



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

Date: Thursday, May 12, 2016
Meeting Place: Horizon Charter Schools Board Room
2800 Nicolaus Road, #100
Lincoln, CA 95648

**SPECIAL SESSION BUSINESS MEETING
3:00 P.M. START (3:03 p.m.)**

1. CALL TO ORDER – Horizon Charter Schools Board Room

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

- X Parent Representative: Michelle Johnson (President)
- X Parent Representative: Karen Vicari (Vice President)
- X Parent Representative: Andrea Rynberk
- X Parent Representative: Sara Infante
- X Parent Representative: Kimberly Dahlstrom
- X Community Representative: Bob Collins
- Education/Community Representative: Vacant

2. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

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3:10 P.M. (3:05 p.m.)

3. CLOSED SESSION – Superintendent’s Office, 2800 Nicolaus Road, #100, Lincoln, CA

- 3.01 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Government Code Section 54957.6)
Consideration of Labor Negotiations
Horizon Certificated Employees Association
Kim Bogard, ESQ, Kingsley Bogard, LLP
Cynthia Wood, EdD, Superintendent/ Chief Executive Officer
Kelly Collins, Interim Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services/ Chief Academic Officer
Terri McGill, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services/ Chief Operations Officer
Daniel B. Schuler, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services/ Chief Business Official
- 3.02 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS – (Government Code Section 54957.6)
Consideration of Labor Negotiations
California Schools Employees Association
Kim Bogard, ESQ, Kingsley Bogard, LLP
Cynthia Wood, EdD, Superintendent/ Chief Executive Officer
Terri McGill, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services/ Chief Operations Officer
Daniel B. Schuler, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services/ Chief Business Official
- 3.03 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS (Government Code Section 54956.8)
Feasibility Study, Horizon Learning Centers
Cynthia Wood, EdD, Superintendent/ Chief Executive Officer

6:00 P.M. (6:10 p.m.)

4. ADJOURN TO OPEN SESSION

The Governing Board will disclose any action taken in Closed Session regarding the following items:

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No action taken.

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Daniel B. Schuler, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services/ Chief Business Official

No action taken.

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No action taken.

6:10 P.M.

5. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION

“ACTION”: Indicates items the Board has seen previously

“Action”: Indicates items the Board is seeing for the first time

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- 5.01 Information/ Discussion/Action
Organizational Direction – Horizon Charter Schools
Cynthia Wood, EdD, Superintendent/ Chief Executive Officer;
Kelly Collins, Interim Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services/ Chief Academic Officer
Terri McGill, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services/ Chief Operations Officer
Daniel B. Schuler, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services/ Chief Business Official

The current Mission Statement and Vision Statement were discussed.

B. Collins believed that incorrect verbiage can be a potential trap that may have negative consequences if not addressed. He brought attention to the word “ensure” in the Mission Statement. He believed this word should be replaced with the word “promote” instead. He also mentioned the term “state standards” and said that we have to include that term in our vision or the accountability issue becomes nebulous. Next, he mentioned the term “multiple measures” and said that this is part of choice, as long as it includes state standards. Lastly, B. Collins addressed the fact that Horizon Charter Schools (HCS) promotes itself as “parent

choice”. Choice is a wonderful term, but what it means and how it is implemented and applied could become a stumbling block. B. Collins asked that we remove it from the mission statement.

A. Rynberk stated that when this mission statement was written, we were one of few charters in the area. Choice is not the draw anymore, it is not a marketing strategy anymore. There are many, many choices now, and many other people are doing the same thing. She continued, “personalized learning” signifies “personal choice”. If we remove the term “personal choice” from our mission statement, “personalized learning” will suffice.

C. Wood stated that this exercise is causing the Board to focus on “who we are” and “who we want to be”. We are not finalizing the mission statement, we are thinking in terms of our focus. She then invited the administrative staff to contribute.

E. Swieven suggested a brief and memorized statement that would inspire staff, students and parents.

K. Collins and C. Hartman agreed with E. Swieven that we need a mission statement that is short and easy to remember and communicate.

C. Hartman suggested “Horizon Charter Schools exist to create a personalized learning experience for each student which ensures academic excellence and student achievement”. This highlights what is most important to us right away. I don’t know that stating that we are a public charter will help to that end.

A. Rynberk suggested taking the first line of the mission statement as our focus. Our focus is to provide fiscal prudence, a safe environment and “hand picked” education. The word “choice” is too broad.

C. Wood stated that our intent is to focus on what our charter is about and what we are trying to do. What brought you here and what keeps you here?

K. Vicari stated that personalized learning brought us here and flexibility kept us here.

A. Rynberk stated that stability, WASC, consistency, reputation and the tried and true are our strengths.

K. Dahlstrom stated that her relationship with her Supervising Teacher (ST) throughout all the years of her children’s education has kept her in HCS. The resource library is also something that is valuable. She continued by saying, as a parent, she finds it extremely helpful to be able to go into the resource library and look at and touch the actual books before ordering. She is not able to do that with online ordering.

C. Wood communicated that the continuity of support and inspiration for the love of learning are the things we cannot measure in dollars and cents. These are the things that keep people coming back. We want to inspire our community to want to be with us and to come back to us, and no amount of money could devalue that priority.

6. GOVERNING BOARD

6.01 BOARD MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENT

7. ADJOURNMENT (7:12 p.m. adjourned to second closed session)

Information for the Public

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Lincoln CA 95648

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