

*Journey School
A California Public Charter School*

August 4, 2011

APPROVED SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Approved on October 27, 2011

*At Journey School
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Roll Call:

Jon Kaplan, Council President: Present

Dr. Kris Powell, Council Vice President: Present

Michael Corbo, Council Treasurer: Absent

Jan Geisendorfer, Council Secretary: Present

Marc Damikolas, Council Member: Absent

Diana Graber, Council Member: Present

Colleen Patterson, Council Member: Present

VACANT: Parent Cabinet Member

Laura Bujjoni or Gavin Keller (TBD), Educational Trustee Member: Gavin was present but he decided not to be officially sworn in tonight, so the position is still officially vacant.

Also present from Administration: Shaheer Faltas and Franci Sassin

	AGENDA ITEM	SPONSOR
1	<i>Call to Order, Roll Call and Review of Norms/Roles:</i> The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm. Jon reviewed Norms.	<i>Jon Kaplan</i>
2	<i>Inspirational Passage:</i> Kris read a few paragraphs from Andrew Carnegie and Charles Schwab and IBM about leadership.	
3	<i>Oath of Office for new Council Members:</i> Colleen signed her Oath. Gavin will wait until they have it worked out with faculty whether he or Laura will be the official voting faculty member.	<i>Jon Kaplan</i>
4	<i>Approval of Agenda:</i> A motion to approve agenda was made by Jan, seconded by Kris and approved	<i>Jon Kaplan</i>

	unanimously.	
5	PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE	Jon Kaplan
6	<p>CLOSED SESSION: The meeting convened to closed session to discuss the matters described below:</p> <p>The motion to adjourn into closed session was made by Diana, seconded by Kris and approved unanimously.</p> <p>The board entered closed session at 6:44 pm.</p> <p>The Board invited Shaheer, Franci and Gavin into A and B closed session to participate in the discussion. Franci and Gavin left the closed session at 7:50 pm when those two items were concluded, and Shaheer remained for Item C.</p> <p>A. Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9: Conference with legal counsel, Anticipated Litigation; Number of Cases: 1</p> <p>B. Pursuant to Government Code §54957: Public Employment, Title(s): Teacher, Specialty Teacher, Instructional Support</p> <p>C. Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6: Conference with Labor Negotiators:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Agency Representative: Shaheer Faltas</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Employee organization: Journey Teachers' Association</p>	Jon Kaplan
7	RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION: The meeting was reconvened to open session at: 8:14 p.m.	Jon Kaplan
8	<p>PUBLIC REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION (includes the vote or abstention of every member present).</p> <p>NONE TAKEN</p>	
9	<p>DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:</p> <p>A. Teacher Compensation Proposal: Proposal to increase teacher compensation for 2011-12 fiscal year only</p> <p>The Council directed and authorized Administration to negotiate an adjustment to teacher compensation with JTA to bring school into better alignment with other Waldorf Charter schools.</p>	

	<p>B. Staff Hiring: Approval of administrative recommendation for teacher(s) and instructional support positions</p> <p>It was noted that the 4th Kindergarten assistant position is open still due to a candidate who declined, and so the Administration is still in the hiring process for that position.</p> <p>Administration recommended Jennifer Hopps as a teacher candidate for Kindergarten Main Class Teacher.</p> <p>A motion was made to Hire Jennifer Hopps for Kindergarten Main Class Teacher for 11-12 by Jon, Diana seconded and the motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>A motion was made by Jon and seconded by Kris to Hire Ray Kahlbenn for the Games specialty position for 11-12. The motion was passed unanimously.</p> <p>Kris made a motion to delegate authority to the Administrator to make an offer of employment for the 8th grade position to one of the final four candidates. Jan seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.</p> <p>C. Journey School Lease for 2011-12: Consideration and approval of lease agreement with CUSD for 2011-12 school year</p> <p>CUSD had offered to write a letter of intent to negotiate a long term lease, but this has not yet been received. The school would like to see the letter of intent that the district will try to complete the negotiations by October on a long term lease. It was also noted that school was offered and accepted adding one additional portable adjacent to Niguel Children’s Center. An addendum should be added for increased square footage and the cost would be same per square foot. Council members noted that some changes were made unilaterally by CUSD to the original lease, rather than extending the term of the current least with an amendment.</p> <p>No action was taken.</p>	
10	<p>DISCUSSION ITEMS:</p> <p>A. BOARD DEVELOPMENT and TRAINING: Planning of Board retreat for August 25 from 12 to 4 pm.</p> <p>The retreat will take place from 12 to 4 pm, then the Council will go together for a dinner break prior to the regular board meeting.</p> <p>The following agenda items were recommended for the retreat:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Training for new board members ✓ Binder of important documents and key information 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Prep for Open House/community event on Sept 15 ✓ Review of school year and successes—this may also become a regular board agenda item ✓ Review of academic progress ✓ Draft of the Strategic Plan—Council would like to see the draft ahead of time so they can discuss and make decisions ✓ Board development and board self evaluation plans—Kris can work on it ahead of time ✓ Connection between Board and staff and Board and parent group(s) ✓ Mechanics of meetings—planning for the year with calendar of items and responsibility and to provide accountability for the board and Administration ✓ Begin Development work and Board’s role in Development 	
11	Adjournment : The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.	<i>Jon Kaplan</i>