

Cottonwood Valley Charter School

Governing Council Regular Meeting

June 8, 2005

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| I. | Call meeting to order | 5 minutes | Jeanne |
| II. | Pledge of Allegiance | 5 minutes | All |
| III. | Ascertain quorum | 5 minutes | Tracey |
| | Nancy McKinnon, Frances Deters, John Benson, Jim Stokes, Tracey Hamilton, George Terrell | | |
| IV. | Reading and Approval of Agenda | 5 minutes | Tracey |
| | Approved as ammended--all ayes. | | |
| V. | Reading and Approval of May 11, 2005 minutes, | 5 minutes | Jill |
| | May 31, 2005 Special Meeting minutes | | |
| | Both approved—all ayes | | |
| VI. | Public Forum | | Open |
| | Jill U. asked the council to explain the board election policy that defines which parents can run for the GC. Specifically, she was told last year that she could not run for the GC since she was a school employee and it would be a conflict of interest to be her bosses' boss, but the election this year resulted in another school employee winning a seat on the GC. The current board explained to her that any parent can run according to the by-laws and she was given incorrect information. Kate B. reported to the board that she presented the results of her storytelling grant at the Taos workshop last week and there were many teachers representing their schools there, but no teachers from CVCS attended even though she asked them to. | | |
| VII. | Teacher Representative report | 10 minutes | Jim |
| | Jim stated that he sat in on the interview for the PE position applicant and he thought the candidate would be a good fit. Talked about the new PE program CVCS will be implementing in the fall based on the training he attended in Angel Fire in May. Jim resigned his board position as Teacher's Rep since he will be moving to Pennsylvania in August. Karen Bailey-Bowman has been appointed the new Teacher's Rep, beginning with the new board tonight. | | |
| VII. | Student Council Representative report | 10 minutes | inactive |
| VIII. | Department Reports | | |
| | a. Administrator's report | 20 minutes | Mary Nutt |
| | 1. Dress Code | | |
| | Karen Bailey-Bowman made a presentation about the proposed Dress for Success program that the teachers would like to put in place for the 2005/2006 school year. The teachers voted unanimously with one voter abstaining for the program. Catalogs from various stores were examined and discussed. A motion was made to recommend to the administrator to implement an enhanced dress code for the 2005/2006 school year beginning August 15, 2005. Vote taken—all ayes. Please see attached copy of administrator's report. | | |

b. Business managers report 10 minutes Mary Cox
Mary C. handed out the monthly statements. Cash balance carryover will be a bit more than \$70,000. Next year's budget needs to be signed off by the district and then the GC. The SEG for the 2005/2006 school year is currently \$1,041,000. It is important that the enrollment stay high during the next year.

IX. Correspondence and announcements Open
Mary C. received a letter from the NM Retiree Insurance stating GC members who have been on the council for four or more years can buy retiree health insurance if desired. Mary C. then told the council no bidders have responded to the ad for services—OT and PT. Janet Brook will still provide speech services. Mary N. has talked to Positive Outcomes and they may be able to work with CVCS.

X. Committee updates
1. Facilities 10 minutes Don W.
Received three proposals that were adequate for the new building design process. The three firms were invited to come down individually to meet with the committee to answer questions. The group decided to recommend RTI-EDI to the GC for the job. The price will be \$24,000 for the several month process of design development. A motion was made—all ayes to hire RTI-EDI.

XI. Old Business
A. Retainer for CVCS Attorney
Mary N. talked about retaining attorney Patricia Matthews from the Charter School Coalition Board. Motion made to accept Patricia Matthews as the CVCS attorney on retainer—all ayes.
B. Discipline Hearing Policy & Appeal Process
Tabled until next meeting.

XII. New Business
A. Induction of New Governing Council Members
Welcomed Richard Sonnenfeld, Jim Shepherd, Kate Burleigh, and Karen Bailey-Bowman. Frances thanked the departing members, Nancy McKinnon, Jeanne Gacanich, Jim Stokes, and George Terrell for all their hard work.
B. Election of Officers
Richard S. and Frances D. were nominated for President—vote 4-3 for Richard. John Benson unanimously elected Vice President. Jim Shepherd unanimously elected Secretary.
Frances handed in her board resignation, effective immediately.

XIII. Items for next months agenda
Review facility plan, get e-mail list, appoint a new GC member, gifted committee.

XIV. Scheduling next meeting: **July 13, 2005** Tracey

XV. Executive session
Roll call to go into executive session: Tracey-aye, Jim-aye, Richard-aye, Karen-aye, Kate-aye, John-aye.
Personnel Matters
Executive session ended.

XVI. Adjourn