

**WAHTONKA COMMUNITY SCHOOL
CHARTER BOARD REGULAR MEETING**

6:00 PM, Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Wahtonka Campus, 3601 W. 10th Street - The Dalles, Oregon

Mission Statement

“Our Mission is to create a safe and productive school environment where students accumulate knowledge via hands on learning, acquire the necessary skills to enrich life and fulfill employment aspirations under the mentorship of staff and volunteers, and to further the WCS vision of making the world a better place.”

Board Members Present:

WCS Chair Beth McManus
WCS Vice Chair Sara Viemeister
WCS Director Aaron Bowman
WCS Director Robert Friel
WCS Director Carrie Pipinich
WCS Director Josephine Colburn

Board Members Absent:

Staff & Guests Present:

Stacey Shaw
Beth Wentz
Anne Bourinskie
Jocelyn Paris
Kieran Connelly

1. Call Meeting to Order- 6:03 pm

Presenter: Bethany McManus, Chair

2. Public Comment about Non-Agenda Items

Open house went very well, an overall feeling that the school has improved was expressed.

3. Consent Agenda

a) Approve the Charter Board Meeting Minutes from February 11th, 2020

Director Sara Viemeister moved to approve the minutes, Director Aaron Bowman seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously

4. Old Business Discussion

5. New Business Discussion / Action:

Presenter: Stacey Shaw, Executive Director

- a) **Grants & ODE update-**
 - 1) **1CTE Revitalization grant Resolution to accept and appropriate funds- received \$125,000 grant ; Director Sara Viemeister made a motion to accept the grant, motion**
 - 2) **SIA application process- Review of grant application and preliminary approval- the board reviewed the application, application is based on the school improvement plan seconded by Director Aaron Bowman, the motion passed unanimously**
 - 3) **21st Century grant, ODE implementation grant, High School Success grant- 21st Century has roughly \$90k left this fiscal year. ODE implementation grant- slowly spending paying for technology, curriculum, contractors to provide Story Gorge classes, \$46k for 5 years funding partial FTE**
 - 4) **Seechange.org/ODE visit from Pooja Bhatt-
All interested students were interviewed , 14 to 17 participated. ODE interviewed 3 schools in the state of Oregon. The general response was they felt safe and that staff responded to their needs. She will provide us with a summary report.**
- b) **Fiscal update-**
 - 1) **It appears there will be a carry over of approximately 20%. Based on 44 students next year we anticipate approximately \$375,759 for 20-21 ADM.**
 - 2) **Title 1-A- This is the first year we've qualified for title 1 funding, for 19/20 and 20/21 \$26,873.00 each year. The funds for the fiscal 19/20 year must be spent by 9/30/2020. Funds need to be spent on support services for Math and ELA. Math support seems to be needed by many of our students**
 - 3) **Staffing update - Reviewed potential staffing, part time after school instructional assistant has accepted the position and is in the hiring process. Stacey decided that based on the needs of WCS the full-time position that was open will be filled by a part-time after school program assistant.**
- c) **New building discussion-**
 - 1) **Review of site visit to Seventh Day Adventist church site
Pros and cons were discussed. Many questions need to be answered before the board can decide. Robert Friel, Beth McManus and Josephine Colburn will be on the facilities committee.**
- d) **WCS name change-**
 - 1) **The top five choices will be brought back to the students to vote for the top. The board wants the students to vote and name the school.**
- e) **Staff training overview and update -**
 - 1) **We need to have a working meeting to move forward with the things that were identified as needing action from the board training. Beth Wentz will send a survey**

to board members to identify a potential work session time. No Thursdays and Mondays please.

f) Non-agenda discussion items-

1) We need to try to get a sustainable snack source

Next meeting moved to April 7, 2020 in order to facilitate the submission of the SIA application.

Adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Bethany McManus, Chair

Beth Wentz, Recorder