



MONARCH RIVER ACADEMY

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Regular Scheduled Board Meeting -Monarch River Academy

October 24, 2019 - 5:15 pm

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Attendance: Craig Wheaton, Sam Nofzinger, Sarah Sanchez, Monique Owinga

Absent: Elizabeth Grabowski

Also Present: Steph Johnson, Dr. Laurie Goodman, Mariah Jordan, and Kimmi Buzzard, and Dr. Rob Hudson

Call to Order:

Craig Wheaton called the meeting to order at 5:17 pm.

Flag Salute:

Nothing to report

Public Comments:

None

Approval of the Agenda:

Sarah Sanchez motioned to approve to Agenda. Sam Nofzinger seconded.

-Unanimous.

Principals Report:

The board received an update from the Principal on the following:

- Enrollment – the current enrollment is 894 students.

Discussion and Potential Action on the Acceptance of Resignation:

Sarah Sanchez motioned to approve the Acceptance of Resignation of Elizabeth Grabowski. Sam Nofzinger seconded.

-Unanimous

Discussion and Potential Action on the Nomination and Appointment of Board Members:

The following process was discussed for the appointment of new board members: The board would like for the Principal to bring 1-3 candidates to the November Board Meeting and provide resumes to the board for review in advance (at least 1 week). The board would like to replace Liz with a parent. Post the vacancy on social media, website, Fresno Bee, etc. Post an accurate description of a board member and ensure that they understand the full commitment.

Sarah Sanchez motioned to approve the process for the Nomination and Appointment of Board Members. Monique Owinga seconded.

-Unanimous

Discussion and Potential Action on the Board Meeting Minutes:

Sam Nofzinger motioned to approve the Board Meeting Minutes. Sarah Sanchez seconded.

-Unanimous

Discussion and Potential Action on the August - September Financials:

Sam Nofzinger motioned to approve the August - September Financials. Sarah Sanchez seconded.

-Unanimous

Discussion and Potential Action on Bank Account Check Signers:

Sam Nofzinger motioned to table this item until next board meeting to add a second signee and dual signatures. Sarah Sanchez seconded.

-Unanimous

Discussion and Potential Action on the Staff Handbook:

Sarah Sanchez motioned to approve the Staff Handbook. Monique Owinga seconded.

-Unanimous

Discussion and Potential Action on the MOU with outside Charter Schools:

Sarah Sanchez motioned to approve the MOU with outside Charter Schools with additional information to be brought back to the board at the next board meeting, and with the provision that the MOU will be reviewed to ensure that any updates that need to be made can be made and brought back to the board for an update and approval. Sam Nofzinger seconded.

-Unanimous

Discussion and Potential Action on the Residency Policy:

Sam Nofzinger motioned to approve the Residency Policy. Sarah Sanchez seconded.

-Unanimous

Discussion and Potential Action on the 9th Grade Math Placement Policy:

Sarah Sanchez motioned to approve the 9th Grade Math Placement Policy. Monique Owinga seconded.

-Unanimous

Discussion and Potential Action on the Title IX Policy:

Sarah Sanchez motioned to approve the Title IX Policy. Sam Nofzinger seconded.

-Unanimous

Discussion and Potential Action on the Extended School Year Dates:

Sarah Sanchez motioned to approve the Extended School Year Dates. Sam Nofzinger seconded.
-Unanimous

Discussion and Potential Action on the Independent Study Policy:

Sarah Sanchez motioned to approve the Independent Study Policy. Monique Owinga seconded.
-Unanimous

Discussion and Potential Action on the Board Resolution Approve the Testing LEA Representative:

Monique Owinga motioned to approve the Board Resolution Approve the Testing LEA Representative.
Sam Nofzinger seconded.
-Unanimous

Discussion and Potential Action on the Vendor Agreement:

Sam Nofzinger motioned to approve the Vendor Agreement. Sarah Sanchez seconded.
-Unanimous

Discussion and Potential Action on the Comprehensive School Safety Plan:

Sarah Sanchez motioned to approve the Comprehensive School Safety Plan. Monique Owinga seconded.
-Unanimous

Discussion and Potential Action on the EL Plan:

Sarah Sanchez motioned to approve the EL Plan. Monique Owinga seconded.
-Unanimous

Discussion and Potential Action on the Conflict of Interest Code:

Sarah Sanchez motioned to approve the Conflict of Interest Code. Sam Nofzinger seconded.
-Unanimous

Board of Directors Requests:

The board of directors requested the following items to be addressed at future board meetings:

- A presentation of clarification of structure of schools, and the management agreement.
- Follow-up about the number of checks signers
- A description of the services provided by the Service Agreement with the Inspire District Office.
- An organizational chart
- Recommendations for legal and agreements

Closed Session

Dr. Craig Wheaton motioned to enter closed session at 6:18 pm. Sam Nofzinger seconded.

-Unanimous.

Sam Nofzinger motioned to exit closed session at 7:42 pm. Sarah Sanchez seconded.

-Unanimous.

The board took action in closed session. Sarah Sanchez motioned to appoint Dr. Laurie Goodman as Principal of Yosemite Valley Charter School. Monique Owinga seconded.

-Unanimous

Adjournment

Sam Nofzinger motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm. Sarah Sanchez seconded.

-Unanimous

Prepared by:
Bryanna Brossman

Noted by: