

# DEHESA SCHOOL DISTRICT

## AMENDED

### REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

### June 13, 2018

#### **I. Call to order**

President Cindy White called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm and the Board convened into Closed session.

#### **II. Closed Session**

#### **III. Public Meeting**

The Board reconvened at 4:00 pm. President, Cindy White called the meeting to order and reported no action was taken in closed session. Mark Zacovic led the pledge of allegiance. Mark Zacovic made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Christina Becker. Board approved the agenda as follows:

**Ayes:** Cindy White, Christina Becker, Mark Zacovic, Karen Kirkpatrick and Karl Becker

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None

**Abstain:** None

#### **IV. Requests to Address the Board**

##### **A. District/Community Organization Reports**

##### **1. Acceptance of Donation from the Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation:**

Sycuan Tribal Chairman, Cody Martinez was in attendance and presented the Dehesa School District a check in the amount of \$250,000.00. Nancy Hauer expressed her gratitude to the Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation for being so generous. The tribe has helped out many times throughout the year for different field trips and events. The School District and the School Board thanks the Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation for their generous donation and for all of their support for the school and students.

##### **2. Parents' Club:** Nancy Hauer spoke on behalf of Parents Club and stated that they have been busy getting ready for the end of year picnic. It will be held on campus and Sycuan is generously supplying the food and will be on site barbequing hamburgers and hotdogs for the families.

##### **3. Dehesa's Teacher's Association:** President, Lacey Rana spoke and said there was no report.

4. **California School Employees Association #663:** No report.
5. **Method Schools:** No report-Wrapping up school year.
6. **Diego Hills Central Charter School:** No report-Wrapping up school year
7. **Valiant Charter / California Academy of Sport Science:** Justin Schmitt was in attendance and said that they are wrapping up State Testing. And they are preparing for next year
8. **Element Education:**
  - a. **Dehesa Charter School:** Nancy Hauer spoke on behalf of Dehesa Charter School. The Out of County Waiver was rejected by the CDE staff and will not be put on the July agenda. A new one will be submitted before June 29 to be included on the September agenda. Resource Center classes begin operation on September 10, 2018.
  - b. **Community Montessori Charter School:** Nancy Hauer spoke on behalf of Community Montessori. Everything is in order for a June 30, 2018 closure. They appreciate the support they have received from the District for the five years of authorization.
9. **The Heights Charter School:** Diana White was in attendance and spoke in agenda item VII.C.1.
10. **Inspire Charter & Pacific Coast Academy:** No report-Wrapping up school year.
11. **Citizen Input-** None

**B. Board Input-** None

- V. Routine Action Items:** Karl Becker made a motion to approve the Routine Action Items. Seconded by Karen Kirkpatrick. Christina Becker commented that she is so happy that Heather and Jholei are going to the No Excuses University National Convention.

## **VI. Information & Proposals**

- A. Correspondence:** Nancy Hauer spoke about the WASC accreditation letter.

**B. Report, Information, and Presentations:**

1. **Budget Report:** Anna talked about the budget report and said that all is in order for the funds and all the expenses.
2. **State School Building Report:** None
3. **Principal's Report:** Nancy Hauer reported that Heather Griffiths does have a report later in meeting.
4. **Enrollment:** Nancy Hauer spoke about how enrollment is at 152.

- C. Discussion-** Christina Becker said she loves the new security gates. Just be sure to

remember to unlock the handicap accessible gate when school is not in session.

## VII. Action Items

### A. Public Hearings

**1. The Local Control Action Plan (LCAP):** Cindy White opened the Public Hearing for The Local Control Action Plan (LCAP) at 4:15 pm. Nancy Hauer mentioned that it is a work in progress and still needs some revisions. Comment from Glen Dickie, Board President of the Alpine Union School District asking where the public copy was. Nancy Hauer said that we have a Public Copy in the office and also posted on the website. No other comments. Closed Public Hearing at 4:19 pm.

**2. 2018/2019 Proposed District Budget:** Cindy White Opened the Public Hearing for the Proposed District Budget at 4:19 pm. No public comment. Closed Public Hearing at 4:20 pm.

**3. 2018/2019 Budget Reserve Balances:** Cindy White Opened the Public Hearing for the Budget Reserve Balances at 4:20 pm. No public comment. Closed Public Hearing at 4:21 pm.

### B. Old Business- None.

### C. New Business

**1. The Heights Charter Renewal Petition:** Karen Kirkpatrick made a motion to approve The Heights Charter Renewal Petition. Seconded by Mark Zacovic. President Cindy White called on those that had Speaker Cards filled out.

- 1) Kellie Peel, a parent of 5 children would like to thank the Dehesa Board for all of their support for The Heights Charter. She said that she had enrolled her children in the Alpine School District and ended up transferring over to The Heights after having concerns at what was happening in the Alpine District. The Heights Charter has been amazing for her family. Cindy White spoke and said that the speaker talked for 3 minutes and 10 seconds so, all speakers would get a total of 3 minutes and 10 seconds to speak.
- 2) Diana Tompkins, a teacher at Joan MacQueen Middle School spoke and said she wants what is best for students. She said looking at the Dehesa campus she feels that is where The Heights Charter should be located. Right now The Heights Charter is located in a business complex and a parking lot is the playground for those students. Would like the Dehesa Board to put the students before the budget.
- 3) Richard Newman, Superintendent for the Alpine Union School District spoke and mentioned that the general rule is for a charter to operate within its district's boundaries. He does not believe that there is no suitable location within the Dehesa boundaries to house The Heights Charter. He mentioned that the enrollment for Dehesa is 152 so, there would be room for The Heights students to be at the Dehesa campus.

- 4) Cheryl Irick, a teacher at Creekside Early Learning Center spoke and said that it is not right that The Heights Charter is located in the Alpine Union School District. The Heights is poaching students from the Alpine Schools. It is not a neighborly thing to do and is asking the Dehesa School Board to do the right thing and not approve the Charter renewal.
- 5) Brit Montalbano, a teacher at Creekside Early Learning Center spoke and said the having The Heights Charter in the Alpine Union School District's boundaries is unethical and is showing that the Dehesa has no integrity. Would like the Board to do the right thing.
- 6) Jennifer Hamilton, the original petitioner for The Heights Charter spoke and said she had founded The Heights Charter in hopes of better education and options for children. She has a 6<sup>th</sup> grader and a 9<sup>th</sup> grader. The 6<sup>th</sup> grader is currently at The Heights and the 9<sup>th</sup> grader who graduated from The Heights Charter is now at River Valley Charter School and has all straight A's.
- 7) Gayle Malone, President of the Alpine Teachers Association and a teacher at Alpine Elementary spoke and said that she is not opposed to Dehesa overseeing The Heights but, that the Heights needs to be in the Dehesa District Boundaries. She mentioned that due to enrollment issues at Alpine Elementary, they are down to 6 teachers and that the students who are leaving are going to The Heights. She would like to see The Heights housed in the Dehesa District.
- 8) Susan McCalley, a teacher at Mountain View Learning Center spoke and was very angry about The Heights Charter being in Alpine. Susan spoke over the allotted 3 minutes and 10 seconds even after being told time was up.
- 9) Erin Schaefer, a mother of 4 children spoke and said that they had originally enrolled their children at the Alpine District. They watched the District start to deteriorate and wanted more for their children. One chooses a school for their children and when it is not what expected it is hard. The Heights Charter resource center is wonderful. It is sad that the Alpine School District is not thinking about the children.
- 10) Monica White, a parent of 2 children that attend The Heights Charter. She said her son had attended Creekside and had been bullied. The Principal did nothing about it. Her son has disabilities and the Alpine School District was lacking in services for him. Her children have flourished while being at the Heights and she would like to personally thank the Board for their continued support of The Heights Charter.
- 11) Glenn Dickie, President of the Alpine Union School Board spoke and said that the focus is really on whether having The Heights Charter located in Alpine is legal or not. He said that The Heights Charter needs to relocate.
- 12) Jennifer Fourman, a teacher at Joan MacQueen Middle School spoke and

said that she is a teacher and also has a son who attends Joan MacQueen. Her son had extreme anxiety however, flourished in the Alpine Schools. He will graduate this year from 8<sup>th</sup> grade. He loves school and is fully prepared for High School. The location of The Heights Charter is causing conflict.

- 13) Greg Fox, a parent of children who attended The Heights Charter wanted to speak to the Board on behalf of his children. They had issues of Bullying at Joan MacQueen Middle School and there was no action by the Principal or school. His child ended up with a bruised spleen and still no action on the part of the school or district. The Alpine District does not have their own school busses due to budget issues. The Superintendent is getting raises while teachers are losing jobs. Alpine Union School District is losing 60+ students to go to Los Coches Creek Middle School. They need to look within and see why they are losing attendance at their schools.
- 14) Darlene Newcomb, a teacher at Shadow Hills Elementary School spoke and said that it is getting very difficult to keep students at the Alpine School District. Would like Alpine to listen to what the parents want.
- 15) Cindy White spoke and said that for those that want to move The Heights to Dehesa School, there is no way our campus has room for an additional 241 students. The Dehesa community does not have property to be leased out to The Heights. Karl Becker spoke and said that there are 6 reasons why a Charter can be denied renewal. Having looked over the petition and all of the findings there is no reason for us to not approve the Charter for Renewal. There is nothing illegal about the Charter's location. Vote as follows:

**Ayes:** Cindy White, Christina Becker, Mark Zacovic, Karen Kirkpatrick and Karl Becker

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None

**Abstain:** None

**2. Charter Petition for University Prep:** Christina Becker made a motion to approve the Charter Petition for University Prep. Seconded by Karen Kirkpatrick. Justin Schmitt talked about how college is getting very expensive and there is a lot of student debt. Partnering with Concordia University and Grand Canyon University for students to have concurrent enrollment and not have to pay tuition. The Board asked if it was going to be a problem with Grand Canyon University being a Christian School. Justin said he didn't think so but, would make sure it was not an issue. Vote as follows:

**Ayes:** Cindy White, Christina Becker, Mark Zacovic, Karen Kirkpatrick and Karl Becker

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None

**Abstain:** None

**3. Education Protection Account Resolution 2018-6-3:** Mark Zacovic made a motion to approve the Education Protection Account Resolution 2018-6-3. Seconded by Christina Becker. Anna Buxbaum explained that this is a restricted account which can only be used for teachers. Is not to be used for administrative costs. It is a restricted account. Vote as follows:

**Ayes:** Cindy White, Christina Becker, Mark Zacovic, Karen Kirkpatrick and Karl Becker

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None

**Abstain:** None

**4. Intra Budget Transfer Resolution:** Karen Kirkpatrick made a motion to approve the Intra Budget Transfer Resolution. Seconded by Christina Becker. Anna Buxbaum explained that this is just a resolution to be able to transfer money between funds if needed to even them out. Vote as follows:

**Ayes:** Cindy White, Christina Becker, Mark Zacovic, Karen Kirkpatrick and Karl Becker

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None

**Abstain:** None

**5. Master Contract for Verbal Behavior Associates:** Karen Kirkpatrick made a motion to approve the Master Contract for Verbal Behavior Associates. Seconded by Mark Zacovic. Nancy Hauer talked about how we used the services and had positive feedback from teachers. We plan on using them again for this next year. Vote as follows:

**Ayes:** Christina Becker, Mark Zacovic, Karen Kirkpatrick and Karl Becker

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None

**Abstain:** Cindy White

**6. MOA between County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency:** Karl Becker made a motion to approve the MOA between County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency. Seconded by Christina Becker. Vote as follows:

**Ayes:** Cindy White, Christina Becker, Mark Zacovic, Karen Kirkpatrick and Karl Becker

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None

**Abstain:** None

**7. Cajon Valley Union School District Vehicle Maintenance Agreement:** Mark Zacovic made a motion to approve the Cajon Valley Union School District Vehicle Maintenance Agreement. Seconded by Christina Becker. Anna Buxbaum mentioned that the rates have not changed. Vote as follows:

**Ayes:** Cindy White, Christina Becker, Mark Zacovic, Karen Kirkpatrick and Karl Becker

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None

**Abstain:** None

**8. Purchasing 80 Student Chromebooks and 98 Student Winbooks:** Karl Becker made a motion to approve Purchasing 80 Student Chromebooks and 98 Student Winbooks. Seconded by Karen Kirkpatrick. Nancy Hauer talked about how this would be for a 3 year contract. It includes insurance which will cover wear and tear. If one breaks down they send us another one. Christina Becker said to make sure they have locking carts. Heather Griffiths mentioned that there will be a Student/Parent contract being sent home that the parents and students both need to sign. This will make the kids more accountable for their computer. Vote as follows:

**Ayes:** Cindy White, Christina Becker, Mark Zacovic, Karen Kirkpatrick and Karl Becker

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None

**Abstain:** None

#### **D. Negotiations-None**

#### **E. Board Policies**

**1. Policy Updates BP/AR 0410, 5111, 5141.52:**

**2. Policy Updates BP/AR 4119.11, 4219.11, 4319.11, 4161.1, 4361.1, 4161.8, 4261.8:**

Karen Kirkpatrick made a motion to approve the Board Policies Items VII.E.1 and VII.E.2. Seconded by Mark Zacovic. Vote as follows:

**Ayes:** Cindy White, Christina Becker, Mark Zacovic, Karen Kirkpatrick and Karl Becker

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None

**Abstain:** None

**F. Personnel-  
Certified:**

- 1. Resignation of a certificated employee effective 6/14/2018.**

**Classified:**

- 1. Resignation of a 3.75 hour Child Nutrition Assistant effective 6/14/2018.**

Karl Becker made a motion to approve all the Personnel items for Certified and Classified. Seconded by Mark Zacovic. Discussion about changing the hours for the Child Nutrition Assistant to 6 hours. Vote as follows:

**Ayes:** Cindy White, Christina Becker, Mark Zacovic, Karen Kirkpatrick and Karl Becker

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** None

**Abstain:** None

**VI.B.3 Principal Report:** Heather Griffiths principal's report that the 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion was in the morning and was really nice but very hot. Going to try to figure something out for next year so there is more shade. The Talent Show was a huge success and it was great seeing the kids perform. Met with Mary Mezinis, a representative for the foreign exchange program. Opportunity for student teachers from other countries to come to the U.S. to student teach. Would be a great opportunity for our students to learn another language. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to Disneyland went very well. Definitely have to continue having the Disneyland trip for the 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Christina Becker said she would like to find something special for the 7<sup>th</sup> graders also.

**VIII. Advance Planning**

**A. Next Meeting** – Special Board Meeting scheduled for June 25, 2018. Closed Session at 9:00 am. Open Session at 9:05 am.

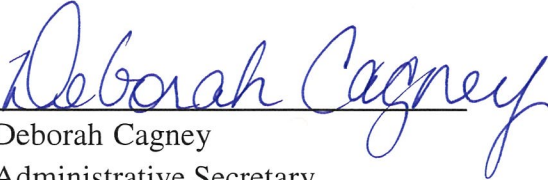
**B. Agenda Items-** None

**C. Future Meeting** – Regular Board Meeting- July 19, 2018. Closed Session at 4:00 pm. Open Session at 5:00 pm.

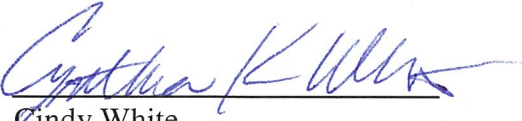
**IX. Adjournment:** President Cindy White adjourned the meeting at 6:10 pm.



Respectfully submitted by:

  
Deborah Cagney  
Administrative Secretary

Approved by:

  
Cindy White  
Board President