# YUBA ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE CHARTER

# REGULAR MEETING

# COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS

# 9841 Texas Hill Road

# Oregon House, CA

# Thursday, April 27, 2017

# 3:30 PM

# PRELIMINARY

* 1. **CALL TO ORDER – 3:35 PM**
  2. **ROLL CALL/ESTABLISH QUORUM**

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| **President/Chair** | **Jackie Stanfill** | **X** |
| **Vice President** | **Freja Nelson** | **X** |
| **Chief Financial Officer** | **Paul McGovern** | **X** |
| **Secretary** | Open |  |
| **Staff Representative** | **Tena Brown** | **X** |
| **Director** | **Jessica Shier** |  |
| **Director** | **Dane Cannon** |  |
| **Director** | Open |  |
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**Guests:** Ashley DeVorss, Lori Piper and Tracey Fuschich. Deborah Hoerner, note taker.

* 1. **Adopt Minutes from Previous Meeting**

Jackie moved to adopt the minutes from the March 30 meeting as amended. Tena seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

* 1. **Reading of Vision/Mission/Core Values:**

Mission: YES CHARTER ACADEMY educates K-8 students in a school culture that values the scientific method and a curricular focus on environmental studies. The highest Common Core State Standards, as well as high standards of moral conduct, are emphasized.

The vision of the YES CHARTER ACADEMY is to educate K – 8 students of the Sierra Foothills through a self-motivating, individualized, and comprehensive curriculum that connects learners with learning via a program, teaching staff, and school culture that value scientific methods of inquiry.

YES Charter Academy Students Are: Environmental Stewards, Positive Team Members, Academic Masters, Resourceful, Responsible Citizens, Kind!

1. **PUBLIC SESSION**

**REPORT OF ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS AGENDA:**

* 1. **For Information/Action:**  Discussed proposed Maintenance Worker Position. It was M/S/C (motioned, seconded, carried) to accept the Job description provided it is ok with the current holder of the position. Jackie will review it with him.

It was also decided to post the position for next school year and our current Maintenance Worker can apply if he wishes to. We are happy with his work.

* 1. **For Information/Action:** Discussed MOU adjustment for Prop 39 with MJUSD. The adjustment will reimburse YES for maintenance and custodial expenses up to $20K, prorated for the remainder of the agreement. It was M/S/C to accept this adjustment to the MOU. Jackie will communicate this to Ryan at MJUSD.

The current counter proposal for 2017-18 calls for several BARD units valued at $11,256 plus $39,600 reimbursement for custodial and/or maintenance expenses. We cannot use the BARD units, so our counter will be $50,856 reimbursement (the value of our rent costs) plus additional amount to cover the cost of renting the Alcouffe kitchen. Jackie will communicate this to Ryan.

* 1. **For Information/Action:** Lease agreement and grant deed review. Remainder of mortgage (Freja) In the interest of time and the number of things on the agenda, this item to be carried over.

**NEW ITEMS:**

1. **For Information/Action:**

Committee Updates:

**Outreach:** Freja noted Earth Day was a success. It was quite an effort by all involved.

We will have a presence of some kind at Tractor Days coming up. Thinking ahead to Fall, Tracey would like to coordinate the Harvest Festival and would like to do it the week before Brown’s Valley does theirs.

**Facilities**: Jackie handed around a written report (here incorporated with minutes). Jackie, Burt and Josh Nelson did a survey of the building and the needs are noted in the report. Work is being done to mitigate these items. Much of the work will need to be done once there are no children present.

Jackie passed around photos of the roof. Susan Ranier had come out with Burt using a thermal camera, but it was not so useful as the entire roof area is saturated. The number 1 priority is a new roof. This will be pursued to be done over the summer months.

**Finance**: Paul noted that the ADA is 96 and this is higher than we had budgeted so we are in good shape at this time.

**Academic:** It was proposed that YES consider hiring a full time Science Teacher next year instead of the enrichment staff. Also, a different assessment system called MAP was proposed. These items are taken under advisement for a later decision. Much depends on the budget and enrollment numbers.

It was noted we need to have a job description for our volunteers so that we can pay for their fingerprinting costs. Fingerprinting is required of anyone who works alone with children on campus.

1. **For Information/Action:**  Brown Act training is scheduled for next Council meeting on June 29. Reminder that all council members must turn in an annual Form 700. Due by next meeting in May.
2. **For Information/Action:** Jackie has been unable to connect with Mark. Paul will call him.
3. **For Information/Action:** MCAA vetting process was examined. It has long been proposed that we have an application process for our middle school that mirrors MCAA as a means of ensuring students and parents understand YES expectations. We often have middle schoolers come here who have not made it in other schools and they subsequently do poorly here as well. It was noted that as a public school we cannot refuse to take students based on this, but the idea is to set the tone for the expectations. Jackie will work some more on a proposed application.
4. **For Information/Action:** YCUSD has notified us that they will terminate their transportation contract with us effective June 30. The reason is generally a lack of drivers. A committee of Freja, Paul and the new principal is formed to solve this issue.

**III. CLOSED SESSION 6:09 PM:**

1. **Next year employee Contracts**
2. **Hiring of Principal (temporary and permanent)**
3. **Use of T. Taber**

**IV. RECONVENE TO PUBLIC MEETING at 7:10**

**Report Out**

It was M/S/C to give all employees a 2.4% COLA based on the CPI.

It was M/S/C to hire Linda Cohee as the Interim Principal effective ASAP.

A Principal job description will be developed and posted to Edjoin under YES, not under YCOE.

No decision is made regarding T Tabor pending new administrator.

**CALENDAR/UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Tractor Days – May 6 & 7

**V. ADJOURNMENT – 7:30 PM**

Jackie motioned to adjourn, Paul seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.