



23264 SW Main Street, Sherwood, OR 97140

Special Meeting of the Board of Directors: Thursday, February 11, 2021 – 6:30 pm

Online via the Zoom service

FINAL MEETING MINUTES *

I. Opening Items

The Sherwood Charter School Board of Directors met for a special meeting on Thursday, February 11, 2021. The meeting was held online via the Zoom application due to a State of Oregon mandate that closed school buildings and prohibited gatherings of 10 or more people.

A. Call the Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:33pm by Chair, Joe Whitehead.

Members Present: Joe Whitehead (Chair), KC Reaney (Treasurer), Frank Scholz (Secretary), Alison Craker (HR & Policy), Karen Schrader (Facilities), Joy Raboli (Administrator, ex-officio)

Members Absent: Lindsay Churella (Vice-Chair)

SCS Staff Present: Cheryl McLeod (Administrative Specialist)

Public Present:¹ admin, Byers Family, Christy Reaney, Doug Scott, Gina Byers, Justin Seamans, Kryste Sturm, Molly Scout, Tara Garcia

Before starting the discussion, Joe Whitehead (Chair) wished to inform the public that the point of the meeting was to re-visit the start date for reopening the school to in-person instruction. At the last meeting the Board agreed to start in conjunction with Sherwood School District (SSD). At the time, SSD was scheduled to start February 22. That date has since been pushed back to March 8 and now it has been suggested to start SCS one week before SSD to accommodate a substitute teacher in Kindergarten.

¹ The names recorded as 'Public Present' are the Zoom login details provided by the attendees.

B. Public Comment

Doug Scott (2nd Grade) with to thank the Board for their work on this topic. He believed that SCS should start on our own terms, when we're ready, not when the district is ready.

II. Governance

A. Return to In Person Instruction Discussion

Frank Scholz (Secretary) started the discussion by asking what had changed in the two weeks since the Board decided to start in conjunction with SSD. Joy Raboli (Administrator) replied that the staff had met and felt that Kindergarten should start one week earlier, this way the 1st Grade start date lines up with SSD's 1st grade start date. Karen Schrader (Facilities) also noted that for most students in Kindergarten, this is their first time in a classroom so it's important they get into class early. Ms. Raboli pointed out that Kindergarten needed to enter a week earlier than SSD because a substitute teacher will be teaching the class. Mr. Scholz replied that the Board knew two weeks ago that Kindergarten would be utilizing a substitute teacher.

KC Reaney (Treasurer) asked if opening our school earlier than SSD would expose the school to liability. Ms. Raboli stated it would not, as long as the relevant counties (Clackamas, Washington, Yamhill) were within the metrics established by the Oregon Department of Education and the Oregon Health Authority.

Mr. Scholz asked why we were tying our start date to the district if the school was confident in adjusting our start date based on our readiness. Why wouldn't we just proclaim a start date? Joe Whitehead (Chair) stated that was exactly what he planned to do. Alison Craker (HR & Policy) asked if we could propose a start date that adjusts based on SSD's start date. Mr. Whitehead replied due to the logistics of being a smaller school and the lack of union pressure, we can open on a date independent of SSD.

Mr. Scholz wanted to know if we were going to make a decision based on input from the transition committee. Ms. Raboli said the relevant information had been sent to the school parents. Mr. Scholz noted that the Board hasn't heard the testing plans, plans for contact tracing, nor how the school would respond in case of an outbreak. Ms. Raboli replied that the transition committee was confident with the plan they had designed. Mr. Scholz pointed out that the transition committee was not the group voting tonight, the Board would need that information to make an informed decision.

Ms. Craker questioned if the plan was still to re-introduce elementary school one grade at a time. Ms. Raboli confirmed that was the plan. Mr. Reaney remarked that with our reliance on the metrics that plan could change or stop completely. Ms. Craker remarked that watching the SSD Board meetings, they have modified their plans every week so it's not unusual to adjust plans week-to-week.

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| Motion: | Start Kindergarten on March 1, First Grade on March 8, and the remaining grades as best determined by the staff, dependent on the county metrics. |
| Proposed: | Joe Whitehead (Chair) |
| Seconded: | Karen Schrader (Facilities) |
| Discussion: | None. |
| Board Vote: | Aye - Joe Whitehead (Chair), Lindsay Churella (Vice-Chair), KC Reaney (Treasurer), Alison Craker (HR & Policy), Karen Schrader (Facilities) Nay - Frank Scholz (Secretary) Abstain - None |
| Result: | Motion passed. |

III. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

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| Motion: | Adjourn the meeting at 6:56pm. |
| Proposed: | Joe Whitehead (Chair) |
| Seconded: | Karen Schrader (Facilities) |
| Discussion: | None. |
| Board Vote: | Aye - Unanimous Nay - None Abstain - None |
| Result: | Motion passed. |

IV. Minutes Submission

- * Recording and submission of minutes completed by Board Secretary, Frank Scholz.
These minutes were approved by the Board of Directors on April 21, 2021.