

Northern United Charter Schools

Board of Directors

Special Board Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2020

Board Members Present: Jere Cox, Bianca Garza, Rosemary Kunkler and Jeff Lanphere

Staff Present: Shari Lovett, Kirk Miller, Julie Smith, Rebekah Davis, Tammy Picconi, Michaela Walston, Sara Thompson, Lisa Ambrosini, MaryAnn Lyons-Tinsley, and Lynda Speck

Guests: Malachi Eagan, Judi Nelson, Riley Morrison, Anna Voulgaris Saks, P. Wilson, Rosa, Hannah

1.0 CALL TO ORDER: Jere Cox called the meeting to order at 4:01pm.

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

1.2 Adopt the Agenda: A motion to adopt the agenda as posted was made by Rosemary Kunkler and seconded by Jeff Lanphere. Vote taken: Bianca Garza – Aye, Rosemary Kunkler – Aye, Jeff Lanphere –Aye, and Jere Cox – Aye. Motion carries.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA: No comments from public.

3.0 ACTION ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED:

3.1 Approval of the Telework Policy (Second Reading): Discussion on removing the word periodically from the Supervisor Responsibility section and change the abbreviation format for the word “example” in the Equipment section. A motion to adopt the Telework Policy as amended was made by Bianca Garza and seconded by Jeff Lanphere. Vote taken: Bianca Garza – Aye, Rosemary Kunkler – Aye, Jeff Lanphere –Aye, and Jere Cox – Aye. Motion carries.

3.2 Approval of the Re-Opening of Northern United Charter Schools’ Facilities: Shari shared her recommendation and notes on where our schools are in being able to open. Shari spoke to the increased number of active cases and that we are now in the red level or tier 2 and Siskiyou is in the purple level or tier 1. She shared the Humboldt County Health Department’s guidance that schools should go to distance learning for two weeks after Thanksgiving break. A parent spoke of being frustrated due to what she perceived as moving slowly in the re-opening process causing us to miss our opportunity to open. Another parent spoke about our students’ need for us to move forward and that we cannot predict outcomes or a perfect moment to open. Staff expressed their opinion regarding reopening our facilities, including having students who needed support immediately.

A motion to move to phase three of reopening, allowing 1-1 intervention with high risk students, and a two-week closure following school breaks was made by Bianca Garza and seconded by Rosemary Kunkler. Vote taken: Bianca Garza – Aye, Rosemary Kunkler – Aye, Jeff Lanphere –Aye, and Jere Cox – Aye. Motion carries.

Shari Lovett asked about the 1-1 meetings following school breaks and the board clarified that staff could continue to have meetings with students needing intervention during the two weeks following a school break. A discussion on having parents sign

waivers was held. Shari Lovett stated that we can't ask families to sign waivers, but we can ask staff and families to sign an assumption of risk form. The board further clarified that families must have a signed assumption of risk on file prior to having in-person meetings.

Jere Cox called for a 10 minute break at 5:30pm.

Jere Cox resumed the meeting at 5:40pm.

- 3.3 Approval of the Re-opening Criteria for Northern United Charter Schools' Facilities:** Shari Lovett shared the criteria from the last board meeting. The board reviewed and made changes to the criteria. A motion to approve the reopening criteria with the changes as discussed and to have them be an ongoing agenda item for future evaluation was made by Rosemary Kunkler and seconded by Bianca Garza. Vote taken: Bianca Garza – Aye, Rosemary Kunkler – Aye, Jeff Lanphere – Aye, and Jere Cox – Aye. Motion carries. They approved the following criteria:

Reopening Criteria:

1. County positivity rate and adjusted case rate: 3% or lower in the prior 7 day period and the adjusted case rate over the last 7 day period remains below 5.
2. County is at an overall community risk level of Minimal (Tier 4) or Moderate (Tier 3) for one week, the school facilities will open. County is at an overall community risk level of Widespread (Tier 1) or Substantial (Tier 2) for any amount of time the school facilities will close.
3. Majority (51%) of the schools within the county are doing a hybrid approach or have open facilities.
4. Each facility is equipped with a three month supply of PPE, an air purification system and a cleaning schedule that allows for staff and student health and safety.
5. A necessary number of staff required to support cohorts as described by the State Public Health cohort guidance.
6. 100% of staff must complete Covid-19 and Integrated Pest Management (IPM) training.
7. Centers must submit and have approved a center-specific reopening plan.

4.0 NEXT BOARD MEETING:

- 4.1 **Possible Agenda Items:** First Interim Budget, Budget Overview for Parents, Organizational Meeting, Assumption of Risk
- 4.2 **Next Board Meeting:** Next meeting is December 10, 2020 at 4pm.

5.0 ADJOURNMENT: Jere Cox adjourned the meeting at 6:50pm.

