

Desert Sands Public Charter

Minutes

Operated by Desert Sands Charter High School, Inc.

Date and Time

Monday October 14, 2019 at 4:00 PM

Location

44130 20th Street West, Lancaster, CA 93534 Remote Location:177 Holston Drive, Lancaster, CA 93535 Conference Call: (661 249-6805 Code: 525676

Directors Present

Dana Clark, James Lott, Marvin D. Smith, Michael R Adams, Ruth Escarcega Newell (remote)

Directors Absent

None

Guests Present

Deonna Atkinson

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

Michael R Adams called a meeting of the board of directors of Desert Sands Public Charter to order on Monday Oct 14, 2019 @ 4:00 PM at 44130 20th Street West, Lancaster, CA 93534 Remote Location:177 Holston Drive, Lancaster, CA 93535 Conference Call: (661 249-6805 Code: 525676.

B. Record Attendance and Guests

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Board Member Smith

D. Staff Introductions

At this time, staff members who are at a meeting location or participating via teleconference will be invited to state their names and titles.

Jeff Brown - CEO

Jeri Vincent - CFO/Secretary

Taera Childers - Area Superintendent

Tinisha Hamberlin - Principal

Bill Thompson - Legal Counsel

Aracely Mayoral - Sr. Director of Finance, LLAC

Claudio Wohl - Sr. VP of Finance, LLAC

Dr. John Fox - Director of LCAP & Accountability, Curriculum & Instruction, LLAC

Michelle Lopez - Legal Counsel, LLAC

E. Approve Agenda for the October 14, 2019, Regular Public Meeting of the Board of Directors.

James Lott made a motion to approve the agenda for the October 14, 2019, Regular Public Meeting of the Board of Directors.

Dana Clark seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Michael R Adams	Aye
Ruth Escarcega Newell	Aye
Marvin D. Smith	Aye
Dana Clark	Aye
James Lott	Aye

II. Consent Agenda

A. Consent Agenda

All items listed under consent agenda are considered by the Board to be routine and consistent with approved policies and practices of the Charter School. The Board will be asked to approve all of the consent agenda items by a single vote unless requested by a Board member to be discussed and considered for action separately.

B. Approve Minutes of the August 19, 2019, Regular Public Meeting of the Board of Directors

Dana Clark made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2019, Regular Public Meeting of the Board of Directors.

Marvin D. Smith seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Michael R Adams	Aye
Marvin D. Smith	Aye
Dana Clark	Aye
James Lott	Aye
Ruth Escarcega Newell	Aye

III. Public Comment

A. Public Comment

At this time, members of the public may address the Board on any item within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board, whether or not the item is on the agenda. If you would like to participate in public comment, you must have signed in before the commencement of the meeting. Also, our teleconference line is open to members of the public who wish to participate in public comment. The time allotted per presentation will not exceed three (3) minutes, except in the case where a member of the public utilizes a translator, in which case the time allotted will not exceed six (6) minutes. The total time allotted for public comments will not exceed eighteen (18) minutes per agenda item, or ten (10) minutes for non-agenda items. In accordance with the Brown Act, no action may occur at this time but it is the Board's prerogative to hold a brief discussion, provide information to the public, provide direction to staff, or schedule the matter for a future meeting.

Board President Adams asked if there were any members of the public attending the meeting who wished to offer public comment. There were no members of the public in attendance.

IV. School Reports and Information

A. Principal Report

Tinisha Hamberlin informed the board of the recent Open House success with over 350 attendees which included parents, students and over 20 community partners. Ms. Hamberlin also updated the board on the school's current enrollment, academic and NWEA updates and demographics.

B. LCFF Local Indicators Report

Dr. John Fox, Ed.D., provided an overview of the State Priorities that were addressed in the report. He informed the board that most of the data is based on the 2018-2019 school year, and he then presented the Local Dashboard Indicators for the school.

- Priority 1 – school has met the priority with 0 misassignments, 0 missed deficiencies and 0 facilities issues.
- Priority 2 – school met this priority with a 3.36 score on the Dashboard.
- Priority 3 – school met this priority. One key strength was the results from our parent survey showed that 70% of the respondents felt either very connected, or extremely connected to the school. Parent outreach has greatly improved at the school and participation numbers increased this year. The focus group expressed an interest in more opportunities for parent engagement and one on one meetings. To ensure students have the resources needed to advocate and navigate the Antelope Valley community, Desert Sands have 30+ plus community partners who work to provide social, emotional, academic, parenting, and financial supports. Three times per year, these community partners engaged the families. The school holds board meetings on campus, parent engagement activities like PAC/ELAC, open houses, student recognition days and parent teacher-student conferences.
- Priority 7 – school met this priority with highest participation in English, Math, Social Science, and CTE Course programs and lowest participation in Foreign language, ELD Courses and Reading Interventions, SGI, Math 180.

Board President Adams asked if any member of the public wished to make a comment regarding the LCFF Indicators Report. No member of the public commented.

C. School Survey Report

Dr. John Fox, Ed.D., provided a report of the Indicator for School Climate (Priority 6). The local school climate survey was designed to align with our LCAP Goal #5 and was given during the second semester to students, parents and teachers/staff. The results reflect the school's efforts to implement our LCAP and meet LCAP goals.

D. Legislative Update

Michelle Lopez provided a legislative update on recent Assembly Bills signed by Governor Newsom on October 3, 2019, AB 1505 and AB 1507, and their impact on charter renewals, new reasons an authorizer can deny a charter, teacher certification requirements, charter petition appeal rights, geographic restrictions, effective dates, and the two-year moratorium on new nonclassroom-based charter schools. Ms. Lopez stated we will continue to update the board on the implementation of these new laws as well as a number of additional laws affecting charter schools that have been signed by the Governor.

E. SB 126 Implementation Update

Michelle Lopez provided an update on SB 126, which is effective January 1, 2020 and clarifies that charter schools are required to follow the Brown Act, conflict of interest laws including the Political Reform Act and Government Code section 1090, the Public Records Act, and new

laws governing the location of board meetings, two-way teleconference communications, and posting of recordings for governing boards that operate charter schools in multiple counties.

F. November Board Member Training

Michelle Lopez informed the board of the upcoming training on the Brown Act, conflict of interest, and additional SB 126 requirements. The training will occur the third week of November.

V. Closed Session

A. Adjourn open public Board meeting to go into closed session.

Dana Clark made a motion to adjourn the open public Board meeting to go into closed session.

Ruth Escarcega Newell seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Dana Clark	Aye
James Lott	Aye
Ruth Escarcega Newell	Aye
Michael R Adams	Aye
Marvin D. Smith	Aye

Legal Counsel for the School discussed existing litigation related to *Milton vs. Desert Sands Public Charter, et al.*, San Bernardino Superior Court No. CIVDS1821125.

B. Adjourn closed session and reconvene regular public Board meeting.

James Lott made a motion to adjourn closed session and reconvene the open public Board meeting.

Marvin D. Smith seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Marvin D. Smith	Aye
James Lott	Aye
Dana Clark	Aye
Ruth Escarcega Newell	Aye
Michael R Adams	Aye

C. Report of action taken or recommendations made in closed session, if any.

Board President Adams reported that there was no action taken in closed session.

VI. Legal Update

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Bill Thompson provided an update on the current charter school climate and additional legislative changes including the recent bill signed by Governor Newsom regarding school start times.

VII. Additional Corporate Officers and Board Members' Observations and Comments.

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Jeff Brown thanked the board for their dedication.

VIII. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

Ruth Escarcega Newell made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Dana Clark seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Michael R Adams Aye

James Lott Aye

Dana Clark Aye

Ruth Escarcega Newell Aye

Marvin D. Smith Aye

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ruth Escarcega Newell

B. General Notifications

Accommodations. *Requests for disability-related modifications or accommodations, or translation services, in order to enable all individuals to participate in the Charter School's open and public meetings shall be made by contacting Soliman Villapando at (661) 272-1225 at least twenty four (24) hours before the scheduled meeting.*

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