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Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Live Oak Charter School
May 17, 2022
6:00pm

This meeting will be by teleconference pursuant to Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20.

The Board of Directors (Board) and employees of Live Oak Charter School shall meet via the Zoom meeting platform. Members of the public who wish to access the Board meeting may do so at:

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As discussed in Legal Update No. 15-2021 regarding recent amendments to the Brown Act and pursuant to AB361, local public agencies in Sonoma County may proceed to hold virtual meetings after September 30, 2021 without holding a separate meeting to make a determination that meeting in person would present imminent danger. For so long as the public health recommendations remain in effect, local public agencies should also plan to reconsider the circumstances of the emergency every 30 days and make appropriate findings to continue with virtual meetings.

Members of the public who wish to comment during the Board meeting may use the “raise hand” tool on the Zoom platform. Members of the public calling in will be given the opportunity to address the Board during the meeting. Individual comments will be limited to three (3) minutes. If an interpreter is needed for comments, they will be translated to English and the time limit shall be six (6) minutes. The Board may limit the total time for public comment to a reasonable time. The Board reserves the right to mute or remove a participant from the meeting if the participant unreasonably disrupts the meeting.

Access to Board Materials: A copy of the written materials which will be submitted to the Board may be reviewed by any interested persons on the Live Oak Charter School’s website along with the agenda following the posting of the agenda at least 72 hours in advance of this meeting.

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Present:

Jessica Umphress, Board Director and Facilitator
Cortney Calahan, Board Secretary
Robert Bunce, Board Treasurer
Christopher Fox, Board Director
Stacy Ito, Board Director
Kristen Walter, Board Director (arrived 7:06 pm)
Justin Tomola, Executive Director

Absent:

John Azzizzi, Business Manager

Mission & Program

To ensure the humanity and potential of its students through an education resonant with their unfolding awareness and capacities, and supportive of the full and integrated development of body, heart, and mind. LOCS provides a K-8 program inspired by Waldorf education to children and families of Petaluma and surrounding communities. Waldorf inspired education is a developmental approach to learning that cultivates the innate capacities of each child through age appropriate curriculum. Live Oak educates the whole child – head, heart, and hands, through an education that integrates each child's creative, intellectual, emotional, physical and social domains. Live Oak offers an interdisciplinary liberal arts program where art, music, and movement are integrated with core academic instruction. Exploration of the natural world, human culture, language and mathematics enlivens curiosity which is the foundation of intellectual growth, conceptual flexibility, empathy and sense of connectedness.

Live Oak Charter Board Norms

- *Be brief and respect others.*
- *Be prepared for board meetings by asking questions ahead of time and follow the "No Surprise Rule."*
- *Avoid hidden agendas and springing any surprises on other members.*
- *Focus on an agenda item until it is resolved or until a specified time has been reached to resume the resolution process.*
- *Give your full listening attention.*
- *Be open to challenge your own beliefs and ideas; Stay open to new ways of doing things.*
- *Success depends on participation – share ideas, ask questions, draw others out.*
- *Refrain from deriding other individuals' ideas. Strive to value all opinions.*
- *Work in the interest of all students.*
- *Own your mistakes.*
- *Celebrate success – take time to recognize small steps or progress toward goals.*
- *Don't interrupt.*
- *Express gratitude and appreciation.*

CALL TO ORDER

Identify time-keeper for meeting

6:03pm

APPROVE THE AGENDA

RB motioned to approve agenda; SI seconded; ayes - RB, CF, SI, JU, CC

A. Public Comment on non-agenda items

(15 min)

This portion of the meeting is set aside for members of the public to make comments or raise issues that are not specifically on the agenda. The board cannot, by law, respond or take action on any issue not specifically on the agenda. Public Comment presentations are limited to three minutes per presentation and the total time allotted to non-agenda items will not exceed fifteen minutes.

- Question about how a school functions as a hybrid public institution with a private board.
- Question about the possibility of year-round school.

B. Reports

No public comment

This portion of the meeting is set aside for delivery of information to the board/public. Board members may ask clarifying questions, but items are intended to be primarily informational.

1. Treasurer Report (Robert Bunce) (5 min)
 - a. Financials reviewed (see board packet for details)
2. Foundation Report (Jessica Umphress) (5 min)
 - a. Donations reviewed (see board packet for details)
 - b. Fund-a-Need at auction was successful
3. Director's Update (Justin Tomola) (30 min)
 - a. Enrollment, HR, Covid-19, CAASPP updated and reviewed (see board packet for details)
 - b. Krista Wigert discussed new math methods used successfully based on *Building Thinking Classrooms in Mathematics*
4. Long Term Facilities Team Update (Kristin Walter, Chris Fox) (5 min)
 - a. Overview of steps taken to participate on Live Oak's behalf in Healthy Democracy's discussion about fairground's future

C. Consent agenda

(5 min)

1. Public comment - none
2. SI moved to approve the consent agenda; KW seconded; ayes: JU, SI, RB, KW, CC, CF

All matters listed under Consent Agenda are considered to be routine, and all will be enacted by one motion and vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Board member requests items to be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate action.

1. Board minutes for April 19, 2022
2. Financials for April 2022
3. Plan to hold regular June 2022 board meetings using Zoom platform per AB 361

D. The board will consider the following for discussion

Public Comment - none

1. LCAP Public Hearing #2 (Justin Tomola) (10 min)
 - a. LCAP and goals were reviewed (see board packet for details)

E. Board Development

Public Comment - none

1. Update on board recruitment (Jessica Umphress) (5min)
 - a. At next board meeting in June, we will have 4 open seats available. JU and SI intend to reapply.
2. Date for BOD to review strategic planning upvoting (Jessica Umphress) (5min)

a. Thursday, June 2, 2022 at 6 pm

F. Public Comment on Closed Session agenda item

Public Comment - none

G. CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to Government Code 54957.6 Public Employee Contracts

- a. SI moved to table vote on employee contract until next board meeting; KW seconded; Ayes - JU, SI, KW, CF, RB, CC

H. Report out from Closed Session

I. Topics for consideration for future board meetings

Please email future agenda items for consideration to Justin.Tomola@liveoakcharter.org and jessica.umphress@liveoakcharter.org

J. ADJOURNMENT 8:40 pm