

## Public Notice

Who: Sierra Foothill Charter School

What: Board Meeting

When: Monday, August 3, 2020 4:00: PM

@ 4952 School House Road, CV 95306

### Board Members Present:

Amber Edwards (Chair)

Denisha Dawson (Vice Chair)

Corinne Dedini (Treasurer)

Kathleen Leonard (Secretary)

Chris Ramirez

Board Members Absent: none

Staff/Consultants: Mindy Bolar, Robin Cook, and Marcella Gunadi

Members of the public: none

Note: All board members participated via Zoom except Mindy and Robin

I. Public Comment: There was no public comment.

II. Closed Session: Announcement of going into closed session and closed session agenda items- Amber Edwards made the announcement that we are going into closed session at 4:04.

a. Conference with Real Property Negotiators

Property: 4952 School House Road, Catheys Valley, CA 95306

Agency negotiator: Mindy Bolar

Negotiating parties: Mariposa County Unified School District

Under negotiation: price and terms of payment

b. Public Employee Contracts – Instructional Aides, Bus Driver, Long Term Independent Study Coordinator, Teacher on Special Assignment

III. Open Sessions was resumed at 4:30.

a. Contracts for the following public employees were each unanimously approved:

Instructional Aides, Bus Driver, Long Term Independent Study Coordinator, Teacher on Special Assignment.

b. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance: The meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm by Amber Edwards.

Members of the public: Cara Coger, Bob Morse, Wendy Baubman, Loretta, Donna Harveston, Teena Starchman, Jill Faulkner, Chelsea Kamins, Lauren Glicken, Maria DePrano, Amanda Gibson, Lisa Bello, Andrea Contreras, Sarah Sheets

IV. Public Comment - There was no public comment.

V. Business/Finance

a. Facility Use Agreement with MCUSD

- Mindy explained that our old FUA expired and that we have worked with MCUSD on a new 3-year agreement. The revised agreement, which needs to be approved by MCUSD, states that SFCS will pay \$20,000 for the first year with SFCS making the repairs to the field, and the two subsequent years we will pay \$50,000 annually. Denisha Dawson made a motion to approve the Facility Use Agreement. Chris seconded. All approved.

Ayes = 5

Noes= 0

Absent = 0

Abstained = 0

Amber Edwards = Aye

Denisha Dawson = Aye

Corinne Dedini = Aye

Kathleen Leonard = Aye

Chris Ramirez = Aye

b. Spring ConApp 2019-20

-The Spring ConApp certifies and documents federal programs and assurances that we will comply with legal requirements. Corinne Dedini made a motion to approve the Spring ConApp. Denisha Dawson seconded the motion. All approved.

Ayes = 5

Noes= 0

Absent = 0

Abstained = 0

Amber Edwards = Aye

Denisha Dawson = Aye

Corinne Dedini = Aye

Kathleen Leonard = Aye

Chris Ramirez = Aye

c. Sierra Foothill Charter School 2020-21 Budget

-Marcella reviewed the updates to our 2020-21 budget: We will be receiving an additional \$30,000 from the state, which we haven't received yet but has been added to the budget. The rent reduction for Facility Use of \$30,000 will be reduced from the 2020-21 budget. \$35,000 for

field maintenance (resodding the field) will need to be added to the budget. Enrollment is higher than previous years, since we are using 150 for our ADA.

-Marcella talked about the various funds available to us: the CARES Act, which are funds that we are eligible for and included in the 2020-21 budget. \$2,000 COVID funding. Learning Loss Mitigation funding has not been added to the budget yet. Marcella will be sharing more details on that after she attends the webinar tomorrow. There should be \$48,000 more available to us.

Chris Ramirez made a motion to approve changes to the 2020-21 budget. Amber Edwards seconded the motion. All approved.

Ayes = 5

Noes= 0

Absent = 0

Abstained = 0

Amber Edwards = Aye

Denisha Dawson = Aye

Corinne Dedini = Aye

Kathleen Leonard = Aye

Chris Ramirez = Aye

#### VI. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes, Board Meeting, June 22, 2020
- b. Minutes, Special Board Meeting, July 15, 2020
- c. Student/Parent/Guardian Handbook
- d. Employee Handbook

-Mindy explained that we get updates from the Charter organization and our legal representatives and that's where the changes to the Employee Handbook come from.

-Chris questioned that mandated reporter language was removed and Mindy explained that it was moved to an earlier part of the handbook.

-Corinne mentioned that on page 57 under equipment, teachers and aides need to be provided with additional equipment other than laptops. Mindy will change the language to be more broad.

-Corinne wants to make sure that all teachers have access to good internet at home. Mindy has let staff (and families) know that we have resources to get the necessary Internet to them.

-Corinne questioned the lack of online conduct under the Standards of Conduct section of the handbook. Denisha suggested that we send out a separate document that outlines online behavior and conduct as the employee handbook is for more general and not specific to distance learning. Mindy will develop a standalone document to staff and families that will outline appropriate online conduct.

- e. Revised Meals MOU with MCUSD

Chris Ramirez motioned to approve the Consent Agenda with changes to the Employee Handbook. Denisha Dawson seconded the motion. All approved

Ayes = 5  
Noes= 0  
Absent = 0  
Abstained = 0

Amber Edwards = Aye  
Denisha Dawson = Aye  
Corinne Dedini = Aye  
Kathleen Leonard = Aye  
Chris Ramirez = Aye

#### VII. Policies/Procedures

##### a. Integrated Pest Management Plan

-Denisha Dawson made a motion to approve the Integrated Pest Management Plan. Chris Ramirez seconded the motion. All approved.

Ayes = 5  
Noes= 0  
Absent = 0  
Abstained = 0

Amber Edwards = Aye  
Denisha Dawson = Aye  
Corinne Dedini = Aye  
Kathleen Leonard = Aye  
Chris Ramirez = Aye

#### VIII. Reports:

##### a. 2020-2021 School Opening Plan

-Mindy reviewed the governor-issued state mandates for reopening schools, and explained how counties are affected by the State Monitoring List, which is determined by the number of cases and population. She reminded everyone that although Mariposa County is not currently on the State Monitoring List, Mariposa continues to see an increase in cases of Covid and our public health official suspects we will be added to the State Monitoring List if we reach 18 active cases.

-In mid July we received mandates from the state on how we could reopen schools and that schools are required to give families a distance learning option whether we open or not. Mindy outlined the safety precautions for In-person learning and the Distance Learning Guidelines/Standards.

-Mindy presented the SFCS Parent/Guardian Survey results and the SFCS Staff Survey results. And she informed everyone that all of the information would be communicated to families via email, Facebook, the SFCS website, and letters home so that everyone will have access to it.

-Mindy outlined the key considerations for in-person instruction, the challenges, and then outlined a plan for reopening the school. The following recommendations were made: distance learning program until mid October, with limited in-person learning opportunities with physical distancing for select students as permitted; gradual return to hybrid learning model as data and

science suggest safety measures can be met (with a goal after mid October); return to full-time in-person learning, guided by data and science, while maintaining distance learning option for families (goal after winter break); delay the start of school for students to August 24th to allow for three additional days of teacher and staff preparation; remove the teacher work days on 9/28/20, 11/6/20, and 1/4/21; provide further training and support for teachers, instructional aides, and parents/guardians to strengthen distance learning program; purchase additional devices - 20 tablets and 15 chromebooks - and purchase additional supplies and materials to check out to each student/family; and outreach to families regarding connectivity and support needs. Mindy included a list of references on how the plan was created.

-Mindy addressed community questions and reminded everyone that it is important to remain positive when speaking to children about school plans.

Chris Ramirez made the motion to approve the reopening plan. Denisha Dawson seconded the motion. All approved.

Ayes = 5

Noes = 0

Absent = 0

Abstained = 0

Amber Edwards = Aye

Denisha Dawson = Aye

Corinne Dedini = Aye

Kathleen Leonard = Aye

Chris Ramirez = Aye

#### b. Committee Reports:

i. Health and Wellness Committee -- Nothing new to report.

ii. Facilities -- Roofing is in progress and updating HVACs where needed. The water filling stations are complete.

iii. Fundraising -- Pioneer Market has given us a check for \$355 to go towards sports activities, through the Pioneer Market receipts fundraiser.

iv. Governance -- Nothing new to report.

v. Technology -- We'll be purchasing Chromebooks for students and staff.

vi. Academic Excellence -- Nothing new to report.

vii. Principal Support -- Nothing new to report.

#### c. Principal Report

-Mindy announced that communications will be coming out to families.

#### IX. Next meeting date:

a. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 29, 2020 at 4 PM

X. Denisha Dawson motioned to adjourn the June board meeting, Corinne Dedini seconded the motion. All approved. The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 pm.

Ayes = 5

Noes= 0

Absent = 0

Abstained = 0

Amber Edwards = Aye

Denisha Dawson = Aye

Corinne Dedini = Aye

Kathleen Leonard = Aye

Chris Ramirez = Aye