



THE COTTONWOOD SCHOOL

Regular Scheduled Board Meeting - The Cottonwood School
April 21, 2020 – 6:30 pm
3840 Rosin Court #200, Sacramento, CA 95834

Attendance: Julisa Platte, Dr. Norman Lorenz, Amanda Meagher, Teresa Lyday-Selby - Teleconference
Absent: None
Also Present: Julie Haycock, Jodiann Beeson, Christian Eidem, Rosie Clark, Janelle Sherman - Teleconference

Call to Order:

Julisa Platte called the meeting to order at 6:36 pm.

Approval of Agenda:

Julisa Platte motioned to amend the Agenda to include an additional item to appoint Dr. Norman Lorenz as Board President. Teresa Lyday-Selby seconded.
-Unanimous

Julisa Platte motioned to approve the Agenda as amended. Amanda Meagher seconded.
-Unanimous

Discussion and Potential Action on the Appointment of Dr. Norman Lorenz as Board President:

Julisa Platte motioned to approve the Appointment of Dr. Norman Lorenz as Board President. Teresa Lyday-Selby seconded.
-Unanimous

Public Comment:

Christian Eidem expressed appreciation for support of the board for continuing to grow the on-site program and increase enrollment.

Closed Session:

Amanda Meagher motioned to go into closed session at 6:40 pm. Julisa Platte seconded.
-Unanimous

Action: Board agreed to follow HR recommendations

Julisa Platte motioned to leave Closed Session at 8:41 pm. Amanda Meagher seconded.
-Unanimous

Principal's Report:

Julie Haycock:

- Continuing with modified learning
- SpEd increasing their work within new model
- Home study is not increasing enrollment
- 1165 students in TCS after transfers

Jodiann Beeson:

- Continuing with distance learning
- Enrollment in onsite program: 27

Discussion and Potential Action on the March Board Meeting Minutes and April Special Board Meeting Minutes:

Julisa Platte motioned to approve the March Board Meeting Minutes and April Special Board Meeting Minutes. Dr. Lorenz seconded.

-Unanimous

Discussion and Potential Action on the March Financials:

Board agreed to table discussion until May board meeting.

Discussion and Potential Action on the ICS Invoices:

Amanda Meagher motioned to approve the ICS Invoices. Julisa Platte seconded.

-Unanimous

Discussion and Potential Action on the 2020-2021 Benefits Renewal:

Dr. Lorenz motioned to approve the 2020-2021 Benefits Renewal. Julisa Platte seconded.

-Unanimous

Discussion and Potential Action on the Principal Title Change and Job Description:

The board proposed the following changes to the Principal Title Change and Job Description:

- Greater than 1-year experience in leadership role
- Define education requirements
- Require MA if only 1 year of experience

The board would like to revisit this item again in May and come with more changes. They would like Julie Haycock to give input to the process as well.

Julisa Platte motioned to approve. Dr. Lorenz seconded.

-Unanimous

Discussion and Potential Action on the Board Resolution Regarding Executive Director Authority 2020 – 4:

Amend resolution to read the following highlighted portions:

WHEREAS, the governing board of The Cottonwood School has determined that it is in the best interests of The Cottonwood School for the Executive Director to have the authority to act without board approval when hiring, firing, and

evaluating staff employed by The Cottonwood School, with the exception of the role of principal;

(second paragraph stays the same)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The governing board of The Cottonwood School hereby grants authority to the position of Executive Director the authority to hire, fire, and evaluate staff hired by The Cottonwood School, with the exception of the role of principal, without seeking the advanced approval for those decisions, except that all hiring decisions must be in line with the current board approved budget.

(fourth paragraph stays the same)

Dr. Lorenz will work with Jodiann Beeson to create a principal job description parallel to the above one.

Julisa Platte motioned to approve with amendments indicated above. Dr. Lorenz seconded.

-Unanimous

Discussion and Potential Action on the Executive Director Evaluation Timeline and Document:

Board agreed to table discussion until May meeting.

Discussion and Potential Action on the Homeschool Teacher Contract:

Dr. Lorenz motioned to approve the Homeschool Teacher Contract. Julisa Platte seconded.

-Unanimous

Discussion and Potential Action on the Site-Based Teacher Contract:

Board agreed to table discussion until May meeting.

Discussion and Potential Action on the Salary Schedule:

Julisa Platte motioned to approve the Salary Schedule as amended by provisional changes to C Salary Schedule. Amanda Meagher seconded.

-Unanimous

Discussion and Potential Action on the Withdrawal Policy:

Julisa Platte motioned to approve the Withdrawal Policy. Dr. Lorenz seconded.

-Unanimous

Discussion and Potential Action on the Teacher Certification Policy:

Julisa Platte motioned to approve the Teacher Certification Policy. Amanda Meagher seconded.

-Unanimous

Discussion and potential Action on the Board Resolution – High School Graduation Requirements: 2020-5:

Dr. Lorenz motioned to approve the Board Resolution – High School Graduation Requirements: 2020-5. Julisa Platte seconded.

-Unanimous

Discussion and Potential Action on Board Meeting Stipend:

No vote, the Board Meeting Stipend stays as is.

Discussion and Potential Action on the SELPA Representative 2020-6:

Amanda Meagher motioned to approve Dr. Amanda Johnson as official representative to SELPA. Teresa Lyday-Selby seconded.

-Julisa Platte - abstained; Dr. Lorenz - aye; Amanda Meagher - aye; Teresa Lyday-Selby - aye

-Approved

Discussion and Potential Action on the LCAP Goals:

Board agreed to table this discussion until May meeting.

Discussion and Potential Action on Funds to Jodiann Beeson for Marketing of Site-based Program:

Amanda Meagher motioned to approve. Dr. Lorenz seconded.

-Unanimous

Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting:

5/19/20 at 6:30 pm.

Adjournment:

Julisa Platte motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:57 pm. Amanda Meagher seconded.

-Unanimous

Prepared by:
Bryanna Brossman

Noted by:



Board Secretary






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