

**BLUE OAK CHARTER SCHOOL
450 W. East Ave., Chico, CA 95926
Charter Council
Special Meeting**

Wednesday, August 30, 2011

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:07pm
2. **INVOCATION**
3. **ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS**
Tighe O'Neill, Clair Hutkins-Seda, Veronica Coates, Marc Kessler, Talia Scherquist, Jeff Plotnick, Heather Altfeld
4. **AUDIENCE TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL**
5. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - 6.1 **Unaudited Actuals**
Linda reviewed her narrative for unaudited actual 2010-2011 and the financial report. Linda recommended to the Board to designate some of the excess towards facility build out or other investment strategies. Heather moved, and Veronica seconded to approve the Unaudited Actuals. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
 - 6.2 **STAR Test Results/Strategies for Improvement**
Marc briefly explained the results from the STAR test. The goal of 760 was not achieved; we are predicting our score to be 720, which is down 12 points from last year. Our goal to reach for next year is 820. What happened was that while math proficiency increased by 30%, and ELA was level, about half our kids in Basic went up to Proficient, and half of them went down into Below Basic. The impact of dropping from Basic to Below Basic is significant on overall API scores. We need all of our classes to achieve 60% in ELA, Math and Science to obtain 820. Marc observed that more than half of our students have been here only a year or two.. Heather shared that those children who have been with the school for many years and are now in the upper grades are doing significantly well. API for 6-8 grade is 829. 8th graders need to be taught Algebra 1 and general math, which is the goal for this year. The Charter School association is pushing to require higher standards for charter schools (typically Charter schools have higher scores than the state). Discussion came to test taking skills. Marc and a Christine (new Development Director) shared the impact of having special training for the students on test taking strategies. Jeff suggested that we will have to accelerate the curriculum in the lower grades to achieve this. Laurie discussed that it may not be the actual clock time that teachers need for the subjects, but their effective use of time.
 - 6.3 **Personnel Policies**
Talia moved to approve the presented Personnel Policies, Jeff seconded, motion approved by unanimous vote

6.4 Discipline Policy

Jeff moved to approve the Discipline Policy with the removal of three items: "Female" (change to "Students") under dress code, "thoughtless" from the philosophy and add a special education modification for discipline, Veronica seconded, motion carried by unanimous vote.

6.5 Assignment of 504 Admin.

Draft letter was presented to the Board. Jeff moved that we adopt the letter of understanding that Michael Ramos will serve as the 504 compliance administrator for our site. Tighe seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

6. CLOSED SESSION

The Chair called the meeting into Closed Session at 5:37pm and announced the following topics:

8.1 Property: 450 W. East Ave. Chico, CA

Agency Negotiator: Blue Oak Charter Council Directors, Michael Ramos, Laurie Kopping, Linda Hovey.

Negotiating Parities: Blue Oak Charter School LLC, Leen Bros. Enterprises

Under Negotiation: Terms of Lease

EC 54956.8

The Chair called the meeting back into Open Session at 5:55pm and announced that an amendment to the Terms of Lease contract has been made.

7. FUTURE CHARTER COUNCIL MEETING

7.1 Date of Next Regular Meeting: September 6, 2011

8. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None made.

9. COMMENTS FROM THE CHARTER COUNCIL

None made.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:50pm