

Highlands Community Charter School

Minutes of 03-16-2013 Special Board Meeting

Minutes/Meeting Notes by Jacob J. Walker

A board meeting of the Highlands Community Charter School was conducted in-person on 3/16/2013. A general consensus of the group showed preference to having current meeting discussions being flexible, such that topics of discussion were sometimes revisited. To help keep these topics clear, they are presented by topic, with corresponding motions and votes, with the major topics voted upon listed in chronological order.

Date, Time, Location

03/16/2013, 9:00 am, Perko's Restaurant, 9647 Micron Ave, Sacramento, CA

In Attendance

- Mike Brunelle
- Ward Allen
- Thomas W. Burruss
- Kirk Williams
- Jacob J. Walker

Agenda

- I. FoodLink partnership
- II. Tuesday's Presentation to Twin Rivers

Meeting

Call to Order

At 9:11 am, the meeting was called to order. The five out of seven board members present formed a quorum, so business could proceed.

Potential FoodLink Partnership

Ward discussed about previous connection to FoodLink with Sac City Unified and his past work with them as an organization, and the positive relationship that existed. Ward, Kirk, and Jacob discussed the very positive meeting on 3/15/2013, with John Healey, President & CEO of FoodLink, and how he is interested in partnering with us to help run a truck driving and other programs at FoodLink's site. Kirk informed the group that on Tuesday April 9, there will be a FoodLink Board Meeting, and that he recommended several of the HCCS board members attend that meeting.

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Ward recommended continuing forward with the charter school petition with Twin Rivers, and to make an additional petition to go to Sac City Unified School District, whose boundaries includes FoodLink's campus. Jacob also reminded the board, that if an adult-serving charter is approved by any district, that it does not have the jurisdictional boundary issues of a standard charter school, but all on the board (including Jacob), agreed that it is best to work collaboratively with the school districts, whose territory a campus may be within.

It was discussed what type of focus the charter school petition for Sac City would have. Jacob recommended a focus on at-risk adults, as this clearly includes the ex-offender focus, and also can include the homeless, and ESL students. There was general consensus that this was a good idea. Jacob recommended waiting until we see what concerns Twin Rivers legal counsel might raise on Tuesday, which was also generally agreed upon by the board members.

A motion was made by Kirk Williams to pursue a partnership for training at-risk adults with FoodLink. Tom Burruss seconded the motion, and there was unanimous consent.

Tuesday's Presentation the TRUSD Board

There was discussion about the logistics of the presentation of the HCCS Charter School Petition to the TRUSD Board on Tuesday, 3/19/2013. Ward asked Jacob to meet with Tom Janis of TRUSD on Monday morning, which Jacob agreed to. Ward is going to work on getting a dignitary to introduce the charter school to the board, with our hope to have Susan McKee from Senator Steinberg's office to open the presentation. Ward is also going to create binders for every board member that includes letters of support along with the official petition. After Susan or another dignitary speaks, Mike will introduce himself and speak a little, and then Jacob will present the PowerPoint to the TRUSD Board. Jacob will work with Kirk this weekend to improve the PowerPoint presentation.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:07 am

Pledge of Accuracy

As the Secretary of Highlands Community Charter School, the following minutes are to the best of my knowledge accurate and sufficiently complete to represent what occurred at the board meeting.

Signature

Date Approved