

Charter School of Morgan Hill



Board of Director Minutes

August 8, 2002

Open sessions began at 7:10 PM

Board Members Present: John Varela, Cinda Meister, Sharon Sousa, Paige Cisewski, Lynn Mitoma
Marcy Tomsheck, and Joy Moody (staff rep alternate)
Absent: Myles Taketa, Claudette Beatty, Noreen Bergin, and Elaine Feeny
Attended, non-voting: Mary Smathers, Debbie Hargadon

No public comment.

Comments regarding Board Packet

Varela thanked Sousa and Smathers for having packets available for advanced Board review. He opened up the meeting asking if any members have any questions regarding the information that they had received in the packets.

Lynn asked what we thought about our STAR 9 scores. Sousa answered she was cautiously pleased about our first year. Statewide posting was scheduled for Aug. 15 but has been delayed until Aug. 29. She stressed that STAR 9 is one point on a graph and there are other measurement issues.

Action Items

Hiring Recommendations:

Middle school history/science – full time – David Cross

Middle school math – pt – Melinda Price

Presented contract today for FT for 3rd or 4/5. Elizabeth Fletcher – core teacher

SS recommends we approve these 3 contracts. Teacher contract needs to be in the Board Binder.

PC motioned, LM 2nd, approved 6 – 0.

Sousa recommends we approve these 3 contracts. Teacher contract needs to be in the Board Binder.

Approve benefits allowance package for part time employees.

Only changes affect PT employees – people who work 20 – 29.

PC motioned, MT 2nd, Approved 6 – 0

Approve ELC agreement:

Presented copy of the ELC agreement – only changes are change of address and we don't need to offer signage.

PC motioned that we approve agreement with change of address and street sign agreement removed. CM motioned, MT 2nd, all approved 6 – 0

Jeff Barnes agreement letter:

John explained this was suggested by one of the site committee leaders. Mr. Barnes has agreed. This gives us the opportunity to market ourselves to find a permanent site. We are agreeing he is our exclusive agent. There is no cost to us; the leasing agent will pay his fees. Varela expressed that Jeff is a very well respected broker in the region and is a strong advocate of the school, and is very well connected. Site committee was unanimous in choosing Mr. Barnes.

PC motioned we approved, MT 2nd, all Approved 6 – 0.

Discussion items:

PBL Presentation by Cisewski and Sousa: How the school picked PBL as an emphasis as a basis for this school. Hands on learning, kids involved in things they are interested in. Presentation was well received.

Permanent Site Strategy

We have a dual strategy: to approach the School District regarding Encinal as well as looking at available commercial sites.

Paige suggested that we need to get advice from our attorney to help get this letter presented to MHUSD Board by Oct. 1. A draft of this letter needs to be presented to the Board by the next meeting.

Commercial sites – property prices have come down. Scott Schilling has given rough numbers for building, leasing with option to buy, lease only, etc.

Lease and renovate is probably most likely scenario.

Mary is thinking we need advice for capital campaign.

Strategic Planning Process

Not really ready for Board discussion at this point. Paige is beginning this process.

Table until Sept.

Next meeting Sept. 12 at 7 PM. Adjourned at 9:13 PM

Respectfully submitted,

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Sharon Sousa
Board of Director's Secretary