

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

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MINUTES

Tuesday, June 2, 2020 - 4:15 pm

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.

LCAP Goal Summary: Build the parent community, support success for all students, and prepare students for high school

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AGENDA

OPEN SESSION - 4:15 PM

1. OPENING 15 Minutes

1.1. Call Meeting to Order

- Chelsea Parker called the meeting to order at 4:18 PM

1.2. Roll Call of Committee Members and Establish Quorum

- Present: Chelsea Parker, Susan Domenighini, Chairun Combs, Kate McDonald, Maggie Buckley, Franki Boisseree

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 make a school."

- Chelsea Parker read the 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 to address the committee.

1.5. Agenda Modifications

- No agenda modification.

2. BUSINESS - 25 minutes

2.1. Strategic Plan

- Susan Domenighini explained that this is an ongoing special meeting item.

2.1.1. Healthy Solutions Benefits

2.1.2. Certificated Pay Scale

- Susan Domenighini spoke to both Healthy Solutions Benefits and Certificated Pay-Scale together as the increase in Health Benefit costs to employees is hoped to be offset by the increase in the Certificated pay scale. The terms of the Healthy Solutions benefit package were discussed. Most employees stay the same or have over-all expenses decreased. The impact on the budget if both the Healthy Solutions benefit package and the proposed Certificated Pay-Scale were adopted would be an increase of \$68,000 to the budget. It was decided to hold off on a vote regarding this matter until the 2.2.1 20-21 Budget Proposal was discussed to see how the budget would be impacted overall by this decision.

2.1.3. Single Track Budget

- A revenue model of a single track budget was shared. The income perspective and what cuts would need to be made in order to meet this budget were not reflected in the spreadsheet. The Finance Committee would have to make cuts to meet this model.

2.2. Budget

2.2.1. 20-21 Budget Proposals

- The governor's budget is still pending, thus the amount of cuts that will impact schools is undetermined at this time. The governor's budget is due on June 15. Blue Oak Charter School's budget is due to Chico Unified School District (CUSD) by June 30. The June Charter Council Meeting is June 16, so if a budget is not agreed upon at that meeting then a special meeting will need to be called.
- The largest expenditures were discussed as being school salaries and facility costs. The school is able to recover some of its facility costs through SB740, but this could be potentially decreased with statewide budget cuts. The option of seeking a campus space from CUSD through Prop 39 was discussed. Although it was recognized that applications for the 20/21 school year were due in October of 2019. It was also clarified that Prop 39 does not guarantee us our own space. The space offered could be portable on another school campus. This option would come with unique challenges. The decline in ADA (average daily attendance) was discussed and how it impacts the school budget. The option to recommend reducing staffing costs with the contingency that if more funds become available that they are used first for staffing was discussed. Fundraising was also discussed.
- With public school models showing more responsibility and tasks being placed on classroom teachers and less additional staff because of cuts it was recommended to consider moving forward with the proposed health benefit and salary package. Susan Domenighini strongly stated that both the benefits package and the salary schedule would need to be recommended together and not just one or the other. Doing both will bring the school more in-line with industry standards.
- When the Certificated salary schedule would be implemented was discussed and if it would be implemented over a period of time such as two years. It was shared that the intent was for both the benefits package and the salary schedule to be implemented for the 20/21 school year.
- Franki Boisseree made a motion to recommend that the board approves the Healthy Solutions Benefit plan and the new Certificated salary schedule for the 20/21 school year. Chairun Combs seconds.
- Concerns were expressed regarding the amount of a deficit the school is looking at in the proposed budget for the 2020/2021 school year and the consequences of recommending these changes as they would increase the budget by \$68,000.

➤ Vote.

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Chelsea Parker	X			
Kate McDonald	X			
Chairun Combs	X			
Maggie Buckley	X			
Susan Domenighini	X			
Frankie Boisseree	X			

- Vote passes.
- Chelsea Parker asked that the steps be taken to reach out to CUSD regarding campus options for the 20/21 school year and available space they may have for us.
- Chelsea Parker requested that the committee continue to review the budget for ideas and recommendations to be discussed at the next meeting.

3. NEXT MEETING - June 9, 2020

4. ADJOURNMENT

- Chelsea Parker adjourned the meeting at 5:42 PM

Minutes taken by: Tess Slaton

Approved by :  Date: 6/2/20