

**REGULAR SESSION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD  
ADOPTED MINUTES\***

DATE: Thursday, January 17, 2013  
 TIME: 4:00 p.m.  
 MEETING PLACE: Horizon Board Rooms  
 2800 Nicolaus Road, Suite 100  
 Lincoln, California

**1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 4:05 P.M. BY ANGELA HENNING**

1.01 Pledge of Allegiance

**2. ROLL CALL:**

Education/Community Representative: Sandra Frame, President ABSENT  
 Parent Representative: Angela Henning, Vice President PRESENT  
 Parent Representative: Andrea Rynberk PRESENT  
 Business/Community Representative: Cynthia Moore ABSENT  
 Parent Representative WPUSD: Carmen Del Prado PRESENT  
 Parent Representative: Carmen Oates PRESENT  
 Parent Representative: Frank Kavenik PRESENT  
 A quorum was established with five (5) members present

**3. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Items on the Consent Agenda are considered routine and/or are deemed to be consistent with the item adopted Board Policies and carry the recommendation of the Administration. The Consent Agenda may be enacted by one motion with a Roll Call vote. There will be no separate discussion of the items unless a trustee or citizen so requests, in which case the designated item(s) will be considered following approval of the remaining items.

3.01 Chief Business Officer

a. Approve Purchase Orders over \$50,000

3.02 Chief Executive Officer

a. Approval of Minutes for December 13, 2012 Regular Business Meeting

b. Motion to adopt the Agenda and Approve the Consent Agenda by Carmen Oates  
 Second by Andrea Rynberk

Roll Call Vote:

	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Sandra Frame	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
Andrea Rynberk	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cynthia Moore	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
Angela Henning	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Carmen Del Prado	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Carmen Oates	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Frank Kavenik	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Motion passed				

#### 4. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

This portion of the meeting is set aside for the purpose of allowing an opportunity for individuals to address the Governing Board regarding matters not on the Agenda but within the Governing Board's subject matter jurisdiction. The Governing Board is not allowed to take action on any item that is not on the Agenda, except as authorized by Government Code Section 54954.2.

- Angela Henning reviewed the Guidelines for Addressing the Board and the Brown Act
- Janine Howell (staff) read a statement from Stacy Wursten (staff) supporting Horizon Charter Schools and its Administration
- Sherry Henderson (staff) read a statement regarding her thoughts and support for Horizon Charter Schools and its Administration
- Rafael Ruano (HCEA Attorney) gave a statement from HCEA supporting Horizon Charter Schools and Administration
- Todd Pfeffer, Debbie Pfeffer, Marianne Bjorkman, Karen Allen, and Janel Catalano (former ALA teachers) requested information and an investigation regarding the closure of ALA, the termination of teachers, and request for loss of future earnings
- Mona Krentz (staff), read a statement regarding support for Administration
- Lizette Sweiven (HCEA officer, ST, and parent) voiced support for Horizon Charter Schools and Administration
- Kathleen Lauten (ST), voiced support for Horizon Charter Schools and Administration
- Kathleen Byers (Staff), voiced her support for Horizon Charter Schools and Administration
- Julia Patti (parent), voiced support for the SKIE program and Administration
- Thelma Lowery (SKIE and Horizon homeschool parent), voiced support for Horizon Charter Schools and Administration and SKIE from herself and another parent who was unable to attend
- Carole Repetti (former ALA parent), voiced her anger concerning the closure of ALA, and its effect on parents and teachers
- Debbie Spray (former ALA parent), read a statement questioning ALA changes during summer
- Karen Spray (former ALA high school student), shared her stress and feelings regarding the ALA closure
- Alex Carey (former ALA student), expressed his anger at the ALA closure
- Bina Spray, (former ALA student),voiced her anger at the ALA closure
- Jay Carey (former ALA parent), questioned the parent representatives on the Governing Board regarding the mismanagement of funds, etc.
- Rhiannon Repetti (former ALA student) stated she is sad at the ALA closure

#### 5. COMMUNICATION FROM THE BARGAINING UNITS

##### 5.01 Horizon Certificated Employees Association

HCEA Representative Lizette Sweiven presented the following statement:

“HCEA Statement of Support for Horizon Charter Schools

As Horizon Charter Schools' teachers and members of the Horizon Certificated Employees Association, we wish to express our continued support for Horizon Charter Schools, the current administrative team, and the Governing Board.

The past few months have been difficult for everyone associated with Horizon. The loss of the Rocklin and Lincoln facilities shared by the ALA and RAMSE programs was a devastating blow to the students, families and teachers involved in those programs. We are heartened to have recently learned that most of the ALA students and their teachers have been able to relocate to a different charter school in the region and be able to continue to provide a quality learning experience. We are also supportive of the tremendous efforts put forth by teachers and staff to provide an innovative and challenging education model for the RAMSE students that remain with Horizon.

While no one could have hoped that the events of the past few months had happened at all, we are ready to move forward. There are over 2700 students at Horizon and around 145 teachers. It is with these students, their families, and their teachers in mind that we want to focus our attention and energies on continuing to work diligently and creatively to provide the best possible school for the students. Any time, energy and resources spent in trying to undo the events that ultimately led to the cancellation of the ALA program does not serve the needs of the students, who are supposed to be the reason why we are all involved in education.

Recently, HCEA conducted a survey of its teachers, and about 50 percent of its members responded, with a strong majority of teachers indicating support for the current administrative team. The teachers support Horizon and want to make sure that everyone knows. To sum it up, Horizon teachers are saddened by the loss of programs, students and negative media. We want to move forward in educating our students and in being the best independent student school in California.”

Mrs. Sweiven also read a statement from Travis Stull and Eric Johnson (HCEA officers and STs) voicing support for Horizon Charter Schools and Administration, and several supportive statements from other HCEA members in support of Horizon Charter Schools and Administration

5.02 California School Employees Association

CSEA President Diana Bull presented the following statement:

“As Horizon Charter Schools’ classified support employees and members of the California School Employees Association, we would like to express our continued support for Horizon Charter Schools, the current administrative team, and the Governing Board.

These past few months have been very difficult for all associated with Horizon. The closure of the Lincoln facility shared by the ALA and RAMSE programs caused great distress to the students, families and teachers involved in those programs, but we are encouraged to know that most of the ALA students and their teachers have found a different charter school to relocate to that will continue to provide a quality learning experience. We are also pleased to hear that some former ALA families have decided to remain here at Horizon.

It’s time to move forward. There are about 2,700 students at Horizon and around 145 teachers. With this in mind we would like to focus our attention and energies on continuing to provide the best possible school for the kids.”

Regards, CSEA President Diana Bull

**6. COMMUNICATION FROM THE ADMINISTRATION**

6.01 Superintendent/Chief Executive Officer

Craig Heimbichner reported on:

- Horizon Charter Schools need to celebrate our successes
- Back to school night for the new RAMSE was excellent
- One of Horizon Charter Schools’ Elk Grove students advanced in spelling bee competition

6.02 Deputy Superintendent/Chief Academic Officer

Cynthia Wood reported on:

- Horizon Charter Schools offers cutting edge educational options
  - Eric Sweiven, principal, virtual learning reported on how virtual learning/online RAMSE program was begun

6.03 Chief Business Officer

Cliff Bautista reported on:

- Update on Governor’s budget workshop,
  - Horizon Charter Schools will get an increase in ADA

**7. ENDS**

- 7.01 ENDS Policy 1.1.a.: Reading/Language Arts  
CAO/Deputy Superintendent Cynthia Wood presented the report and lead discussion regarding ENDS Policy 1.1.a.: Reading/Language Arts  
Motion by Carmen Del Prado to accept the report as sufficient data and reasonable interpretation  
Second by Frank Kavenik  
Ayes 5  
Noes 0  
Abstain 0  
Absent 2  
Motion passed

**8. EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS**

- 8.01 Executive Limitations Policy 2.3: Asset Protection  
2012 Audit for Approval  
Board consensus to wait until after February workshop
- 8.02 Executive Limitations Policy 2.0: Global Executive Constraints  
Consideration and Review of the Closure of the Accelerated Learning Academy Program  
Craig Heimlichner gave a statement regarding closure of the Accelerated Learning Academy Program  
Angela Henning led discussion and asked questions of Administration regarding the closure of the ALA program  
No action taken

**9. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

- 9.01 Public Employee Personnel: Appointment, Employment, Evaluation of Performance, Discipline or Dismissal of Public Employee (Government Code Section 54957)
- 9.02 Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation – Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Government Code Section 54956.9
- 9.03 Admission of Expelled Students (Government Code 48957.6)  
9.03 a ES#12-14  
9.03 b ES#13-02 (Removed from consideration)  
9.03 c E#13-01  
9.03 d E#13-02

**10. ADJOURN TO OPEN SESSION**

**11. DISCLOSURE OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION, IF ANY**

- 11.01 Public Employee Personnel: Appointment, Employment, Evaluation of Performance, Discipline or Dismissal of Public Employee (Government Code Section 54957)  
No Action Taken
- 11.02 Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation – Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Government Code Section 54956.9  
No Action Taken
- 11.03 Admission of Expelled Students (Government Code 48957.6)  
11.03 a ES#12-14  
Motion to Andrea Rynberk to approve the recommendations of the Administrative Panel  
Second by Carmen Oates  
Ayes 5  
Noes 0  
Abstain 0  
Absent 2  
Motion passed

11.03 b ES#13-02 Removed from consideration)

11.03 c E#13-01

Motion by Carmen Oates to approve expulsion of Student E#13-01 as recommended by Administrative Panel

Second by Andrea Rynberk

Ayes 5

Noes 0

Abstain 0

Absent 2

Motion passed

11.03 d E#13-02

Motion by Carmen Del Prado to approved Student E#13-02 to change programs as recommended by the Administrative Panel

Second by Frank Kavenik

Ayes 5

Noes 0

Abstain 0

Absent 2

Motion passed

## 12. BOARD SELF-EVALUATION

Andrea Rynberk reported satisfactory performance by the Board “under extreme circumstances...”

## 13. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Andrea Rynberk thanked Craig Heimbichner and Cynthia Wood for their leadership in troubled times

Angela Henning thanked all staff for their support and professionalism

All Board Members were commented on their excitement regarding online learning

Carmen Del Prado thanked staff

## 14. ESTABLISHMENT OF FUTURE MEETINGS AND AGENDA TOPICS

14.01 February 14, 2013

a. Workshop for Audit To Be Decided

b. Regular Business Meeting (3:00 p.m.)

- ENDS Policy 1.1.b.: Mathematics
- Audit for Approval after Workshop
- 2013-2014 School Year Calendar

c. March workshop: Board Effectiveness quiz

## 15. ADJOURNMENT AT 8:20 P.M.

The Governing Board may be reached via **e-mail** at: [horizonboard@hcs.k12.ca.us](mailto:horizonboard@hcs.k12.ca.us)

Via **U.S. Mail** at: Horizon Governing Board, P.O. Box 489000, Lincoln CA 95648

Or by leaving a message with the **Board Secretary**, at 916-408-5252 or 1-800-338-8003 ext 5252

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The Board may alter the order at their discretion.