

# Cottonwood Valley Charter School Governing Council Regular Meeting June 11, 2008 – 7:00 pm

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- I. Call Meeting to Order John
- II. Pledge of Allegiance All
- III. Ascertain Quorum  
**John Benson, Peter Mozley, Holly Weinkauf, Nancy Engler, Kim King-Wrenn, Jim Shepherd.**
- IV. Reading and Approval of Agenda  
**Approved as amended-all ayes.**
- V. Reading and Approval of May 12 minutes  
**Approved as amended-all ayes.**
- VI. Public Forum  
A. Cheryl Wilson on facilities  
**Cheryl told the board the district is very supportive of CVCS and we have their support (as much as possible) in achieving a permanent facility. The district is going to go out for another bond in February of 2009, and she thinks a proportional cut of the bond is reasonable in giving CVCS a share. The districts bonding capacity may be as high as six million. Cheryl said she would be happy to come to meetings in the future.**
- VII. Teacher Representative Report 10 min. Nancy  
**Nancy reported the classroom floors are being done right now. Don Gaitens' summer school is going well. Second and seventh grade rooms are almost ready for the new teachers.**
- VIII. Student Council Representative Report 5 min.  
**No rep. present.**
- IX. Department Reports  
A. Administrator's Report 10 min. Karin  
**See attached report. Karin went to the administration meeting in Santa Fe yesterday about charter schools. Charter schools will receive different amounts of money, beginning next year. She does not remember the formula, but will learn more about it this summer. Karin has updated next year's calendar with the early release dates. She took out the second early release date in January, May, and November and added the other dates to the CVCS calendar.**  
B. Business Manager's Report 10 min. Mary  
**See attached. No budget meeting this month. Mary gave a short report on the budget for the new members. The technical review on the phone was last week and was approved with one change--\$340.00 difference in the cash balance from 1<sup>st</sup> State Bank. The budget only needs one more step for final approval—the last signature page. Financially, the school is in very good shape. Friday is the last day for BAR's for this fiscal year, and Mary presented three to the board for approval—all ayes.**
- X. Correspondence and Announcements  
**John read the thank you card from Jill.**
- XI. Committee Updates 30 min  
A. Gifted John  
**No action has occurred. Next year will be more active when Kim Berlat is doing a gifted program and volunteers will be recruited.**  
B. Fundraising Peter  
**The committee is inactive until August.**  
C. Parent Association Kim  
**Kim reported the committee is inactive until August.** D.

D. Facilities

Jim

**Jim reiterated what Cheryl told the council. The charter school's biggest advocate is Sharon Ball and she told Karin there would be funding only for a multi-purpose room. Karin will present our master plan at the June 26<sup>th</sup> meeting and CVCS will hear the final word on funding on July 30. The facilities committee will continue with its original idea of purchasing buildings with the lease reimbursement money.**

E. Computing/Technology

**A motion was made to make Boyd Waters the head of this new committee—all ayes. A meeting was held last week between Boyd, Matthew McCleary, and Karin Williams. They discussed the future of the CVCS computer system. Boyd is looking into low-cost laptops. The committee will meet often during the summer to prepare for the school year. The committee is looking for members.**

XII. Old Business

A. GC Retreat Priorities 10 min. John/Karin

**Moved until next month.**

B. Budget for 2008-2009 5 min. Mary

**Mary said she has already discussed everything she needed to tell the council.**

XIII. New Business

A. Induction of new GC members 15 min. John

**John gave a short oath to the new GC members, Amy C. and Boyd W. John B. and Harry Straley have submitted letters of intent for the two open positions that will be appointed tonight by vote. John and Peter discussed board procedures and protocol to the new members.**

B. GC Vacancies

**Kim took over the board as Vice President and passed out letters of intent from Harry and John. Motion to accept the applicants to the council—all ayes for both John Benson and Harry Straley.**

C. Election of GC Officers 10. Min. Karin

**Kim stated three officers need to be elected. Peter made a motion to nominate John for President—all ayes. John made a motion to nominate Kim as Vice President—all ayes. Kim made a motion for Boyd to be Secretary—all ayes. John B. and Amy Cooley selected as Governing Council Grievance liaison members.**

D. Open Meetings Act

**John postponed this until next month.**

E. Discipline Policy

**Kim discussed several types of discipline that parents have contacted her about recently. Public humiliation is something parents do not want at CVCS, an example is a teacher writing a student's name on the board for a discipline problem—parents don't like to see their child's name on the board. Also parents don't like students to be held accountable for another person's behavior. Karin discussed positive behavior and how it works better than other types of punishments/threats. She will work with the teachers next year.**

F. Dress Code

**Kim discussed some teachers add to the dress code.**

IV. Items for Next Month's Agenda: Leave-of-Absence policy, approve final calendar with early release dates, open meeting act, EPSS, retreat goals, committee assignments, dress policy,

XV. Scheduling Next Meeting: **July 9**

XVI. Executive Session

**Roll call: John-aye, Amy-aye, Boyd-aye, Peter-aye, Kim-aye, Harry-aye, Jim-aye. Executive session ended.**

XVII. Adjourn