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

Wednesday, October 14, 2020

**10:00 a.m.**

John Muir Charter Schools Office  
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### **Zoom Link and Call-In Number**

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## **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, September 9, 2020 (Attachment #1, Page 3)
  - B. Approval of Vendor Payments 8/26/20 - 9/25/20 (Attachment #2, Page 9)
  - C. Approval of New and Termed Employees 9/1/20 - 9/30/20 (Attachment #3, Page 17)

D. Approval of Special Meeting on Thursday 11/12/2020 to replace the regular meeting scheduled on Veterans Day Wednesday 11/11/2020

## 7. Discussion Items

- A. Budget Overview Draft (Attachment #4, Page 19)
- B. SPSA (School Plan for Student Achievement) Draft (Attachment #5, Page 23)
- C. CSI Prompts (Attachment #6, Page 49)
- D. WASC Virtual Visit / Report (Attachment #7.1, 7.2, Under Separate Cover)
- E. TAC Report (Anna Pizelo) (Attachment #8, Page 55)
- F. Interim CEO Report (Mike Wegner)
- G. Foundation Report (Gil Botello)

## 8. Miscellaneous Information Items

- A. Correspondence
  - i. Letter from T. McLaughlin & C. Hald regarding school-choice advocacy. (Attachment #9, Page 57)
- B. Schedule of Future Board Meetings
  - i. Thursday, November 12, 2020, pending approval during the 10/14/2020 meeting, 10 a.m., at Sacramento Regional Conservation Corps, 6101 27th Street, Sacramento, CA 95822
  - ii. Wednesday, December 9, 2020, 10 a.m., at Sacramento Regional Conservation Corps, 6101 27th Street, Sacramento, CA 95822

### Board Attendance at Upcoming Meetings:

#### Thursday, November 12, 2020, 10 a.m.

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

#### Wednesday, December 9, 2020, 10 a.m.

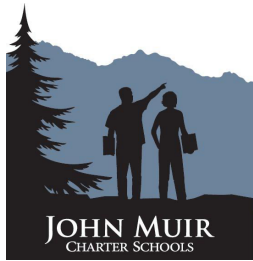
- A. Stan Miller: Yes or No
- B. Michael Corbett: Yes or No
- C. Len Eckhardt: Yes or No
- D. Sallie Wilson: Yes or No
- E. Gil Botello: Yes or No

## 9. Request for Agenda Items

## 10. Adjournment

This agenda was posted at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting at:

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## **MINUTES**

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

Stan Miller called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

### **2. Introductions**

JMCS Board Members in attendance: Stan Miller, Gil Botello, Michael Corbett, and Sallie Wilson.  
JMCS Staff Members in attendance: Interim CEO Michael Wegner, Administrative Coordinator Amber Aldrich, TAC Representative Anna Pizelo, and Director of Curriculum and Professional Development Rachel Wegner (arrived at 10:30 am).

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None.

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

No additions to the agenda. Stan Miller notes the update to page 45 to the WASC report, attachment 7.2. Amber Aldrich emailed the update to the board members before the meeting.

## 5. Adoption of the Agenda

On a motion made by Michael Corbett and seconded by Gil Botello, the agenda was adopted on a 4-0-1 vote. (Ayes: Miller, Botello, Corbett, Wilson. Noes: None. Absent: Eckhardt)

## 6. Action Items

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting Wednesday, September 9, 2020 (Attachment #1, Page 3)

Sallie Wilson states the wording of Discussion item D: Foundation Report is confusing and requests that it be rewritten. Mike Wegner shares a rewrite in the chatbox and the board votes on the minutes as amended.

On a motion made by Gil Botello and seconded by Michael Corbett, the minutes of the regular board meeting Wednesday, September 9, 2020, were adopted as amended on a 4-0-1 vote. (Ayes: Miller, Botello, Corbett, Wilson. Noes: None. Absent: Eckhardt)

- B. Approval of Vendor Payments 8/26/20 - 9/25/20 (Attachment #2, Page 9)

Gil Botello asks about JMCS's share of utility costs for sites that have distance learning. Mike Wegner offers to look into those costs and report back.

On a motion made by Gil Botello and seconded by Michael Corbett, the vendor payments 8/26/20 – 9/25/20, were adopted on a 4-0-1 vote. (Ayes: Miller, Botello, Corbett, Wilson. Noes: None. Absent: Eckhardt)

- C. Approval of New and Termed Employees 9/1/20 - 9/30/20 (Attachment #3, Page 17)

Michael Corbett recommends the elimination of this report when blank. Stan Miller agrees. Going forward, this report will only appear as an action item when there are new or termed employees to report. No action is taken.

- D. Approval of Special Meeting on Thursday 11/12/2020 to replace the regular meeting scheduled on Veterans Day Wednesday 11/11/2020

On a motion made by Michael Corbett and seconded by Sallie Wilson, the special meeting on Thursday 11/12/2020 to replace the regular meeting scheduled on Veterans Day, Wednesday 11/11/2020, was approved on a 4-0-1 vote. (Ayes: Miller, Botello, Corbett, Wilson. Noes: None. Absent: Eckhardt)

## 7. Discussion Items

- A. Budget Overview Draft (Attachment #4, Page 19)

Mike Wegner shares that the State did not suspend the budget overview part of the LCAP (Local Control and Accountability Plan) this year. They created a new template that is due by 12/15/2020. Mike explains the numbers will change as they tie to the first interim budget. The board agrees to skip further discussion in November. The final version will return in December for a public hearing and will also be an action item to meet the 12/15 due date.

B. SPSA (School Plan for Student Achievement) Draft (Attachment #5, Page 23)

Mike Wegner explains that the SPSA relates to the federal funding JMCS receives due to low graduation rates. JMCS is on this list due to how graduation is calculated and has made changes to how we designate 12th graders. It may take several years to get off the list. Stan Miller asks for multiple corrections and clarifications. Mike notes those changes and states the SPSA will return for approval next month.

C. CSI Prompts (Attachment #6, Page 49)

Mike Wegner shares that this item is one of the unintended consequences of the removal of the LCAP for 2020. This item is taking the same information from our SPSA and Learning and Continuity Plan. The State has to report to the Federal government on all their schools receiving CSI (Comprehensive Support and Improvement) funding. This is a formality showing what we have already submitted through our County office.

D. WASC Virtual Visit / Report (Attachment #7.1, 7.2, Under Separate Cover)

Rachel Wegner states that the WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges) visit scheduled for April 2020 has moved to November due to COVID. The visit will be completely virtual and occur on November 16-17th. Rachel shares we are submitting a lot of pieces ahead of time. She explains the WASC report is more comprehensive and aggregate than the LCAP and SPSA, yet they share the same goals and actions. Stan Miller requests that Amber Aldrich notify the board when the schedule is approved. Gil Botello offers praise to Rachel for her work and the board concurs.

E. TAC Report (Anna Pizelo) (Attachment #8, Page 55)

Anna Pizelo shares teacher feedback regarding distance learning. Anna highlights that many teachers are stretching outside of their comfort zones and some are even experiencing improved relationships with students. Stan Miller states there will be new strategies learned and it is exciting to see how teachers have risen to the challenge.

F. Interim CEO Report (Mike Wegner)

Mike Wegner screen-shares his notes for the Interim CEO report. Mike discusses the following: current enrollment numbers, reopening strategies, legislative updates, 2020 In-Service feedback, and JMCS participation in the Charter Schools Development Center virtual conference in late October. Discussion ensues about AB 1350: Retroactive grant of high school diplomas: COVID-19 crisis. Gil Botello states his belief that JMCS either draft such a policy or have further discussion about it. Mike states he will have a draft policy ready for discussion in November. Mike suggests a discussion item for our next board meeting to discuss building advocacy efforts in the legislature. Mike offers to send his report notes to the board members for reference.

G. Foundation Report (Gil Botello)

Gil Botello shares the appointment of he and David Stewart, former student and current JMCS staff, to the JMCS Foundation Board. Gil shares more about the Ask letter: a contribution letter that the foundation hopes to send out in November. Gil discusses Alejandro Segura-Mora's efforts in pursuing a tiny house build project for raising funds. Gil repeats the need for more board members to join, highlighting the need for an attorney.

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Stan Miller shares he spoke with the attorney and we are barred from promoting political candidates. Stan will draft a response letter to be put on JMCS letterhead and mailed.

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C.	Len Eckhardt:	Unknown
D.	Sallie Wilson:	Yes
E.	Gil Botello:	Yes

## 9. Request for Agenda Items

Stan Miller requests an action item for the policy regarding AB 1350.

## 10. Adjournment

Stan Miller adjourned the meeting at 11:36 am.