

APPROVED



The Cottonwood School

Minutes

Regular Scheduled Board Meeting

Date and Time

Tuesday May 18, 2021 at 6:00 PM

Location

7006 Rossmore Lane
El Dorado Hills, CA 95762

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/95747874461>

Meeting ID: 957 4787 4461

Join by Phone: (669) 900-6833

Directors Present

Christine Cordero (remote), Deb Hibbard (remote), Donna Huckleby (remote), Dr. Norman Lorenz (remote), Teresa Lyday Selby (remote)

Directors Absent

None

Guests Present

Ann Buxton (remote), Cindy Garcia (remote), Dr. Amanda Johnson (remote), Jodiann Beeson (remote), Kaela Haydu (remote), Kathy Fagundo (remote), Kimmi Buzzard, Kirsten Graat (remote), Lisa Corr (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 Tuesday May 18, 2021 at 6:02 PM.

C. Public Comments

No public comments.

D. Closed Session Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing & Anticipated Litigation

The board entered public session at 6:05pm.

The board returned from closed session at 6:46pm.

E. Announcement of Any Action Taken in Closed Session

No actions were taken. The board received information from legal counsel and gave authorizations.

II. Open Session - Opening Items

A. Approval of the Agenda

Donna Huckleby made a motion to approve the Agenda.

Christine Cordero seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

Christine Cordero Aye

Dr. Norman Lorenz Aye

Teresa Lyday Selby Aye

Deb Hibbard Aye

Donna Huckleby Aye

B. Public Comments

No public comments.

C. Approve Minutes

Item was tabled.

D. Executive Director's Report

Cindy Garcia presented the Executive Director's report.

1. Student Spotlight
 - Thomas Campbell and Emilie Campbell (Homeschool students), musical presentation
2. Site-based High School presentation by principal, Jodiann Beeson, and teachers
 - Driven by student interest
 - Presentation of a Crime Scene project that encompassed all disciplines
 - Montessori-Inspired, interdisciplinary curricula and project-based
3. Enrollment – full with wait list
4. Testing
 - Currently 65% participation/completion
 - Goal is 95% participation
 - Reaching out to families with explanation of importance of testing results and participation.
 - Master agreements with families in process
 - Ordering to begin shortly
5. Dianne Curtis – Community

- Welcome New Families
- Community Connection
 1. Kindergarten Promotion
 2. 8th grade Promotion
- Parent Advisory Committee
- 6. Amy Frydenland – Curriculum
 - Vendor Services – will resume in-person opportunities in 2021-2022
 - Program development – RISE and BOOST, staffin
- 7. Kara Tupy – RISE (Relmagine-Strive-Elevate)
 - High school and Jr. High
 - Inclusive across all abilities and language
- 8. Ann Buxton – LCAP explanation

****NOTE by Dr. Lorenz:** Postpone approval of April minutes to June as they were not in board packet.

III. Academic Excellence

A. SELPA Master Contract and Individual Services Agreement (ISA)

Deb Hibbard made a motion to approve the SELPA Master Contract and Individual Services Agreement (ISA).

Dr. Norman Lorenz seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

Deb Hibbard Aye
Christine Cordero Aye
Dr. Norman Lorenz Aye
Teresa Lyday Selby Aye
Donna Huckleby Aye

B. Discussion and Potential Action on the Parent Engagement Policy

Teresa Lyday Selby made a motion to approve the Parent Engagement Policy.

Christine Cordero seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

Donna Huckleby Aye
Teresa Lyday Selby Aye
Christine Cordero Aye
Deb Hibbard Aye
Dr. Norman Lorenz Aye

C. Discussion and Potential Action on the Independent Study Policy

Ann Buxton wrote it together with Parent Advisory Committee

Dr. Norman Lorenz made a motion to approve the Independent Study Policy.

Donna Huckleby seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

Christine Cordero Aye
Donna Huckleby Aye
Teresa Lyday Selby Aye
Deb Hibbard Aye
Dr. Norman Lorenz Aye

IV. Finance

A. Discussion and Potential Action on the April Financials

Deb Hibbard made a motion to approve the April Financials as presented by Darlington Ahaiwe.

Christine Cordero seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

Donna Huckleby Aye
Teresa Lyday Selby Aye
Deb Hibbard Aye
Dr. Norman Lorenz Aye
Christine Cordero Aye

B. Discussion and Potential Action on the Adoption of CalSTRS Pension2 403(b) Deferred Compensation Plan

Deb Hibbard made a motion to approve the Adoption of CalSTRS Pension2 403(b) Deferred Compensation Plan.

Teresa Lyday Selby seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

Donna Huckleby Aye
Deb Hibbard Aye
Dr. Norman Lorenz Aye
Teresa Lyday Selby Aye
Christine Cordero Aye

C. Public Hearing on the LCAP & Budget Overview for Parents (BOP)

Ann Buxton explained the BOP and LCAP and invited members of the public to comment. There were no public comments.

D. Discussion and Potential Action on the Expanded Learning Grant

Donna Huckleby made a motion to approve the Expanded Learning Grant.

Dr. Norman Lorenz seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

Christine Cordero Aye
Teresa Lyday Selby Aye
Deb Hibbard Aye
Dr. Norman Lorenz Aye
Donna Huckleby Aye

E. Stipend Chart Discussion and Potential Action.

Dr. Norman Lorenz made a motion to approve the updated Stipend Chart.

Christine Cordero seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

Dr. Norman Lorenz Aye
Teresa Lyday Selby Aye
Christine Cordero Aye
Deb Hibbard Aye
Donna Huckleby Aye

V. Operations

A. Executive Director Evaluation Process

Dr. Lorenz asked for two board members to assist him in the Executive Director evaluation process.

Teresa Lyday-Selby and Christine Cordero will work with Dr. Lorenz.

VI. Governance

A. Board Calendar for 2021-2022

Ann Buxton presented a draft 2021-2022 Board calendar with the Board for discussion with meetings on the 4th Tuesday of the month.

VII. Closing Items

A. Board of Directors Comments & Requests

No board comments or requests.

B. Announcement of the Next Regular Scheduled Board Meeting

Next meeting is June 15, 2021 at 6pm closed session and 7pm regular meeting.

C. Adjourn Meeting

Donna Huckleby made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:19pm.

Dr. Norman Lorenz seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

Teresa Lyday Selby Aye

Deb Hibbard Aye

Christine Cordero Aye

Dr. Norman Lorenz Aye

Donna Huckleby Aye

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Norman Lorenz

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