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The Cottonwood School

Minutes

Special Board Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday December 2, 2020 at 6:00 PM

Zoom Link:

<https://zoom.us/j/95116121878>

Meeting ID: Meeting ID:

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Join by Phone: +1 (669) 900-6833

Directors Present

Adina Caskey (remote), Christine Cordero (remote), Deb Hibbard (remote), Dr. Norman Lorenz (remote), Teresa Lyday Selby (remote)

Directors Absent

None

Guests Present

Amy Freydlund (remote), Ann Buxton (remote), Cindy Garcia (remote), Darlington Ahaiwe (remote), Jodiann Beeson (remote), Kathy Fagundo (remote), Kimmi Buzzard (remote), Tom Conwell (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Dr. Norman Lorenz called a meeting of the board of directors of The Cottonwood School to order on Wednesday Dec 2, 2020 @ 6:08 PM.

C. Public Comments

No public comment for the closed session item.

D. Closed Session - Property Lease

Closed Session started at 6:10 pm

- Property Lease

Out of Closed session at 6:52 pm

E. Announcement of Any Action Taken in Closed Session

We are looking for property to work toward unifying our community, allowing room for growth and provide space for administrative offices and shipping/receiving.

II. Open Session - Opening Items

A. Approval of the Agenda

Deb Hibbard made a motion to approve the agenda.

Teresa Lyday Selby seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Dr. Norman Lorenz Aye

Christine Cordero Aye

Adina Caskey Aye

Teresa Lyday Selby Aye

Deb Hibbard Aye

[Check the second for this vote]

B. Public Comment

1. Bridget Burns - Are parents being billed for non-consumable items that they cannot find or return. Cindy Garcia will research this matter.

III. Finance

A. Budget Overview For Parents - Public Hearing

Overview of differences between LCAP and Learning Continuity Plan

Adina Caskey made a motion to open the Public Hearing for the Budget Overview for Parents.

Deb Hibbard seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Adina Caskey Aye

Teresa Lyday Selby Aye

Christine Cordero Aye

Dr. Norman Lorenz Aye

Deb Hibbard Aye

Call for comments, questions, and input.

- Focus is on High Need students (foster youth, ELL, Low SES, migrant, homeless)
- Board Member Christine Cordero questioned whether SpEd students were included in High Need group.
- Ann Buxton explained that template given us by state has unclear wording, but that SpEd students were included in High Need group and budget figures.

Dr. Norman Lorenz made a motion to close the public session for the Budget Overview for Parents.

Teresa Lyday Selby seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

IV. Operations

A. Procurify Contract

Deb Hibbard made a motion to approve the Procurify contract.

Dr. Norman Lorenz seconded the motion.

- \$75K for 1 year contract, software and training
- Possibly begin using software by the beginning of May.
- It is an ordering system that will include vendors, curricula, and “punch outs”.
- Allows more local control by taking these services in-house, which will save money in the long run.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Dr. Norman Lorenz Aye

Christine Cordero Aye

Adina Caskey Aye

Teresa Lyday Selby Aye

Deb Hibbard Aye

V. Closing Items

A. Board of Directors Comments & Requests

Discussion of property lease will occur next week at regular meeting.

B. Announcement of Next Regular Scheduled Board Meeting

December 8, 2020 at 6:00 pm for closed session and 7:00 pm for open session.

C. Adjourn Meeting

Adina Caskey made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Deb Hibbard seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Christine Cordero Aye

Dr. Norman Lorenz Aye

Teresa Lyday Selby Aye

Adina Caskey Aye

Deb Hibbard Aye

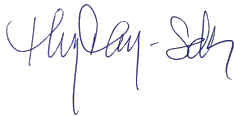
There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Norman Lorenz

Prepared by:
Kimmi Buzzard

Noted by:



Board Secretary

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