



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

Date: Thursday, March 19, 2015
Meeting Place: Horizon Charter Schools Board Room
2800 Nicolaus Road #100
Lincoln CA 956418

**REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
4:00 P.M. START**

1. CALL TO ORDER – 4:08pm Horizon Charter Schools Board Room

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

- X Parent Representative: Michelle Johnson (President)
- Education/Community Representative: Sandra Frame (Vice President)
- X Parent Representative: Sara Infante
- X Parent Representative: Andrea Rynberk
- X Parent Representative: Karen Vicari – 4:15pm arrived
- X Parent Representative WPUSD: Carmen Oates
- Community Representative: Vacant

2. STUDENT PRESENTATIONS

None

3. CONSENT AGENDA

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

All items on the Consent Agenda will be approved with one motion, which is not debatable and requires a unanimous vote for passage. If any member of the Board, Superintendent, or the public, so request, items may be removed from this section and placed in the regular order of the business following the approval of the consent agenda.

- 3.01 Approval of Meeting Minutes for:
 - a. February 26, 2015 Regular Meeting of Governing Board
 - b. February 26, 2015 Special Session of Governing Board
- 3.02 Approval of Warrant Report
 - a. Horizon Charter Schools
- 3.03 Certificated Personnel Report
- 3.04 Classified Personnel Report
- 3.05 Approval of the 2015-2016 School Year Calendar

Motion by Andrea Rynberk to approve Consent Agenda

Second by Carmen Oates

	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Michelle Johnson:	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sandra Frame:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
Sara Infante:	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Andrea Rynberk:	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Karen Vicari:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
Carmen Oates:	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Motion Carried

4. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION

4.01 Horizon Certificated Employees Association
No Report Submitted

4.02 California School Employees Association
No Report Submitted

4.03 Chief Financial Officer – Karl Yoder, Delta Managed Solutions
Karl Yoder was not available for a presentation.

4.04 Superintendent – Cynthia Wood, EdD, Superintendent/Chief Executive Officer, notified the Board that Karl Yoder, Delta Managed Solutions, confirmed that the actions taken regarding the ratification of the HCEA agreement and payroll incentives will take place in the April 2015 payroll.

She thanked everyone for their hard work on preparing us for the WASC member’s arrival on Sunday. Our team is now working on the HCS WASC. She thanked the Board members who will be attending the Sunday Partners WASC meeting. The meeting will start at 2:30pm and the parent/group meeting will start at 4:00pm. Dinner after will be provided after the meetings and everyone is invited.

5. 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. Request cards for this purpose “Speaker Card” are located at the entrance to the Board Room. Speaker Cards are to be submitted to the Board Secretary prior to the start of the meeting.

Michelle Johnson read the above paragraph to the Board and audience. She stated that she has six speaker cards for this evening.

Faith Ford – Is concerned about HCS accepting Title 1 funds. As a parent she thinks it would be a detriment and force parents/students to give up choice. She stated that she felt she would have to leave the school. In her opinion, it takes away from individual learning/choice. From what she has seen happen at other school districts, she doesn’t want to see HCS go down that road. Her children need the academic choice that Horizon provides. Not all children can follow the same path.

Sara Infante – Read an anonymous parent’s concern regarding mold and bad odor:

Dear Board and Administration,

The Education Express building smells so badly of mold that I believe it’s unhealthy. This is not a new problem. When I was here a year ago and even two years ago, it was just as bad. Some people, especially with special needs, (or sensory processing disorder along with asthma) are very sensitive to the smell and breathing of the mold. You can even feel it in the air. I felt a headache coming on from sitting in the building for 10 minutes. Kids should not be in this unhealthy environment.

When I left the building to sit in my car so (my daughter) could finish testing, I had a headache, felt light headed/spacey and was experiencing an asthma attack. I spent about 40 minutes in the building. My daughter was still testing and I feel I was compromising her health. When she left the building, with no prompt from me, she stated, “The building felt weird inside and her “...” head felt fuzzy”. She is supposed to return next week to finish her testing and I have decided I cannot sacrifice her health that way. From the outside of the building I can see black mold growing on/out of the building’s cinder block wall. The building must really have a serious problem for me to smell it, feel it in the air and have reactions to it like I did. Our children should not be in this unhealthy building.

Concerned Parent

Evelyn Meletlidis – Is the mother of a high functioning, son, who is autistic. This is her first time home schooling. She has concerns about the Special Education location at 1515 Cirby Way, Roseville, CA. She is aware that this is a temporary location. The building is noisy. Babies can be heard crying through the walls. She is trying to stick it out. She asked if we were going to occupy another building soon. What are our plans for the future? Cynthia Wood offered to give her a call tomorrow to discuss her concerns.

The second concern she discussed is Senate Bill 277 which would mandate vaccinations. It states that all children must be vaccinated to attend public schools. This could be a disaster for education in CA. One size fits all doesn’t seem possible. It will be decided on this year. Cynthia Wood will add this to her call tomorrow.

Suzanne Cordingley – As a parent who homeschools, she appreciates the parental choice, rights and communication HCS offers. She doesn’t want us to take the Title 1 money. Through her research on the California Department of Education (CDE) website, 5,000 schools in California are in Program Improvement. Only 14 have been able to get out. Each year, Title 1 requires more. This affects parent choice which is in our ENDS. One half to two thirds of the schools that take Title 1 money in Placer County are in Program Improvement. It is a disaster waiting to happen. There is a letter that we would have to send out if we went in to Program Improvement and she doesn’t think we want to do that. (2014-15 PI Status Statewide Summary was distributed).

Rich O’Brien – Read a statement from HCEA:

The HCEA has appreciated the collaboration that has occurred on many issues and the advanced planning that has occurred to make the start of next school year much smoother. However, we are concerned with the new policy of limiting Site and VLI classes to three for many students.

With a dramatic policy change such as this, the HCEA is concerned that all stakeholders were not asked to give input and insight regarding these changes.

This policy was rolled out to families and teachers with no prior discussions or teacher input. We have concerns about this policy and do not agree with it.

We embrace change when it is best for students and families and we believe this change is not that.

We look forward to commencing negotiations in the hope of reaching an agreement by the June Governing Board meeting.

Adjourned to Closed Session: 4:29pm

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

6.01 ADMISSION OF EXPELLED STUDENT – (Government Code Section 48918)
Jennifer Carroll, Regional Administrator

6.02 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS (Government Code Section 54956.8)
Horizon Learning Centers Feasibility Study: Williams & Paddon, Architects and Gordon Stevenson; Cynthia Wood, EdD, Superintendent/Chief Executive Officer

6.03 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL (Anticipated Litigation – Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (b) of Government Code Section 54956.9)
Doug N. Freifeld, ESQ, Fagen, Friedman & Fulfrost, LLP
Cynthia Wood, EdD, Superintendent/Chief Executive Officer

Return to Open Session: 7:30pm
Carmen Oates did not return.

7. ADJOURN TO OPEN SESSION

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

7.01 ADMISSION OF EXPELLED STUDENT – (Government Code Section 48918)
Jennifer Carroll, Regional Administrator

Motion by Andrea Rynberk to approve as presented with stipulations

Second by Michelle Johnson

Ayes: 4
Noes: 0
Absent: 2
Abstain: 0
Motion Carried

7.02 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS (Government Code Section 54956.8)
 Horizon Learning Centers Feasibility Study: Williams & Paddon, Architects and Gordon Stevenson; Cynthia Wood, EdD, Superintendent/Chief Executive Officer

CEO was directed to look at other facility options.

7.03 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL (Anticipated Litigation – Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (b) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

Doug N. Freifeld, ESQ, Fagen, Friedman & Fulfrost, LLP
 Cynthia Wood, EdD, Superintendent/Chief Executive Officer

Recommendations to CEO are to pursue an agreement.

8. 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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8.01 Consideration of LEA Plan (Title 1)

Motion by Andrea Rynberk not to accept Title 1
 Second by Sara Infante

	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Michelle Johnson:	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sandra Frame:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
Sara Infante:	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Andrea Rynberk:	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Karen Vicari:	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Carmen Oates:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
Motion Carried				

8.02 Consideration and Approval of Second Interim Budget Revision, Karl Yoder, Delta Managed Solutions

Motion by Andrea Rynberk to accept Second Interim Budget with exclusion of Title 1
 Second by Michelle Johnson

	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Michelle Johnson:	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sandra Frame:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
Sara Infante:	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Andrea Rynberk:	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Karen Vicari:	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Carmen Oates:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
Motion Carried				

8.03 Policy 2.3: Financial Condition & Activities, Karl Yoder, Delta Managed Solutions

Notes: This will be moved to the April 2015 agenda.

8.04 Monitoring Policy 1.1.d: Science, Caitlin Hartman, Director/Innovation & Professional Learning

Notes: Caitlin Hartman gave a presentation on Science. She focused on testing. The current assessment process will be going away in 2017. The state of California believes that the only way to evaluate mastery in a subject, is through testing. Michelle Johnson asked if we can we see the data for our school? If a student reaches the end of the curriculum, they should reach mastery. Why can't mastery be shown by the grades the student earns? Caitlin showed a short film that a student put together about the periodic table.

Motion by Karen Vicari to approve as submitted
 Second by Andrea Rynberk

	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Michelle Johnson:	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sandra Frame:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
Sara Infante:	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Andrea Rynberk:	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Karen Vicari:	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Carmen Oates:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
Motion Carried				

8.05 Science Equipment Service and Repairs, Caitlin Hartman, Director/Innovation & Professional Learning

Notes: Caitlin Hartman requested funding to service and purchase microscopes. She received two bids. She asked that the Board approve \$1,500. She was asked if we have evaluated what we currently have.

Motion by Andrea Rynberk to approve
Second by Michelle Johnson

Ayes: 4
Noes: 0
Absent: 2
Abstain: 0
Motion Carried

8.06 Learning Ally, Ramona Rogers, Director of Special Education

Motion by Andrea Rynberk to approve
Second by Michelle Johnson

Ayes: 4
Noes: 0
Absent: 2
Abstain: 0
Motion Carried

8.07 MOU for Sierra Pediatrics for Occupational Therapy, Ramona Rogers, Director of Special Education

Motion by Andrea Rynberk to approve
Second by Michelle Johnson

Ayes: 4
Noes: 0
Absent: 2
Abstain: 0
Motion Carried

8.08 MOU for CDE Verification Review Consultant, Ramona Rogers, Director of Special Education

Motion by Andrea Rynberk to approve

Second by Michelle Johnson

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 2

Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

8.09 Independent Educational Evaluation/Request Rick Bledsoe, Ramona Rogers, Director of Special Education

Sara Infante asked Ramona Rogers why we go to Stockton for services. She was told that this is an agreed upon vendor.

Motion by Andrea Rynberk to approve

Second by Michelle Johnson

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 2

Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

8.10 Independent Educational Evaluation/Request Lisa Lanman, Ramona Rogers, Director of Special Education

Motion by Andrea Rynberk to approve

Second by Michelle Johnson

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 2

Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

8.11 Independent Educational Evaluation/Request Jeffery Miller, Ramona Rogers, Director of Special Education

Motion by Andrea Rynberk to approve

Second by Michelle Johnson

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 2

Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

8.12 911 Reserve Drive Fire Alarm Installation and Monitoring, Cynthia Wood, EdD,
Superintendent/Chief Executive Officer

Notes: Cynthia Wood stated that the alarm system was missing elements and not fully there. HCS paid to have it fixed so that we could meet the move in date of the 16th. Currently, there is a discussion regarding who is responsible for this payment. She is working with the current broker to resolve this issue.

This request is for the monthly monitoring charge of \$52 and is the obligation of HCS.

Motion by Andrea Rynberk to approve charges

Second by Karen Vicari

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 2

Abstain: 0

Motion carried

8.13 May 2015 All ST Meeting Rental Request, Kelly Collins, Regional Administration

Notes: Kelly Collins said that we are planning to hold an all ST training meeting in May. This is the rental expense for the Valley Springs location.

Motion by Andrea Rynberk to approve expense

Second by Sara Infante

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Absent: 2

Abstain: 0

Motion Carried

9. INFORMATION ❖ DISCUSSION

9.01 Horizon Charter Schools Draft WASC Progress Report, Kelly Collins, Regional Administration

Kelly Collins stated that Cynthia Wood gave the Board a draft copy of the Partners WASC report. After the Partners report is completed, the WASC team will be putting together the report for Horizon. There are different WASC visiting teams and different critical areas of follow-up. The focus is on student learning. The February Partners draft has been amended to include Cynthia Wood as Superintendent/CEO. Information on math curriculum has also been added. Both reports are the same structure.

Sara Infante, Karen Vicari and Michelle Johnson will be attending Sunday's WASC meeting.

10. GOVERNING BOARD

10.01 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. April 16, 2015
Regular Business Meeting
- Policy 1.0 Global Ends
 - Policy 1.2 Special Interests and Talents
 - WASC Report – Kelly Collins

10.02 BOARD MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENT

Personnel Sub Committee will be held before the April 16, 2015 meeting to address the Board member vacancy.

11. ADJOURNMENT- 8:04pm

Information for the Public

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