



Shasta Charter Academy/ Shasta Secondary Home School, Inc.
Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
September 14th, 2023
Called to order at 5:34 p.m.
Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.
307 Park Marina Circle
Redding, CA 96001

Meeting Method: In person

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In attendance:

Board Members present: Des Comer, Leslie MacRae, Jason Paine, Carlie Hinderscheid

Board Members absent: None

Staff Members present: Ben Claassen, Matt Wahlman, CeCe Walters

Visitors present: SUHSD Rep. Mike Doran, Patrick Bloom, Carli Scott, Jamin Phillips, Don Hess

Board Chair Leslie MacRae called the meeting to order at: 5:34 p.m.

Public Comment: None

The Advisory Board discussed and/ or voted on the following issues:

1. Approve Agenda/ Reordering of the Meeting Agenda (Action)

Des Comer motioned to approve the agenda; Carlie Hinderscheid seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

2. Approval of Consent Agenda (Action)

Items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and are acted on by the Board of Trustees in one motion. There is no discussion of these items before the Board vote unless a member of the Board, staff, or public requests specific items be discussed and/or removed from the Consent Agenda. It is understood that the Administration recommends approval on all Consent Items. Each item on the Consent Agenda approved by the Board shall be deemed to have been considered in full and adopted as recommended.

Advisory Board Regular Meeting Dates for the 2023-2024 School Year: 8/31/23,
10/19/23, 12/14/23, 2/15/24, 4/18/24, 6/6/24, and 6/13/24

Respectfully submitted by CeCe Walters

2.1 Administration

2.1 Minutes

2.1.1 Regular Board Meeting Minutes from 6-8-23

2.2 Business Services

2.2.1 Approve SCA and SSHS, Inc. warrants for June and July 2023

2.3 Instructional Services

2.4 Human Resources

Des Comer motioned to accept the consent agenda with the 6-8-23 Board Meeting Minutes excluded; Jason Paine seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Des Comer motioned to approve the Board Meeting Minutes from 6-8-23; Leslie MacRae seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

**Des Comer and Leslie MacRae were the only current Board Members present at the 6-8-23 Board Meeting*

3. Board Business

3.1 Addition of new Board members (Action)

Don Hess and Jennifer Waltman would like to become SCA/SSHS, Inc. Board Members.

Jason Paine motioned to accept the two new board members, Don Hess and Jennifer Waltman; Des Comer seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

4. Subject: Comments and reports from individual Board Members and SUHSD Board Liaison (Information only)

Mike reported how impressed he is with our school and what we do here. He feels boards are very important. Leslie commented that what is helpful to her is to make a note of something going on in the community or the school, and then to it at the Board Meeting. If it's really important she would send it to Ben and have it put on the agenda.

5. Director's Report to the Board (Discussion)

5.1 Enrollment report

Current enrollment is 271 students and we currently have a waitlist.

No waitlist for SPED students.

5.2 WASC Accreditation Report

Ben went over the WASC Report with the Board. We went through the accreditation last year. This is a self-study that we did for over a year. It's about a 120 page document, highlighting who we have been, who we are, and who we want to be.

We received one of the highest accreditation timelines, which is 6 years with a three year report.

5.3 Online Learning Option

Ben discussed with the Board how we have used an online platform called Odysseyware, which will be going by the wayside. We are piloting two new programs... Schools PLP and Edmentum. After the trial period we will decide which one we will use or we may even use both programs. Staff are very excited about these new platforms. This is similar to buying curriculum to use with our students.

5.4 Senate Bill 114 – one-year automatic Charter extension

Ben discussed how this gives Charter Schools a one year automatic renewal. Our Charter would be up in June of 2026, but with this bill's passage, it will now be up in June of

5.5 School events report

Freshman Fun Fest happened for the 2nd year in a row and was a great success! The school also held the Back to School Ice Cream Social. There was no cost to families and we had about 100 people.

6. Policy

6.1 Student Dress Code (Discussion)

There was a couple of letters in the Board Docs regarding this. Carli Scott and Jamin Phillips, students at SCA also came to express their concerns. Carli spoke and said she prefers the proposed dress code because she feels it's more equitable for boys and girls. But she feels that the current dress code targets girls with a lot of restrictions.

Patrick Bloom has been in education for 30 years and he went through his background. He said every year or every other year, dress code discussions come up in schools. He feels it never gets fully addressed or enforced. He talked about how we discussed this at three different staff meetings at the beginning of the year. Patrick did not speak up at that time but he feels he is speaking up now for the majority of our staff that they have major concerns about the proposed dress code. Patrick feels dress code is not an education issue. He feels it's a character issue. Everyone has a different perspective on what is modest. He feels dress code is a moral dilemma. His question for the Board to consider is this: what do we want our SCA family to look like and secondly what type of moral, ethical body to we want to look like to the outside. Furthermore whatever the Board decides, we all need to submit to the decision that is made so we are consistent. He has worked in 9 school districts by choice and he has never seen all staff be on the same page on this topic. So he feels we set the standard and then we need to uphold this. Carli Scott has an idea...that we have an event for students, parents and staff where we serve pizza/ice cream and then the dress code is gone over and every parent gets a copy of the dress code. Staff also wrote letters regarding this issue which was shared with the Board members. Matt Wahlman also expressed his thoughts to the Board.

7. Business Services

7.1 Legislation and Finance update (Discussion)

Matt discussed with the Board that this time of year the Legislation is wrapping up and either heading to the governor or not. There is a lot going on. In CA...SB 553 is moving forward: restricts business owners' abilities to protect their establishments from shoplifting and damage. AB 957 has passed legislature; it would allow for the taking of children from a parent who doesn't affirm what their child says is their gender identity when determining child custody. He also went over AB 1604, SB 14, ACA 4, SB 94, AB 1054, AB 599, SB 274, SB 760, AB 938, AB 1314, and SB 426. This snapshot is in the notes provided to the board. He also went over the budget the legislature passed (see the notes). He went over the annual inflation which is 3.2%. We are healthy financially as a school. Matt will have the 2022-23 Unaudited Actuals to share at the next meeting.

7.2 Schools Excess Liability Fund (SELF) Individual Membership (Action)

Matt Wahlman went over this with the Board. It is about our insurance. SELF deals with higher claims. With our prior insurance company, we needed to be an individual member of SELF. Now, we don't need this individual membership, because our current insurance, CharterSafe already has this membership feature built in. So they want us to resign from the individual SELF membership. He asked the Board to approve this.

Des Comer moved that we terminate our individual SELF Membership effective 6/30/24;

Carlie Hinderscheid seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

**Don Hess now a present, voting board member*

8. Board Training

8.1 CSDC Online Governance Academy (Discussion)

8.2 Charter Board University – Chapters 3 and 4 (Discussion)

Des Comer moved that we table these until next board meeting; Carlie Hinderscheid seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

9. Agenda Items for the next Board meeting

9.1 Student Parent Handbook 2023-2024 (Discussion)

9.2 2023-2024 SCA Course Catalog (Action)

9.3 Student Dress Code (Action)

9.4 NWEA MAP Fall 2023 data report

9.5 Charter Board University – Chapter 5 and 6 (Discussion)

9.6 2022-23 Unaudited Actuals

9.7 Board Training-CSDC Online Governance Academy

10. Subject: Adjournment (Action)

Adjournment time: 7:51pm

Des Comer moved to adjourn; Don Hess seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.