

Desert Sands Charter High School

Minutes

Regular Board Meeting

Operated by Desert Sands Public Charter, Inc., A California NonProfit
Public Benefit Corporation

Date and Time

Wednesday June 1, 2022 at 3:30 PM

Location

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REMINDER

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Directors Present

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

Directors Absent

None

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

Board Secretary Newell read aloud the notices regarding meeting logistics, accommodations and audio recording.

Ruth Escarcega Newell called a meeting of the board of directors of Desert Sands Charter High School to order on Wednesday Jun 1, 2022 at 3:30 PM.

B. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Board Member Lott led the pledge of allegiance.

D. Staff Introductions

Jeff Brown, CEO

Jeri Vincent, Corporate Secretary

Taera Childers, Area Superintendent

Mary Reagan, Principal

Tina Lewis, Student Relations Technician

Jeff Martineau, V.P. of Charter Relations

Bill Thompson, Legal Counsel

Guita Sharifi, CFO, LLAC

Michelle Lopez, Legal Counsel, LLAC

E. Adopt Resolution Continuing Board of Directors' Authority to Hold Virtual or Teleconference Meetings Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361

Jeff Martineau discussed Assembly Bill 361, signed by Governor Newsom on September 16, 2021, and explained that the law exempts the board from certain provisions of the Brown Act related to teleconference meetings during states of emergency, as long as the Board makes required findings as detailed in the law. Under AB 361, boards that would like to continue to meet remotely must determine by majority vote whether, as a result of the state of emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees. Mr. Martineau directed the board members to the resolution located in their packet and recommended the board approve the Resolution Continuing Board of Directors' Authority to Hold Virtual or Teleconference Meetings Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361.

James Lott made a motion to adopt Resolution Continuing Board of Directors' Authority to Hold Virtual or Teleconference Meetings Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361.

Dana Clark seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

Michael R Adams Aye

Ruth Escarcega Newell Aye

Dana Clark Aye

Marvin D. Smith Aye

James Lott Aye

F. Approve Agenda for the June 1, 2022 Regular Public Meeting of the Board of Directors

Michael R Adams made a motion to approve Agenda for the June 1, 2022 Regular Public Meeting of the Board of Directors.

Marvin D. Smith seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

G. Approve Minutes of the May 12, 2021, Regular Public Meeting of the Board of Directors

Dana Clark made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Board Meeting on 05-12-22.

James Lott seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

II. Consent Agenda

A. Consent Agenda Items

Board Secretary Newell announced the consent agenda items and asked if any member would like to discuss any of the agenda items for action separately. Hearing none, Board Secretary Newell asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda.

Marvin D. Smith made a motion to approve the consent agenda items.

Michael R Adams seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

III. Public Comment

A. Public Comment

Board Secretary Newell read the following announcement for members of the public:

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, by dialing the teleconference line or by clicking the weblink listed on the posted agenda. 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. 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 Secretary Newell asked if there were any members of the public who wished to offer public comment. There were no members of the public who offered public comment or submitted written comment.

IV. School Reports and Information

A. Area Superintendent Update

Taera Childers greeted the board and provided a presentation on the following school events:

- 15 students attended a Senior Trip to Catalina Island where they enjoyed marine life, ziplines and group activities.
- Grad Nite was held at Six Flags Magic Mountain.
- 30 students attended the Senior BBQ held at Lancaster City Park.
- Graduation was held at the Antelope Valley Fairgrounds on Friday, May 27.
- First cohort of students who completed their dual enrollment program through West Hills College celebrated their success with a bowling day.
- Several students attended the WWII Pathways Field Trip exploring the history of World War II.
- Ms. Childers hosted a Virtual Leadership Professional Development event accompanied by New York Times best-selling author, Liz Wiseman, who shared her research on leadership and best practices to promote and mentor future educational leaders.

Ms. Childers then introduced Tina Lewis, Student Relations Technician, who shared her experience as staff member of Desert Sands and a proud parent when her daughter attended the school. Ms. Lewis then introduced a recent student graduate who shared his experience at Desert Sands including the support he received, access to teachers, and the many opportunities to attend various school field trips. He expressed his gratitude for the school's peaceful environment and constant support received while attending the school.

Ms. Lewis thanked the student for sharing his story and said they look forward to his promising future.

Board Secretary Newell thanked Ms. Lewis and the student for sharing with the board. Ms. Newell is looking forward to hearing how the student does in the future. She also thanked Ms. Lewis for her great work at the school.

B. Report on Mathematics Placement Results

Taera Childers explained that the California Mathematics Placement Act of 2015 required the board to adopt "a fair, objective, and transparent mathematics placement policy" before the beginning of the 2016 school year. The policy was first adopted in 2016 with minor revisions approved to the policy in 2020. The policy addresses students entering ninth grade and includes several required elements to ensure equity in student achievement, including multiple objective academic achievement measures, annual examination of pupil placement to ensure students are not held back in a disproportionate manner, providing an annual report to the governing board, and posting the policy on the school's website.

For the 2021-22 school year, the math placement for 9th graders fell into three categories:

- 58.3% of 9th grade math students placed in remedial math courses
- 34.2% of 9th grade math students placed in Algebra 1 (grade level course)
- 7.5% of 9th grade math students placed in Geometry or Algebra II (above grade level course)

Ms. Childers then explained that despite the challenges for many of the students, the school is pleased to report that all 9th grade students who took math progressed in their mathematics courses, and none were held back. Ms. Childers informed the board the school staff will continue to evaluate this data and report to the board next year pursuant to the Board's policy.

Board Secretary Newell thanked Ms. Childers for her report.

C. LCFF Local Indicators Report for School Year 2021-2022

Taera Childers directed the board to the LCFF Local Indicator Report in their board packet and explained the Local Indicators Report is required for reporting on the priority areas where state data is not available. The State Board of Education provides self-reflection tools for schools to report progress made. Ms. Childers then reviewed the following priority areas:

- **Priority 1** – Focuses on ensuring that all students are assigned to appropriately credentialed teachers, that all students have access to their own instructional materials, and that our resource centers are in good repair. The school has met this priority as evidenced by their 0% total teacher misassignment metric.
- **Priority 2** – Ensuring progress is made in implementing state academic standards and providing professional development to teachers. The school met the full implementation of adopted academic and/or curriculum frameworks and increased the implementation of the English Language Development framework.
- **Priority 3** – Parent Engagement. The school has met this metric and continues to identify the need to increase parent engagement across all data cycles.
- **Priority 6** – School climate. 100% of our students reported that they felt safe at school and 94% reported that they felt connected to an adult at the school. The school has met the criteria for priority 6.
- **Priority 7** – Measures the school's progress in ensuring that all students have access to a broad course of study. The school has met the criteria for priority 7.

Ms. Childers then asked the board for any comments on the LCFF Local Indicators Report.

Board Member Lott likes hearing the school is safe and success is prevalent.

Board Secretary Newell is glad to hear all priorities have been met.

D. School Survey Report

Taera Childers directed the board to the school survey report located in their board packet. Ms. Childers explained that each year the school conducts a climate survey that aligns with the school's LCAP goals. The school implemented a new survey tool that has helped to gain a more in depth understanding of how students, parents and staff feel about the school's climate. The new survey tool includes questions on the school's climate, connectedness and engagement, social emotional learning, academics, future goals, college and career, and civic engagement. Ms. Childers reported that 344 students participated in the survey and then highlighted the results of the survey.

Ms. Childers then explained the data in these surveys are essential to the school leaders' instruction and climate goals and efforts towards continuous improvement.

Board Member Clark shared how amazing it is to have such high numbers.

Board Secretary Newell encouraged the staff to focus on the areas that may need some additional attention.

E. Annual IRS Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax and the California return for 2020, as filed

Guita Sharifi informed the board that the corporation's annual 990 federal tax return and the California return for 2020, which was provided to each board member, has been filed prior to the May 15, 2022, extension due date.

Board Secretary Newell thanked Ms. Sharifi for the update.

F. Finance Update

Guita Sharifi directed the board to the Hanmi Bank Rotating Line of Credit (RLOC) financial update included in the board packet and reviewed the school's credit amount including the current interest rate of 4.5%, which represents an increase from the previous RLOC update provided to the board. Ms. Sharifi then reviewed the expiration date, the current RLOC withdrawal amount, and the RLOC covenants ratios as of May 23, 2022.

Board President Newell thanked Ms. Sharifi.

G. Area Superintendent Performance Review (Evaluation Tool for school year 2022-2023), First Read

Jeff Martineau directed the board to the first read of the draft Area Superintendent evaluation tool for the 2022-2023 school year. Mr. Martineau explained this evaluation tool is for the board's consideration when evaluating the Area Superintendent and shall be a cooperative effort between the Board, Corporate Officers, and Area Superintendent. Mr. Martineau then reviewed the focused areas of performance and the changes from the current school year evaluation tool. He then requested input from the board and noted that this item will be placed as an action item on the August regular board meeting agenda with a recommendation for board approval.

Board Secretary Newell thanked Mr. Martineau and confirmed board members can reach out to Mr. Martineau should additional questions arise.

V. Public Hearing

A. Open Public Hearing

James Lott made a motion to open the public hearing.

Dana Clark seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

B.

The Board will hold a public hearing to solicit the recommendations and comments of members of the public regarding the Budget Overview for Parents and the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) for the 2022-2023 school year

Board Secretary Newell announced the public hearing opened at 4:08 p.m.

Taera Childers directed the board to the Budget Overview for Parents (BOP) and the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) for the 2022-2023 school year and Ms. Childers explained the BOP includes information on the Local Control Funding Formula revenues, supplemental and concentration grants, and state funds. The BOP demonstrates to the public and parents that the school directed its funds in 2021-2022 towards increasing or improving service in meeting the needs of the school community, while also directing funding for its high needs students such as low income students, English Learners, and foster youth.

Ms. Childers then reviewed the projected revenue chart which explains the projected revenue for the school by each fund source: LCFF funds with both supplemental and concentration grants, and local, state and federal funds. Ms. Childers discussed the estimated budgeted expenditures for Desert Sands and the corresponding actions and services in the LCAP.

Ms. Childers explained the school has been reflecting on the school's progress and community partner input for the school's 2021-2022 LCAP goals when developing the 2022-2023 LCAP report. Ms. Childers then shared the following school successes and needs identified during the reflection process:

Areas of Success:

- Student attendance increased to 89.2%.
- Drop out decreased significantly to 2.4%.
- Graduation rate increased to 80%.
- 2.9% increase in EL reclassification as compared to last school year.
- 100% of students feel safe at school.
- 94% students feel connected to the school.

Areas of Need:

- Special population achievement in math, English and credit completion is lower than traditional students.
- NWEA shows student test scores decreasing this year demonstrating a need to focus on core content areas, such as English and math completion and mastery.

Ms. Childers then reviewed the school's proposed four LCAP goals for the 2022-2023 school year:

- Goal 1 – Increase Academic Progress: This is a focus goal for increasing academic progress for all students, especially our English Learners, low-income and foster youth, who struggled during the previous year.
- Goal 2 – Students will gain skills for college and career readiness: This is a broad goal for helping students gain skills for college and career-readiness for all students, including low-income, English Learners and foster youth students.
- Goal 3 – Increase Student Retention: This is a maintenance goal for student retention.

- Goal 4 – Increase Educational Partner Engagement: This is a maintenance goal for increasing engagement.

Ms. Childers then directed the board to the allocation of funds to support these goals and then requested any input from the board or public on the school's BOP and LCAP plan for the 2022-2023 school year.

C. Close Public Hearing

Hearing no comments from the public, Board Secretary Newell requested a motion and closed the public hearing at 4:15 p.m.

Marvin D. Smith made a motion to close the public hearing.

James Lott seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

VI. Action Items

A. The Board will be asked to confirm its acknowledgement that Michael R. Adams, Ruth Escarcega Newell, Marvin D. Smith, Dana Clark and James Lott, have been reappointed as members of the Board of Directors by Educational Advancement Corporation, the sole member of Desert Sands Public Charter, Inc., for the term July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023

Board Secretary Newell reported to the board that the Board of Directors of Educational Advancement Corporation (EAC), the sole member of Desert Sands Public Charter, Inc., has acted to reappoint Michael R. Adams, Ruth Escarcega Newell, Marvin D. Smith, Dana Clark and James Lott as members of the Desert Sands Board of Directors for the term July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. Ms. Newell then asked the board for a vote to confirm its acknowledgment of EAC's action to reappoint the board members.

Dana Clark made a motion to confirm its acknowledgement that Michael R. Adams, Ruth Escarcega Newell, Marvin D. Smith, Dana Clark and James Lott, have been reappointed as members of the Board of Directors by Educational Advancement Corporation, the sole member of Desert Sands Public Charter, Inc., for the term July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

James Lott seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

B. The Board will be asked to approve the amended Conflict of Interest Code

Jeff Martineau explained that the Conflict of Interest Code as presented during the December 7, 2021 board meeting has been approved by the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) and recommended the board approve the amended Conflict of Interest Code.

Michael R Adams made a motion to approve the amended Conflict of Interest Code.
Dana Clark seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

C. The Board will be asked to re-authorize the Corporate Officers and Senior Administration to make all reasonable and necessary business arrangements, and enter into all reasonable and necessary transactions, including but not limited to, contracts with vendors, employees, consultants and others

Board Secretary Newell requested a motion to re-authorize the Corporate Officers and Senior Administration to make all reasonable and necessary business arrangements, and enter into all reasonable and necessary transactions, including but not limited to, contracts with vendors, employees, consultants and others.

James Lott made a motion to re-authorize the Corporate Officers and Senior Administration to make all reasonable and necessary business arrangements, and enter into all reasonable and necessary transactions, including but not limited to, contracts with vendors, employees, consultants and others.

Dana Clark seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

D. The Board will be asked to re-authorize the Corporate Officers to award discretionary incentives to employees at various sundry times

Board Secretary Newell requested a motion to re-authorize the Corporate Officers to award discretionary incentives to employees at various sundry times.

Dana Clark made a motion to re-authorize the Corporate Officers to award discretionary incentives to employees at various sundry times.

James Lott seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

E. The Board will be asked to approve the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) for school year 2022-2023, which drives the primary source of funding for the charter school

Guita Sharifi explained that LCFF funding is the primary source of the school's revenue and determines the funding for charter schools, which has two primary components: a base rate component that applies to all schools that depends exclusively on Average Daily Attendance (ADA) by grade span, and a supplemental and concentration component that depends on the percentage of school's English Learners, foster youth or low-income students. The LCFF calculation is the largest source of the school's unrestricted revenue and is essential to budget and LCAP development. Ms. Sharifi further explained the total LCFF revenue estimated to be received for the 2022-2023 school year, including the total supplemental and concentration funding. Ms. Sharifi recommended the board approve the LCFF for school year 2022-2023.

Dana Clark made a motion to approve the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) for school year 2022-2023, which drives the primary source of funding for the charter school.

Michael R Adams seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

F. The Board will be asked to approve the Education Protection Account (EPA) spending determinations

Guita Sharifi explained that the Education Protection Account (EPA) is a component of the LCFF funding that must be used only for instruction and be posted on the school's website every year. Ms. Sharifi discussed the total estimated EPA revenue to be received for the 2022-2023 school year. Ms. Sharifi recommended the board take action to approve the EPA spending determinations.

James Lott made a motion to approve the Education Protection Account (EPA) spending determinations.

Dana Clark seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

G. The Board will be asked to approve the Budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year

Guita Sharifi informed the board the school's budget is based on funding information from the May revision to the State's budget and will be adjusted in the future if there are changes to the budget when it is signed in June or in subsequent revisions during the summer.

Ms. Sharifi then explained the funding projections for next fiscal year, include a COLA of 6.56% to the LCFF funding rate compared to prior year. This is the highest COLA the school has seen since the inception of the LCFF funding formula. Ms. Sharifi further explained there is an additional \$2.1B included in the State's budget that will be allocated to the base rate of the LCFF formula and an \$8B for one-time discretionary grants. However, there is still no detail or clarity on how these additional funds and grants will be dispersed or the impact to the funding rate, therefore these funding

amounts are not included in the school's original budget and will be added in future revisions.

Ms. Sharifi then discussed the school's projected ADA of 1,607 for school year 2022-2023, which is a decrease compared to the 2021-2022 school year.

Next, Ms. Sharifi reviewed the projected revenue for the school and explained the revenue amounts from LCFF sources, federal funds, and other state revenue, which include lottery funds, and she noted the school is not projecting local revenue.

Ms. Sharifi then reviewed the school's expenditures and discussed the reduction of salaries and benefits and purchasing as compared to the 2021-2022 school year. Ms. Sharifi also reviewed the operating expenses which remains at similar levels compared to the current school year with an increase for training, insurance, utilities, rent and communication and a decrease in professional services.

Ms. Sharifi informed the board the school is projecting a positive net position and ratio of reserves to expenditures. Ms. Sharifi then recommended the board approve the school budget for the 2022-23 fiscal year.

Board Secretary Newell asked when grants or other options would be finalized. Ms. Sharifi informed the board the state budget is usually signed in June and they hope to see the final budget shortly thereafter. Any changes will be reported to the board in the first interim report.

Board Member Smith commented on the multiple unknown categories and the reduction in the lottery funds. Ms. Sharifi informed the board they are anticipating additional one-time funding, as well as the LCFF base rate increase. Jeri Vincent clarified that 91% of the school money comes from LCFF and the school anticipates an increase in the LCFF rate. Ms. Sharifi informed the board nothing is 100% until the state budget is signed, which is why the unknown amounts are not included in the school's budget. Only known funds were included.

Board Secretary Newell requested an update to be provided to the board at the August board meeting.

Dana Clark made a motion to approve the Budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. Michael R Adams seconded the motion. The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Ruth Escarcega Newell	Aye
James Lott	Aye
Marvin D. Smith	No
Dana Clark	Aye
Michael R Adams	Aye

H. The Board will be asked to approve the Budget Overview for Parents and the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) for the 2022-2023 school year

Taera Childers invited questions and suggestions from the board on the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) for the 2022-2023 school year, which was shared during the public hearing. She then recommended the board approve the Budget Overview for Parents and the LCAP for the 2022-2023 school year.

James Lott made a motion to approve the Budget Overview for Parents and the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) for the 2022-2023 school year.

Dana Clark seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

I. The Board will be asked to approve the school’s Title I federal addendum for Schoolwide Program for the 2022-2023 fiscal year

Taera Childers informed the board the school is interested in applying for additional funds through the Every Student Succeeds Act, commonly known as Title I funds. Schools receive the funds based on the number of students who qualify for free and reduced lunch. The exact amount that the school will receive next year will depend on the amount allotted to the state in the next few months.

The Federal Addendum included in your board packet completes the template provided by the California Department of Education, and is the first step in our application process. It describes the capacity in which the school must meet the federal requirements that accompanies the funding. These funds can be used to upgrade programs to support students with the greatest need, including intervention programs, small group instruction, English Learner support, tutoring, counseling, reading and math programs, technology, and parent engagement.

Ms. Childers recommended the board approve the school’s application for Title I funds for a schoolwide program, with final decision-making authority delegated to the Area Superintendent and Corporate Officers to submit the Federal Addendum to receive Title I funds for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

Marvin D. Smith made a motion to approve the school’s Title I federal addendum for Schoolwide Program for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

James Lott seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

J. The Board will be asked to approve the Consolidated Application process and submission for all reports required for the 2022-2023 school year

Taera Childers explained the school will be requesting Title I, Part A, federal funds for a Schoolwide Program (SWP). Title I, Part A is a federal categorical program contained in the Consolidated Application (ConApp) and purpose is to ensure that all children have a fair and equal opportunity to obtain a high quality education and reach, at a minimum, proficiency on the state content standards and assessments. The intent of this funding is to meet the educational needs of low-achieving students enrolled in the highest poverty schools. For each federal program entitlement, LEAs allocate funds for the program as indicated by the program requirements. For the 2022-23 school year, the school is requesting Title 1 Part A, Federal Funds. Ms. Childers recommended the board approve the ConApp process and submission of all reports required for the school for the 2022-23 school year.

Dana Clark made a motion to approve the Consolidated Application process and submission for all reports required for the 2022-2023 school year.

James Lott seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

K. The Board will be asked to renew a Revolving Line of Credit (RLOC) from Hanmi Bank for the 2022-2023 school year, as needed, to maintain adequate cash flow pursuant to the RLOC provisions

Guita Sharifi reminded the board of the current Hanmi Bank agreement that provides a line of credit at a lower interest rate compared to other financing mechanisms to support the school's finances only when necessary to maintain adequate cash flow. Ms. Sharifi then explained the school has the opportunity to renew the Revolving Line of Credit (RLOC) with Hanmi Bank for the 2022-2023 school year in the amount of \$4,000,000 with the current interest rate of 4.5%. Ms. Sharifi reminded the board the interest rate is calculated at the greater of (1) the prime rate plus 0.50%, or (2) 3.75%. Ms. Sharifi then recommended the board approve the Hanmi Bank RLOC.

Board Secretary Newell asked if Hanmi Bank will need to approve the HELOC first. Ms. Sharifi informed the board Hanmi extended the current HELOC to August 3rd and they anticipate Hanmi to approve a new HELOC before the current expiration date.

Dana Clark made a motion to renew a Revolving Line of Credit (RLOC) from Hanmi Bank for the 2022-2023 school year, as needed, to maintain adequate cash flow pursuant to the RLOC provisions.

Marvin D. Smith seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

L. The Board will be asked to approve obtaining a loan from LLAC during the 2022-2023 fiscal year, as needed to maintain adequate cash flow, pursuant to promissory note provisions with applicable interest

Guita Sharifi explained to the board that the Lifelong Learning Administration Corp. (LLAC), the school's vendor for administrative and educational services, offers a short-term borrowing option to support the school when necessary for a maximum limit of \$2,000,000 at an interest rate of four percent (4%). Ms. Sharifi explained the amount is a maximum and the school may utilize it entirely, or not at all. Ms. Sharifi further emphasized this is an alternative financing option for the school to meet short-term cash flow needs only if needed for the 2022-2023 school year and as the last resort if there is not enough funding available from the Hanmi Bank RLOC to maintain adequate cash flow pursuant to a promissory note with interest rate. Ms. Sharifi then recommended the board approve the LLAC promissory note.

Board Member Smith asked if 4% is a fixed rate. Ms. Sharifi informed the board the 4% is a set rate and will not fluctuate like it would with a bank.

Marvin D. Smith made a motion to approve obtaining a loan from LLAC during the 2022-2023 fiscal year, as needed to maintain adequate cash flow, pursuant to promissory note provisions with applicable interest.

James Lott seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

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

A. Observations and Comments

Jeff Brown thanked Ms. Childers for her reports. He commented on the positive impact of professional development opportunities. He praised Ms. Lewis and thanked her for sharing her story, as well as her child's story. Mr. Brown shared with the board that he was honored to receive a plaque at graduation commending the 20th anniversary of Desert Sands.

Board Member Clark shared how amazing the graduation was and how proud she is of all the students.

Jeri Vincent praised Ms. Childers for her great work putting together the graduation.

Board Secretary Newell agreed with the positive comments about graduation and thanked Ms. Childers for the invitation.

VIII. Closed Session

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

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Government Code § 54956.9(d)(2).): (1 matter)

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

Marvin D. Smith seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

B. Adjourn closed session and reconvene to open public Board meeting

Michael R Adams made a motion to adjourn closed session and reconvene to open public Board meeting.

Dana Clark seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

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

Board Secretary Newell stated no action was taken in closed session for the CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Government Code § 54956.9(d)(2).): (1 matter)

IX. Closing Items

A. Next Regular Board Meeting Date: July 19, 2022, 3:30pm

B. Adjourn Meeting

Dana Clark made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
James Lott seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 5:18 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ruth Escarcega Newell

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