

Sonoma Charter School
Regular Governing Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

6:00 pm Open Session

5:00pm Closed Session (amended)

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Welcome to our Board of Directors meeting. Documents provided to the majority of the Board of Directors regarding this agenda will be available for public inspection at the School Office located at 17202 Sonoma Hwy., Sonoma, CA 95476 during normal business hours. Such writings and documents are posted on the school's website at <https://www.sonomacharterschool.org/>, as well as on ParentSquare and by clicking on Board of Education. A copy of the file is also available in the meeting room . Said file cannot be removed from the room.

MINUTES

5:00pm CALLED CLOSED SESSION TO ORDER, ESTABLISHED QUORUM: Board members present:

Skinner, Holladay, Cannard, Elin; Int. Superintendent Stone

I. PUBLIC COMMENT: Opportunity for the public to comment on closed session topics.

There was no public comment

II. CLOSED SESSION - Recess to closed session - The Board will consider and/or take action on any of the following:

PERFORMANCE EVALUATION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES Government Code §54957
Title: Director

III. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION Report actions taken, if any, in closed session

President Skinner reported out of Closed Session that Dr. Sowers resigned her position as Director effective Nov. 30, 2023 and that the Board voted to accept her resignation and give her one month's severance pay (\$10,000). He further stated that the Board appreciated Dr. Sowers hard work on behalf of Sonoma Charter School.

6:00 pm OPEN SESSION

CALLED PUBLIC MEETING TO ORDER, ESTABLISHED QUORUM: Board members present: Skinner, Holladay, Cannard, Elin, Perkins, Aviles; Int. Superintendent Stone

I. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment

II. APPROVED THE AGENDA

Moved: Holladay Second: Perkins Vote:6-0

III. CONSENT CALENDAR

Moved: Perkins Second: Aviles Vote:6-0

A. Approved Minutes for:

Board Meeting October 10, 2023

IV. GOVERNANCE

A. School Governance and Leadership: President Skinner announced that Marc Elin offered to step off the Board, and be the interim Director until a permanent one is found. Marc Elin spoke about this and the transition. The Board took action to approve Marc as Interim Director with Catherine as Interim Superintendent.

Moved Cannard, Second Holladay Vote: 5-0 with Elin abstaining

B. Approved Overnight Fieldtrip for 5th Grade. Moved: Perkins Second: Aviles Vote:6-0

V. PROGRAMS AND FINANCES

A. Budget update provided by Jim from Charter Impact. Personnel expenses are above budget, but overall our budget is tracking to be able to cover the year. Enrollment looks good and helps our bottom line.

B. Preliminary Results of 2022-23 CAST (Science) Tests were discussed

C. Results of Initial English Language Proficiency Results were discussed

VI. INFORMATION AND REPORTS

A. Staff Reported on recent conferences, the Improv Showcase, Sketch Comedy, basketball teams, and upcoming fieldtrips

B. CCC Report – Halloween Carnival and Glen Ellen Days were great successes. The Glen Ellen Fair gave a \$1,000 donation to CCC. Working really hard on the Spread the Love fundraiser, and looking forward to Teddy Bear Tea and 30th Anniversary Celebrations

C. Director's Report - none

D. Superintendent's Report - none

E. Board Report –

The Board had a meeting with staff on Nov. 8th to have a conversation about how things were going and get their input on leadership at the school.

President Skinner said Former Board Member Greg Stubbs expressed interest in rejoining as a community member. President Skinner asked for any other interested parties to let him know.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:55 pm