**Sonoma Charter School**

**Regular Governing Board Meeting Minutes**

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**Wednesday, December 14, 2022**

**No Closed Session**

**6:00 p.m. Open Session**

***Meeting will be accessible at school – Classroom 8, Sonoma Charter School***

***17202 Sonoma Highway, Sonoma, CA 95476***

***OR***

***Join Zoom Meeting***

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*Welcome to our Board meeting.  Documents provided to a majority of the Governing Board regarding this agenda will be made available for public inspection in 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 clicking on Board of Education.  A file copy is also available in the the meeting room.  Said file is not to be removed from the room.*

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**6:00 p.m. CALL PUBLIC MEETING TO ORDER, ESTABLISH QUORUM**

Trustees Skinner, Aviles, and Perkins present, White absent.

**I PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments. President Skinner started the meeting by thanking Jeffrey Erkelens for his service to Sonoma Charter School.

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**II GOVERNANCE**

A. Approved Agenda M: Perkins, S: Aviles Vote 3-0 B. Approved Minutes from Board Meeting November 16, 2022

M: Perkins, S: Aviles Vote 3-0

C. Nominated Ashley Holladay for Vacant Parent Representative Position, took vote

M: Perkins, S: Aviles Vote 3-0 D. New Board Members were sworn in by President Skinner.

**III PROGRAMS & FINANCE**

1. Staffing Update was provided
2. Audit Deadline Extension information was presented
3. Approved Resolution 03-22/23 to Appoint Representatives to Redwood Empire Schools Insurance Group M: Perkins, S: Aviles Vote 3-0
4. First Interim Budget Report certified M: Perkins, S: Aviles Vote 3-0
5. Board Workshop on Budget – date set for January 23, 2023. Board expressed intention to bring SCS salaries up to par with Sonoma County schools. It was mentioned that increasing enrollment by 15 more students, would offset the need to reduce other expenses in order to afford salary increases.

Items on the agenda of the board workshop:

1. Budget Overview
2. Budget Review by line item
3. Budget Reduction process
4. Staff Salary increases
5. Annual and Class Fund Campaign updated, Trustees Skinner and Holladay and Amy Murphy will meet to discuss how to proceed

**IV INFORMATION & REPORTS**

1. Staff Reports: The 7th/8th culminating projects for the semester are podcasts about human body systems. Middle School has started new electives: cooking, sports skills, and cartooning. Teachers are working really hard on fieldtrips. The hardest part is getting drivers.

1. CCC Report - none
2. Principal’s Report: COVID test kits will be going home with students before winter break so they can test before returning to school in January, the PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention) team has completed the behavior matrix for SCS (!!), Cluster 2 (3rd, 4th, 5th) just completed their performances, Cluster 3 will start their performing arts unit after break, the Teddy Bear Tea was wonderful and Dr. Sowers was appreciative of all the work and planning that went into it, our volunteer reading support program now has 4 volunteers, Dr. Sowers and Ms. Keedy have been having student data meeting with teachers to identify any students needing more support, there is a new bulletin board on the wall outside of rm. 3 to display student art, and a local law enforcement officer presented information on social media safety to all upper grade students.
3. Superintendent’s Report: SCS is going to be the “Lab school” for the next phase of the Grade Level Proficiency Project – the training of new coaches, which will provide more support in primary classrooms, and the recently passed initiative to provide arts education to students in CA will benefit JCS, as the revenue must go to salaries/benefits for art teachers.
4. Board Reports – Trustee Skinner talked about getting the Annual Fund/Class Fund kick-started in the new year.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:16pm