

Northern United Charter Schools

Board of Directors Regular Board Meeting

May 16, 2019

Members Present: Jere Cox, Rosemary Kunkler, Briana Oesterle

Members Absent: Bianca Garza

Staff Present: Shari Lovett, Kirk Miller, Rebekah Davis, Julie Smith, Tammy Picconi, Reada McConnaughy, Cathie Shermer, and Lynda Speck

Guests: Maria Freitas, Catarina Freitas

1.0 CALL TO ORDER: Jere Cox called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm.

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

1.2 Adjustments to the Agenda: Moving item 8.2, Student Report to be before item 4.0. Motion to approve the agenda with the change made by Rosemary Kunkler and seconded by Briana Oesterle. Vote taken: Jere Cox-Aye, Rosemary Kunkler-Aye and Briana Oesterle-Aye. Motion Carries.

2.0 OPEN SESSION BEFORE CLOSED SESSION:

2.1 Jere Cox reported to the public the item to be discussed in closed session. The item was Public Employee Performance of the Charter Director. Pursuant to Government Code 54950-54962.

2.2 Closed Session Open Hearing: Lynda Speck addressed the board about Shari Lovett and how good of a leader and boss she is.

2.3 Adjourn to Closed Session: Jere Cox adjourned to closed session at 3:15pm.

3.0 RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION: Jere Cox reconvened to open session at 4:13pm.

3.1 Report from Closed Session: There was no report.

4.0 CONSENT AGENDA:

4.1 Consideration of Approval of Warrants and Payroll for NU –Humboldt Charter School

4.2 Consideration of Approval of Warrants and Payroll for NU –Siskiyou Charter School

4.3 Consideration of Approval of Minutes for the April 9, 2019 Board Meeting

4.4 Consideration of Resignations, Hires, Leaves, and Change of Assignments

Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Briana Oesterle and seconded by Rosemary Kunkler. Vote taken: Jere Cox-Aye, Rosemary Kunkler-Aye and Briana Oesterle-Aye. Motion Carries.

8.2 STUDENT PRESENTATION: Catarina Freitas presented her Ice Cube project and showed the board how to make Slime. Thank you, Catarina, for sharing your projects with the board.

5.0 **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:** There were no public comments.

6.0 **ACTION ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED:**

6.1 **Interview and Consideration of Potential Board Member:** Shari Lovett shared with the board that the candidate for the board vacancy could not be here but is still interested. A motion to postpone item 6.1 until the June board meeting was made by Rosemary Kunkler and seconded by Briana Oesterle. Jere Cox asked for the motion to be amended to say postponed until all board members can be present. Rosemary Kunkler amended her motion to postpone item 6.1 until all board members can be present. Briana Oesterle seconded the motion and the vote was taken: Jere Cox-Aye, Rosemary Kunkler-Aye and Briana Oesterle-Aye. Motion Carries.

6.2 **Consideration of Approval of SCOE Business Services Contract:** Shari Lovett explained that the amount of the contract would not be changing and she recommended approval. A motion to approve the SCOE Business Services Contract was made by Briana Oesterle and seconded by Rosemary Kunkler. Vote taken: Jere Cox-Aye, Rosemary Kunkler-Aye and Briana Oesterle-Aye. Motion Carries.

6.3 **Consideration of Approval of the Ruth Recreational Campground Field Trip:** Shari Lovett reminded the board why this item was on the agenda. A motion to approve the field trip to Ruth Recreational Campground was made by Briana Oesterle and seconded by Rosemary Kunkler. Vote taken: Jere Cox-Aye, Rosemary Kunkler-Aye and Briana Oesterle-Aye. Motion Carries.

6.4 **Consideration of Approval of the Student Acceptable Use Policy:** Shari Lovett explained that the board adopted an old version of the student acceptable use policy and now needed to adopt the correct policy. A motion to adopt the Student Acceptable Use Policy was made by Briana Oesterle and seconded by Rosemary Kunkler. Vote taken: Jere Cox-Aye, Rosemary Kunkler-Aye and Briana Oesterle-Aye. Motion Carries.

6.5 **Consideration of Approval of AED in each NUCS Learning Center:** Shari Lovett explained the reasoning behind approving AEDs to be in each of the centers. She shared that AEDs were considered a high risk for insurance and that the deductible would be \$25,000. Rosemary Kunkler made a motion to approve having AEDs in each of NUCSs' learning centers knowing that the deductible would be \$25,000. Briana Oesterle seconded the motion. Vote taken: Jere Cox-Aye, Rosemary Kunkler-Aye and Briana Oesterle-Aye. Motion Carries.

6.6 **Consideration of Approval of Multiple Measures Assessment Reporting Service:**

Shari Lovett explained to the board how the schools use MMARS and that it was a great tool in disseminating student state test scores. A motion to approve MMARS was made by Rosemary Kunkler and seconded by Briana Oesterle. Vote taken: Jere Cox-Aye, Rosemary Kunkler-Aye and Briana Oesterle-Aye. Motion Carries.

6.7 Consideration of Amendment to Employer Contribution to Health Benefits: Shari Lovett explained that she is looking at the expense of raising the capped amount the school pays for toward employee health benefits. She sent out a survey to the employees asking if they would prefer an increase in the insurance cap or a salary increase and the results were in favor of a salary increase. Tammy and Shari are working on the budget to see what we can afford. A motion to table item 6.7; Amendment to Employer Contribution to Health Benefits was made by Rosemary Kunkler and seconded by Briana Oesterle. Vote taken: Jere Cox-Aye, Rosemary Kunkler-Aye and Briana Oesterle-Aye. Motion Carries.

7.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS:

7.1 Consideration for My Future, My Plan offered as Dual Enrollment in NU-HCS: Julie Smith reported to the board the dual enrollment course that will be offered at NU-Humboldt Charter School and College of the Redwoods next year. Both Arcata and Eureka Learning Centers will be hosting the course for the high school students and Cutten Learning Center will be hosting the course for the middle school students.

7.2 Consideration of Amendment to Northern United Charter Schools Pay Schedule: Shari Lovett shared with the board her plan to change the pay schedule. She is working on those changes and will present to the board next month as an action item.

8.0 REPORTS:

8.1 Enrollment and Attendance Report: See board packet.

8.2 Student Presentation: Moved to be presented before item 4.0.

8.3 Financial Report: See board packet.

8.4 LCAP Report: Shari Lovett gave an opportunity for all stakeholders to comment on our LCAP goals and progress.

8.5 Directors Report: Shari Lovett shared with the board that she has received an approval letter from CDE for our Work Experience Plan. She shared with the board that she had received letters from both SCOE and HCOE stating that they have received our second Interim reports and that both schools have a positive certification. She spoke to the board that we have submitted our tax exemption status. IRS says it will take about eight months to get approved. She reported that both NU-Siskiyou and NU-Humboldt received the additional \$100,000 from the Public Charter School Grant Program. The monies need to be spent by July 31, 2019. Both schools have purchased vans and one of the ideas was to add two more vans. Shari shared the latest updates on AB 1505-1508 and she will keep the board informed on changes and the impact to our schools.

8.6 Northern United – Humboldt Charter School Report: Julie Smith reported to the board what has been happening in Humboldt with our students and staff.

8.7 Northern United – Siskiyou Charter School Report: Kirk Miller reported to the board what has been happening in Siskiyou with our students and staff.

8.8 Board Report: Rosemary Kunkler gave Rebekah Davis kudos for a successful Bingo night for Cutten Learning Center. Jere Cox, on behalf of the board, is sending prayers and good thoughts to Bianca and her grandmother. He spoke of wanting to do another board workshop and wants the board to consider a two day one this time. Briana Oesterle spoke of the fact that her name has been misspelled in all the board minutes. Sorry Briana, I have it right now. The board handbook committee spoke on their progress in completing the handbook.

9.0 NEXT BOARD MEETING:

9.1 Possible Agenda Items: Pay schedule, Public hearings for the LCAP for both schools, Budgets, Directors Contract, federal addendum, MOU between NU-Humboldt and NU-Siskiyou, board vacancy interview and placement, SELPA policies, HERC, SCOE Library, various contracts.

9.2 Next Board Meeting Date: June 17th, 2019 (Special Board Meeting).

10.0 ADJOURNMENT: Jere Cox adjourned the meeting at 7:00pm.

Brian A. Gray
Vice Chair, Board

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