

El Camino Real Charter High School Board
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MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, December 17, 2014
4:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Jeff Falgien at 4:05pm.

ROLL CALL: Board members present: Jeff Falgien, Odus Caldwell, Jon Wasser, Jackie Keene. Also present were Principal Dave Fehte, CBO Marshall Mayotte, and Terri Keas.
Absent: Obie Slamon, and Sharon Weir.

MOTION: A motion was made by Odus Caldwell and seconded by Jon Wasser to go into Closed Session to discuss a personnel situation.

Vote: Ayes: Odus Caldwell, Jon Wasser and Peter Vastenhold
Nays: none

MOTION PASSED

During Closed Session the Board members unanimously voted to approve the release of a teacher.

OPEN SESSION resumed at 4:25pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: A motion was made by Jackie Keene and seconded by Odus Caldwell to approve the Minutes of the November 19, 2014 meeting as written.

Vote: Ayes: Odus Caldwell, Jon Wasser and Peter Vastenhold
Nays: none

MOTION PASSED

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: No Chairperson's Report or Announcements this month.

CBO'S REPORT: Canoga High School vote to go charter is currently at 68% with three more likely remaining votes.

MOTION: A motion was made by Odus Caldwell and Seconded by Peter Vastenhold for approval to authorize the allocation of up to a maximum of \$40,000.00 for advertising the ECR Alliance, build an ECR Alliance website (for fund raising), advertise in newspapers and to pay for community informational mailings.

Vote: Ayes: Odus Caldwell, Jon Wasser, Peter Vastenhold and Jackie Keene
Nays: none

MOTION PASSED

MOTION: A motion was made by Jackie Keene and seconded by Jon Wasser to approve the October check register.

Vote: Ayes: Odus Caldwell, Jon Wasser, Peter Vastenhold and Jackie Keene
Nays: none

MOTION PASSED

MOTION: A motion was made by Peter Vastenhold and seconded by Jon Wasser to approve the 1st Interim Financials prepared by ExED. We are currently running with an increase in student attendance and teacher salaries decreased because of demographics (less senior teachers hired to replace senior teachers). We are operating with more revenue than projected. We are looking at a large increase in the cost of health benefits next year because Kaiser no longer wants to charge us on a single composite rate but change to a family rate based on our employees. Plus the natural inflation of cost of health benefits and possible increases due to the Affordable Care Act.

Vote: Ayes: Odus Caldwell, Jon Wasser, Peter Vastenhold and Jackie Keene

Nays: none

MOTION PASSED

MOTION: A motion was made by Odus Caldwell and seconded by Jon Wasser to approve the hiring of two additional support staff (classified) for the central office(on site) to work business services (financials, payroll, accounting).

Vote: Ayes: Odus Caldwell, Jon Wasser, Peter Vastenhold and Jackie Keene

Nays: none

MOTION PASSED

MOTION: A motion was made by Peter Vastenhold and seconded by Jackie Keene to approve additional details that segregate LCAP expenditures in regards to supplemental programs which include the alternative ed. funding, summer school, and tutoring.

Vote: Ayes: Odus Caldwell, Jon Wasser, Peter Vastenhold and Jackie Keene

Nays: none

MOTION PASSED

MOTION: A motion was made by Jon Wasser and seconded by Peter Vastenhold to create a separate Schwab account with Marshall Mayotte and Melanie Horton as trustees, to specifically fund retiree benefits. The plan is to invest \$1M each year. The total amount needed will depend on the investment.

Vote: Ayes: Odus Caldwell, Jon Wasser, Peter Vastenhold and Jackie Keene

Nays: none

MOTION PASSED

CBO UPDATE: Melanie Horton presented the Mission Statement for the ECR Alliance. The Board members reviewed two versions and a motion was made by Peter Vastenhold and seconded by Odus Caldwell to approve the first (original) version.

Vote: Ayes: Odus Caldwell, Jon Wasser, Peter Vastenhold and Jackie Keene

Nays: none

MOTION PASSED

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Board member Sharon Weir is unable to attend meetings on Wednesdays and has requested to be released from serving on the Board. Jeff will review the by-laws on the appointment process to fill the vacancy and report back at the next board meeting.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Mr. Fehle reported that things are fine. The project on the quad, which is a LAUSD funded project, is running a month behind schedule. The end of the year staff lunch meeting

will take place tomorrow at 12:30pm and Mr. Fehte invited the Board members to attend. Mr. Fehte will thank the Board members at the meeting for approving the bonuses.

Visitor: Mr. Fehte introduced Martin Alvarez, President of Friends of ECR and parent of two ECR students (a sophomore and a junior) to the Board.

MOTION: A motion was made by Peter Vastenhold and seconded by Odus Caldwell to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Ayes: Odus Caldwell, Jon Wasser, Peter Vastenhold and Jackie Keene

Nays: none

MOTION PASSED

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 5:20pm.

Respectfully submitted by Terri Keas.