

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

DATE: Thursday, April 18, 2013
 MEETING PLACE: Horizon Board Rooms
 2800 Nicolaus Road, Suite 100
 Lincoln, California

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY AT SANDRA FRAME AT 4:00 P.M.
 1.01 Pledge of Allegiance

- 2. ROLL CALL:**
 Education/Community Representative: Sandra Frame, President PRESENT
 Parent Representative: Angela Henning, Vice President PRESENT (left during Closed Session)
 Parent Representative: Andrea Rynberk PRESENT
 Business/Community Representative: Cynthia Moore PRESENT
 Parent Representative WPUSD: Carmen Del Prado PRESENT
 Parent Representative: Carmen Oates LATE (arrived during HCEA statement, left during Closed Session)
 Parent Representative: Frank Kavenik PRESENT
 A quorum was established with six (6) 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 Academic Officer/Deputy Superintendent
 a. Approve Horizon Charter Schools students attending the Shakespeare Festival in Ashland, Oregon September 12-14, 2013
- 3.02 Chief Executive Officer/Superintendent
 a. Approval of Minutes for April 11, 2013 Special Meeting
 b. Motion to adopt the Agenda and Approve the Consent Agenda by Cynthia Moore
 Second Carmen Del Prado

Roll Call Vote:

	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Sandra Frame	✗	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Andrea Rynberk	✗	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cynthia Moore	✗	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Angela Henning	✗	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Carmen Del Prado	✗	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Carmen Oates	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	✗
Frank Kavenik	✗	<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.
None

5. COMMUNICATION FROM THE BARGAINING UNITS

5.01 Horizon Certificated Employees Association

HCEA Representative Lizette Sweiven delivered the following report:

"The HCEA appreciates the external audits which have confirmed many of our suspicions and assertions. What was very shocking and disappointing to us is that a group of employees continued with pay enhancements outside of budgeted expenditures over the past few years, while the rest of the employees at the school took deep cuts. We thought we were sharing in the pain of cuts to balance declining revenues equally. The HCEA will support further investigation, and are committed to moving forward to make horizon the best place to be for our students and employees.

We are grateful for the Governing Board's recognition of the need to take a more active role in school operations in order to ensure the board ends are being met. The HCEA supports the idea of a more oversight and support by the Governing Board. The HCEA continue to be impressed by the collaborative and transparent leadership from Craig and Cynthia. Cynthia has taken time to listen, with both empathy and professionalism, to HCEA concerns, questions, and comments regarding the recent audits. The HCEA is confident to move forward knowing that Craig Heimbichner, Cynthia Verdugo-Wood and our Governing Board are fully dedicated to transparency and strengthening the integrity and operations of our school.

Moving forward, our teachers continue to maintain professionalism and excellence. At this time, teachers are busy giving state tests, completing Master Agreements for the next school year, and gearing up for final exams. I would like to recognize our special education teachers who always go above and beyond during testing season in order to meet the individualized needs of all students with IEPs. Teachers are busy planning and collaborating with their families to prep for end-of-year tests, finish this year's curriculum, and plan for next year's curriculum and opportunities. As we get ready to watch our graduating seniors fly to new heights, many teachers are busy finalizing graduation requirements and participating in PLP interviews. The HCEA would like to recognize the excellent support from our RAs and office staff in Lincoln, and we thank them for their dedication. It is the hard work and dedication to excellence of our entire staff that continues to make Horizon the best choice for individualized and superior K-12 education "

5.02 California School Employees Association

CSEA Member Marcy Jo Williams delivered the following report:

"Good afternoon, my name is Marcy Williams.

I come before you representing the Horizon CSEA classified members.

We appreciate and applaud the in-depth analysis done by the auditors. It was eye opening to read how raises were bestowed to some personnel while others took major cuts of 10, 20 and in some cases, 30 days, not only creating a hardship on day to day life, but also negatively impacting our retirement.

*CSEA members agreed to give up their contracted days on the grounds that we were contributing "our fair share" to helping Horizon survive. Now we find out that funds went into the pockets of some members of the confidential staff, paid out in vacation pay, **again** to members of the confidential staff, and the rest squandered on bad investments and excessive contracts.*

It is evident now that we were lied to, and not everyone was operating under the constraints of a tight budget.

CSEA members support our new leadership, and trust that each issue brought to light in the audit will be addressed swiftly with the attention and accountability it deserves.

I can report to you that, even during these difficult times, our CSEA members never lost focus of our goal -- that of providing quality education to Horizon students. You can be assured that we performed our jobs with dignity and professionalism, and continue to do so.

CSEA would like to continue our support and dedication to the new administration, and the future of Horizon.

Continuation of evidence that this Board and the new Administration will take strong action to make certain that these injustices never happen again will be the first step in restoring the trust essential to move forward and assuring Horizon's future.

CSEA members also would like to acknowledge our fellow HCEA members and their dedication to the outstanding quality education they continue to provide to our students.

Thank you teachers; your work is appreciated.

Thank you again Craig and Cynthia for your leadership. And to Terry Ryland for the many hours that were required for such a complete and thorough audit."

6. COMMUNICATION FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

6.01 Superintendent/Chief Executive Officer

Superintendent/CEO Craig Heimbichner reported:

- Acknowledged concerns of both CSEA and HCEA
- Update on WPUSD Board meeting held on April 16th
- We will now have all Purchase Orders Board approved for \$25,000. Changed from \$50,000 as recommended in the audit
- Anticipating good news regarding charter renewal

6.02 Deputy Superintendent/Chief Academic Officer

Deputy Superintendent/CAO Cynthia Wood reported:

- Policy building to come
- Examine each policy already in place
- Examine WPUSD policies for our own use if applicable
 - Board would like to be involved in this examination.
 - Sandra Frame and Cynthia Moore volunteered
- Acknowledged HCEA and CSEA groups
- Posted CBO position. 18 applicants. Hope to have new CBO in place by July 1st

6.03 Chief Business Officer (Interim)

NONE

7. ENDS

7.01 ENDS Policy 1.1.d.: Science

Cynthia Wood presented her report and led discussion regarding ENDS policy 1.1.d.: Science

Motion by Cynthia Moore to accept the report as reasonable interpretation providing sufficient data

Second by Angela Henning

Ayes 7

Noes 0

Absent 0

Abstain 0

Motion passed

7.02 ENDS Policy 1.2: Special Interests and Talents
Cynthia Wood presented her report then introduced Maria Blix, Assistant Principal at the Auburn Campus.

- Students from Auburn Campus, Eddie Zmrzel and Abby Wippermann sang a hip hop song from a CD that Eddie has completed
- Jinae Barrett, drama teacher at the Auburn Campus, introduced Abby Wippermann to sing a number from Lion King
- Sam McGillicuddy wrote a short story and the art students made drawings to go with the story, which were on display
- Performance from upcoming Cinderella play by Sam McGillicuddy, Moriah Hengst, Brooke Stanley, Rachael Jennings, Austin Strong
- The Board, CEO and CAO were all very impressed with every performance as was everyone present
- The Board would like to recognize Auburn Campus Drama Teacher, Jinae Barrett for her hard work and dedication. “Her students are obviously thriving under her direction.”

Motion by Andrea Rynberk to accept the report as reasonable interpretation providing sufficient data

Second by Carmen Oates

Ayes 7

Noes 0

Absent 0

Abstain 0

Motion passed

Items 7.01 and 7.02 were switched in sequence. Special Interests and Talents was first to accommodate students

8. EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS

8.01 Executive Limitations Policy 2.3: Financial Condition and Activities

- 730 Sunrise Lease
No action taken
- Cisco Communications Contract
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 54956.99.03

9.03 Admission of Expelled Students (Government Code 48957.6)
a. ES#13-05

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 54956.99.03
No Action Taken

11.03 Admission of Expelled Students (Government Code 48957.6)

a. ES#13-05

Motion was made by Andrea Rynberk accept the recommendation of the Administrative Panel to allow enrollment of Student # 13-05 with stipulations
Second by Cynthia Moore

Ayes 5

Noes 0

Abstain 0

Absent 2 (Carmen Oates and Angela Henning left during closed session)

Motion passed

12. BOARD SELF-EVALUATION

12.01 Policy 4.3: Agenda Planning

Cynthia Moore made a motion to revisit at the August meeting

Second by Carmen Del Prado

Ayes 5

Noes 0

Abstain 0

Absent 2 (Carmen Oates and Angela Henning left during closed session)

Motion passed

13. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- Discussed moving the closed session on the agenda. The Board will discuss further during a future workshop

14. ESTABLISHMENT OF FUTURE MEETINGS AND AGENDA TOPICS

14.01 May 16, 2013

a. Regular Business Meeting (4:00 p.m.)

- Executive Limitations Policy 2.1: Treatment of Clientele
- Executive Limitations Policy 2.2: Treatment of Staff

15. ADJOURNMENT AT 8:00 P.M. BY SANDRA FRAME

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The Board may alter the order at their discretion.