**YUBA ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE CHARTER ACADEMY**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS**

**9841 Texas Hill Rd.  
Oregon House, CA**

**June 29, 2017**

**1:00 pm**

**I.          PRELIMINARY**

**A.        CALL TO ORDER – 1:16 pm**

**B.        ROLL CALL/ESTABLISH QUORUM**

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| **President**  **President/Chair** | **Jackie Stanfill** | **X**  **X** |
| **Vice President** | **Freja Nelson** | **X** |
| **Chief Financial Officer** | **Paul McGovern** | **X** |
| **Secretary** | Open |  |
| **Staff Representative** | **Amy Edwards** | **X** |
| **Director** | **Dane Cannon** |  |
| **Director** | **Ashlie DeVorss** | **X** |
| **Director** | **Jamie Hyatt** | **X** |
| **Principal/Superintendent**  **Director** | **Louise Miller** | **X** |

**Linda Cohee and Debbie Campbell were guests and Deborah Hoerner took notes.**

**C.        Adopt Minutes from Previous Meeting on 5/25/17 and Special Meeting on 6/20/17**

Freja moved to adopt the minutes from the 5/25/17 meeting, Jackie seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Jackie moved to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting on 6/20/17, Freja seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

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

Mission: YES CHARTER ACADEMY will educate 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, will be 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: Academic Masters, Environmental Stewards, Responsible Citizens, Kind, and Resourceful!

**II.**        **PUBLIC SESSION**

1. **Brown Act Training**  Began at 3:45 pm and ended at 4:50 pm. It did not include Conflict of Interest training, which will be scheduled for a later date.
2. **For Information/Action: ParentSquare Notification System**

Debbie Campbell presented information that ParentSquare will sync with PowerSchool daily and replaces One Call and Track It Forward. Debbie demonstrated how ParentSquare would save time and money. The cost is a $300 set up fee and $499/year for 5 years. Ashlie made a motion to approve this expenditure, Freja seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

1. **For Information/Action:** **TK/K Playground Equipment Placement**

Debbie Campbell presented 3 options of placement for the new playground equipment which was won by a grant. Jackie moved to replace the current play structure in the TK/K playground with the new one, Ashlie seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Selling the current play structure was also discussed.

1. **For Information/Action:** **Replacement of Staff Computers**

Debbie Campbell presented the need for two new computer towers for the office, four new teacher laptops and one laptop for Cheryl and Deborah to share. Paul said there is $5000 for computers. Jackie moved to approve $5000 for purchasing computers with the priority that computers are purchased for staff first and then to purchase as many computers as possible for students with whatever money is left. Ashlie seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

1. **For Information/Action:** **Additional Computers for Students**

It was reported that we are short four computers in grades 7/8 because there are only 20; grades 3/4 use Chromebooks; TK/K have 18 iPads. Grades 1/2 need Chromebooks for all students. Each student would have their own computer/Chromebook and be responsible for it. If 13 Chromebooks were purchased, it would mean that grades 1/2 and 3/4 could share. The cost would be $3600.

1. **For Information/Action:** **Portable Building**

Freja reported that there was only one quote for the portable because the two other companies that were consulted are sold out and won’t have them by the first day of school, which is 8/14/17. The rented modular/portable is set up and maintained by the company. There is a one-time set-up fee and a three-year lease. The monthly cost is $825, which may be get reimbursed by SB740. It was suggested to ask the company to roll as much as possible of the cost of the set-up fee into the rent. Debbie will check on that. It was proposed to have Susan Rainier coordinate the site plan with the building department. Jackie moved to approve the rental of the portable to add a classroom as presented, subject to Susan looking at the site and permits. Jamie seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

1. **For Information/Action:** **Bus Purchases**

Mikaylah Amarel has been hired to drive the bus and she will figure out schedules. A second bus would cover us if one bus breaks down. We need a second licensed bus driver and Brian Akers, our current van driver, has agreed to become licensed. A used mid-sized bus which carries 24 to 30 students would cost around $20,000. A larger used bus which carries 72 passengers would cost around $25,000. More research needs to be done regarding the cost of insurance, fuel, and possible bus rental. We also need to research the condition of the repair of the bus leased from YCUSD. This item is tabled until the Council Meeting on July 20.

1. **For Information/Action:** **Climate Change**

Paul McGovern made an informative presentation regarding our school’s carbon footprint. He suggested that we calculate out the carbon footprint of YES and eliminate it. Paul said this problem belongs to each one of us. If we think this is important then we need to take care of it ourselves.

1. **For information/Action:** **Budget**

Paul presented the budget and made a motion to approve it. It was seconded by Jackie and unanimously approved.

1. **For Information:** **LCAP**

Linda presented a review of the 2016-2017 LCAP and also upcoming goals. The Council will look at the document and consider additions/subtractions. Jackie requested that new budget information be included in the LCAP. The LCAP will be voted on at the next meeting on 7/20.

1. **For Action:** **Linda Cohee Agreement**

Deferred to 7/20 meeting.

1. **For Information/Action:** **Approve Purchase of MAP**

This is a three times per year assessment program which will give teaching staff and the Council an idea of where students are and what more is needed. The cost is $2500 for the first year and $1500 for each subsequent year. Jackie moved to accept the program, Ashlie seconded the motion and all were in favor.

1. **For Information/Action: Reading/Quiz Program**

Two proposals were submitted: one from Read and Quiz and one from Renaissance. Ashlie moved to approve an AR program that Louise and the teachers will decide upon. Jackie seconded the motion and all approved of the motion.

1. **For Action:** **Salary Schedule Approval**

It was suggested that if an employee completes training over the summer and has proof of official transcripts, his/her salary would be increased the following payroll period. Jackie moved to accept the salary schedule as amended and defined, Freja seconded the motion and all were in favor.

1. **For Information/Action: Dress Code for Teachers**

After discussion it was decided that this should come from the teachers with discussion with Louise. Freja recommended that YES give each teacher a few polo shirts with the YES logo on them.

1. **For Information/Action: Split of Aide and After School Position**

After discussion Jackie moved to split the job of TK/K Aide and After School Monitor and that the Aide would be paid $16/hour and the After School Monitor would be paid $13/hour. Freja seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

1. **For Approval:** **Science Teacher Agreement**

It was decided that $47,500 will be offered to the Science Teacher

1. **For Information/Action: Electives in After School Program**

Discussion ensued about building up the after school program and it seems there’s money to invest in the program. Preplanning and ideas were determined to be an important part of restructuring this program.

1. **For Approval: $950 to Hire Painter**

Foothill Ace Hardware subtracted $7/per gallon of paint to paint the various parts of the building. Freja moved to spend $950 to pay a painter, Jamie seconded the motion and all were in favor.

**III.       ADJOURNMENT  -** 6:25 pm