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## **John Muir Charter Schools Meeting of the Board of Directors**

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

**10:00 a.m.**

Sacramento Regional Conservation Corps

6101 27th Street

Sacramento, CA 95822

Audio of this meeting will be recorded

### **AGENDA**

- 1. Meeting Call to Order**
- 2. Introductions**
- 3. Oral Communications/Public Comments:** Recognition of individuals wishing to comment on non-agenda items may do so at this time. Individuals who wish to address an agenda item may do so at this time or at the time the agenda item is heard. After being recognized by the board president, please identify yourself. No individual presentation shall be for more than three (3) minutes and the total time for this purpose shall not exceed fifteen (15) minutes. Ordinarily, board members will not respond to presentations and no action can be taken. However, the board may give direction to staff following a presentation.
- 4. Additions to the Agenda**
- 5. Adoption of the Agenda**
- 6. Action Items**
  - A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting Wednesday, December 11, 2019 (Attachment #1, Page 3)
  - B. Approval of Vendor Payments 11/26/19 - 12/25/19 (Attachment #2, Page 7)
  - C. Approval of New and Termed Employees 12/1/19 - 12/31/19 (Attachment #3, Page 13)
  - D. Policy Approval: Policy 5506 CHSPE Test Use for JMCS Graduation Requirements (Attachment #4, Page 15)
  - E. Inventory to be Declared Surplus (Attachment #5, Page 17)
  - F. Approval of the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Auditor's Report (Attachment #6, Under Separate Cover)

## **7. Discussion Items**

- A. JMCS Branding
- B. 2020 Safety Plan Update (Attachment #7, Page 19)
- C. New Policy: 5403: CA Healthy Youth Act (Attachment #8, Page 67)
- D. Policy Revision: 5810 Student Credit Exemption (Attachment #9, Page 83)
- E. TAC Report (Anna Pizelo)
- F. CEO's Report (R.J. Guess)

## **8. Information Items**

- A. Correspondence
- B. Schedule of Future Board Meetings
  - i. Wednesday February 12, 2020, 10 a.m., at Sacramento Regional Conservation Corps, 6101 27th Street, Sacramento, CA 95822
  - ii. Wednesday March 11, 2020, 10 a.m., at Sacramento Regional Conservation Corps, 6101 27th Street, Sacramento, CA 95822

## **9. Board Attendance at Next Meeting**

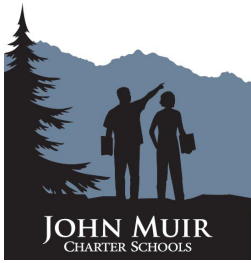
- A. Stan Miller: Yes or No
- B. Michael Corbett: Yes or No
- C. Len Eckhardt: Yes or No
- D. Sallie Wilson: Yes or No
- E. Gil Botello: Yes or No

## **10. Request for Agenda Items**

## **11. Adjournment**

This agenda was posted at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting at:

- Nevada County Superintendent of Schools, 380 Crown Point Circle, Grass Valley, CA 95945
- Sacramento Regional Conservation Corps. 6101 27th St, Sacramento, CA 95822
- JMCS Administration Office, 117 New Mohawk Road, Ste. F, Nevada City, CA 95959
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### **MINUTES**

#### **1. Meeting Call to Order**

Stan Miller called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

#### **2. Introductions**

JMCS board members in attendance: Stan Miller, Len Eckhardt, Gil Botello, and Sallie Wilson (arrived at 10:04 a.m.). JMCS staff members in attendance: COO Micheal Wegner, Fiscal Analyst Rachael Navarrete, Outgoing Administrative Coordinator Kelli Foster, Incoming Administrative Coordinator Amber Aldrich, Northern Regional Director Dawn McConnell and TAC Representative Anna Pizelo. Others in attendance: Scott Lay, Nevada County Superintendent of Schools.

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None.

#### **4. Additions to the Agenda**

Stan Miller asked to add an item to the agenda for a board presentation. This agenda item is listed as Information Item C: Board Presentation.

#### **5. Adoption of the Agenda**

On a motion by Len Eckhardt, seconded by Gil Botello, the agenda was adopted as amended on a 3-0-2 vote. (Ayes: Miller, Eckhardt, Botello. Noes: None. Absent: Corbett, Wilson.)

## 6. Action Items

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting Wednesday, December 11, 2019 (Attachment #1, Page 3)

On a motion by Len Eckhardt, seconded by Sallie Wilson, the minutes of the regular board meeting of December 11, 2019, were approved by a 4-0-1 vote. (Ayes: Miller, Eckhardt, Botello and Wilson. Noes: None. Absent: Corbett.)

- B. Approval of Vendor Payments 11/26/19 - 12/25/19 (Attachment #2, Page 7)

On a motion by Gil Botello, seconded by Len Eckhardt, Vendor Payments 11/26/19 - 12/25/19, were approved by a 4-0-1 vote. (Ayes: Miller, Eckhardt, Botello and Wilson. Noes: None. Absent: Corbett.) Gil Botello asked for a discussion at a future board meeting regarding the cost of installation of smart boards.

- C. Approval of New and Termed Employees 12/1/19 - 12/31/19 (Attachment #3, Page 13)

On a motion by Gil Botello, seconded by Sallie Wilson, the new and termed employees 12/1/19 - 12/31/19 were approved by a 4-0-1 vote. (Ayes: Miller, Eckhardt, Botello, and Wilson. Noes: None. Absent: Corbett.)

- D. Policy Approval: Policy 5506 CHSPE Test Use for JMCS Graduation Requirements (Attachment #4, Page 15)

Mike Wegner said there were no changes to the policy from the last reading. On a motion by Sallie Wilson, seconded by Gil Botello, Policy 5506 CHSPE Test Use for JMCS Graduation Requirements was approved by a 4-0-1 vote. (Ayes: Miller, Eckhardt, Botello and Wilson. Noes: None. Absent: Corbett.)

- E. Inventory to be Declared Surplus (Attachment #5, Page 17)

On a motion by Gil Botello, seconded by Sallie Wilson, the inventory to be declared surplus was approved by a 4-0-1 vote. (Ayes: Miller, Eckhardt, Botello, and Wilson. Noes: None. Absent: Corbett.)

- F. Approval of the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Auditor's Report (Attachment #6, Under Separate Cover)

Rachael Navarrete discussed the main components of the audit report. She spoke about the process of the audit. JMCS had no audit findings. She reported that JMCS processes met audit requirements. Questions arose over protection for bank funds in excess of FDIC coverage and the board directed Rachael to look into other options for insuring the funds in excess of the amount covered by FDIC. On a motion by Len Eckhardt, seconded by Gil Botello, the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Auditor's Report was approved by a 4-0-1 vote. (Ayes: Miller, Eckhardt, Botello, and Wilson. Noes: None. Absent: Corbett.)

## 7. Discussion Items

### A. JMCS Branding

This is a standing agenda item. Stan reminded the board that they came up with a draft tagline of “Reengaging California’s Opportunity Youth”. Mike shared his method of seeking feedback on the tagline with the staff and the feedback he received. Comments centered around having a separate tagline for recruitment and Stan Miller suggested that to be the focus of the next discussion on the matter.

### B. 2020 Safety Plan Update (Attachment #7, Page 19)

This is the annual update to the school-wide safety plan. Mike Wegner stated that the only change to the documents was the removal of the signatory page. This item will come back to the board for approval at the next meeting.

### C. New Policy: 5403: CA Healthy Youth Act (Attachment #8, Page 67)

Mike Wegner stated that this policy is a result of California state law which mandates all students receive sexual health and HIV prevention instruction. Participation of JMCS students will depend on if and when they took a health class in a previous high school. Mike described the process used to determine the curriculum, how this new curriculum will be integrated with instruction that JMCS community partners may provide and student opt-out procedures. This policy will come back to the board for action at the next meeting.

### D. Policy Revision: 5810 Student Credit Exemption (Attachment #9, Page 83)

Mike Wegner stated that this is an update to the current policy for student credit exemption to include new groups that the state had added which include migrant students, children of migrant workers and children of military families. Mike said eligibility dates have been defined in the policy. This item will come back to the board at the next meeting for approval.

### E. TAC Report (Anna Pizelo)

Anna Pizelo, TAC representative and teacher at the Tahoe CCC site, distributed a TAC report and executive summary for the Drumming Forward program. She spoke about the regional working group that was held on December 9, 2019, and how it focused on training in Courageous Conversations About Race. She then spoke about the Drumming Forward: One Beat at a Time program that she is implementing at her school site. The 8-week program starts today. This program could possibly be available to other sites and Gil Botello asked Mike Wegner to capture some reflections and report back on the program to the board. Discussion included graduation rates within students of color, amplifying the Courageous Conversations training throughout JMCS and raising awareness about race and staff self-reflection.

### F. CEO’s Report (R.J. Guess)

Tabled.

Stan Miller asked Scott Lay, Nevada County Superintendent of Schools to speak and he shared that he is working with Stacy Adler, Mono County Superintendent Of Schools in regards to the California School Dashboard and how JMCS can not meet the criteria the

California Department of Education has established as an indicator of school success because of the student population we serve. They are requesting that Tony Thurmond and his California State Superintendent of Public Instruction's office visit JMCS and come into a classroom so they can see what type of students we have and see that the benchmarks they have set don't work for schools such as JMCS.

## **8. Information Items**

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### **C. Board Presentation**

Stan Miller presented Kelli Foster with a certificate of appreciation and a gift basket as this was her last board meeting in her position as Administrative Coordinator for JMCS.

## **9. Board Attendance at Next Meeting**

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| A. Stan Miller:     | Yes |
| B. Michael Corbett: | Yes |
| C. Len Eckhardt:    | Yes |
| D. Sallie Wilson:   | Yes |
| E. Gil Botello:     | Yes |

## **10. Request for Agenda Items**

Stan Miller asked for an agenda item for a Foundation Report.

## **11. Adjournment**

Stan Miller adjourned the meeting at 11:24 a.m.