna Kreskey | | |
| Trisha Atehortua | | |
| Lauren Cesca | | |

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➤ Vote passes