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John Muir Charter Schools Meeting of the Board of Directors

SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, November 12, 2020

10:00 a.m.

John Muir Charter Schools Office

117 New Mohawk Rd. Suite F

Nevada City, Ca 95959

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, October 14, 2020 (Attachment #1, Page 3)
 - B. Approval of Vendor Payments 9/26/20 - 10/25/20 (Attachment #2, Page 7)
 - C. Approval of New and Termed Employees 10/1/20 - 10/31/20 (Attachment #3, Page 15)

D. Approval of JMCS Policy regarding AB 1350: Retroactive grant of high school diplomas: COVID-19 crisis. (Attachment #4, Page 17)

E. Approval of SPSA (School Plan for Student Achievement). (Attachment #5, Page 23)

7. Discussion Items

A. Building Advocacy Efforts in the Legislature

B. Long-Range Equity Planning Presentation (Dawn McConnell)

C. Interim CEO Report (Mike Wegner)

D. Foundation Report (Gil Botello)

8. Miscellaneous Information Items

A. Correspondence

- i. Response to T. McLaughlin & C. Hald regarding school-choice advocacy. (Attachment #6, Page 49)

B. Schedule of Future Board Meetings

- i. Wednesday, December 9, 2020, 10 a.m., at Sacramento Regional Conservation Corps, 6101 27th Street, Sacramento, CA 95822
- ii. Wednesday, January 13, 2021, 10 a.m., at Sacramento Regional Conservation Corps, 6101 27th Street, Sacramento, CA 95822

Board Attendance at Upcoming Meetings:

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

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

Wednesday, January 13, 2021, 10 a.m.

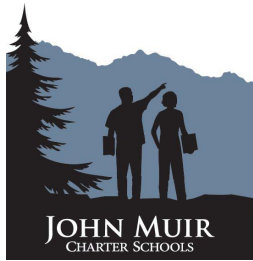
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| A. | Stan Miller: | Yes or No |
| B. | Michael Corbett: | Yes or No |
| C. | Len Eckhardt: | Yes or No |
| D. | Sallie Wilson: | Yes or No |
| E. | Gil Botello: | Yes or No |

9. Request for Agenda Items

10. Adjournment

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MINUTES

1. Meeting Call to Order

Stan Miller called the meeting to order at 10:04 am.

2. Introductions

JMCS Board Members in attendance: Stan Miller, Gil Botello, Michael Corbett, Len Eckhardt, and Sallie Wilson. JMCS Staff Members in attendance: Interim CEO Michael Wegner, Northern Regional Director Dawn McConnell, and Administrative Coordinator Amber Aldrich.

- 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.

None.

4. Additions to the Agenda

None.

5. Adoption of the Agenda

On a motion made by Gil Botello and seconded by Michael Corbett, the agenda was adopted on a 5-0-0 vote. (Ayes: Miller, Botello, Corbett, Eckhardt, Wilson. Noes: None. Absent: None.)

6. Action Items

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting Wednesday, October 14, 2020 (Attachment #1, Page 3)

On a motion made by Michael Corbett and seconded by Gil Botello, the minutes of the regular board meeting Wednesday, October 14, 2020, were approved on a 5-0-0 vote. (Ayes: Miller, Botello, Corbett, Eckhardt, Wilson. Noes: None. Absent: None.)

- B. Approval of Vendor Payments 9/26/20 - 10/25/20 (Attachment #2, Page 7)

Gil Botello asks about the TalentEd expense for job listings. Mike Wegner agrees it is an expense he is looking into. Stan Miller requests information about the increase in technology costs due to distance learning. Mike notes the Learning Loss Mitigation Funds will cover these costs. Mike offers to report out on those expenses around January. Gil readdresses his previous inquiry about utility and rent expenses at closed sites. Mike states he hopes to report that information in December.

On a motion made by Gil Botello and seconded by Michael Corbett, the vendor payments 9/26/20 – 10/25/20, were approved on a 5-0-0 vote. (Ayes: Miller, Botello, Corbett, Eckhardt, Wilson. Noes: None. Absent: None.)

- C. Approval of New and Termed Employees 10/1/20 - 10/31/20 (Attachment #3, Page 15)

On a motion made by Len Eckhardt and seconded by Sallie Wilson, the new and termed employees 10/1/20 – 10/31/20, were approved on a 5-0-0 vote. (Ayes: Miller, Botello, Corbett, Eckhardt, Wilson. Noes: None. Absent: None.)

- D. Approval of JMCS Policy regarding AB 1350: Retroactive grant of high school diplomas: COVID-19 crisis. (Attachment #4, Page 17)

Mike Wegner presents background information on AB 1350. The current amendment allows schools to grant a high school diploma to students that were in good standing but did not graduate due to COVID-19. Mike shares that administration and teachers have weighed in on the criteria to determine “good standing” for our students. Mike shares that currently there are about 20 students who could qualify on credits and 10-13 students who meet the attendance requirement.

On a motion made by Gil Botello and seconded by Michael Corbett, the JMCS Policy regarding AB 1350, was approved on a 5-0-0 vote. (Ayes: Miller, Botello, Corbett, Eckhardt, Wilson. Noes: None. Absent: None.)

- E. Approval of SPSA (School Plan for Student Achievement). (Attachment #5, Page 23)

Mike Wegner presents that there were a few typos cleaned up, otherwise, it is the same document that the board reviewed last month.

On a motion made by Sallie Wilson and seconded by Len Eckhardt, the SPSA (School Plan for Student Achievement), was approved on a 5-0-0 vote. (Ayes: Miller, Botello, Corbett, Eckhardt, Wilson. Noes: None. Absent: None.)

7. Discussion Items

A. Building Advocacy Efforts in the Legislature

Mike Wegner discusses his efforts to build advocacy in the Legislature for charters and the particular exemption JMCS operates under. Mike shares that he and Michael Corbett have discussed starting to reach out to the Black, Asian, and Latino caucuses. Mike talks about the information packets he's compiling. His hope is to launch this effort in January when the Legislature reconvenes.

B. Long-Range Equity Planning Presentation (Dawn McConnell)

Stan Miller introduces Dawn McConnell and acknowledges Rachel Wegner's efforts in this work. Stan states this will be an ongoing discussion item. Dawn shares her screen for the presentation. Dawn shares the history of the equity work that the JMCS administrative team has engaged in, from 2014 to current. The presentation highlights student and staff data, long-range planning, and desired outcomes. One of the next steps is to convene a focus group and Dawn states the desire to have a board member join the focus group. Stan Miller highlights that she has requested a board member to join the focus group as advisory. Gil Botello requests to see the correlating graduation rate data. Mike Wegner offers to get those numbers. Amber Aldrich to distribute the presentation slides after the meeting.

C. Interim CEO Report (Mike Wegner)

Mike Wegner discusses the upcoming virtual WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges) meeting starting Monday, November 16th. Mike gives updates on current enrollment numbers, the growth funding application process, status of our PPP (Paycheck Protection Program) loan, and Learning Loss Mitigation Funds use.

D. Foundation Report (Gil Botello)

Gil Botello states the Foundation Board is focused on annual giving at the end of November. Gil gives updates on the Ask-letter, the status of the board, and the creation of a development committee.

8. Miscellaneous Information Items

A. Correspondence

- i. Response to T. McLaughlin & C. Hald regarding school-choice advocacy.
(Attachment #6, Page 49)

Stan Miller states the attachment is a response JMCS sent to the letter received at the 10/14/2020 board meeting. It was emailed to the candidates listed, as the letter came with no return address.

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9. Request for Agenda Items

Mike Wegner states the First Interim Budget and return of the LCFF Budget Overview for Parents will both be on December's agenda.

10. Adjournment

Stan Miller adjourned the meeting at 11:38 am.